Dear Friends and Family,

It is my pleasure to inform you of the activities of the Duke NROTC battalion that have occurred throughout October of this school year. This month has been particularly exciting for the Duke NROTC battalion as there were many great events that occurred. From Guest Services to 4/C Sea Trials, we have been diverse in our activities, while continuing to prove professional in all fields. Some highlights of the month include 4/C Sea Trials, 1/C Service Selection, an exciting Halloween PT, Mock Oral Boards, and the mPRT.

The challenging PT for this semester continues to be a success as mPRT scores show an upward trend in performance for the battalion as a whole. The exciting and motivating workouts also proved to be a key in preparing the 4/C Midshipmen for Sea Trials, where they excelled as we all knew they would. Due to their great performance, there was recently a Halloween themed PT in which the Midshipmen battled it out in some great games of Ultimate Frisbee. This shows the great ability of the
Duke battalion to step up when challenged, while also being able to take a step back and enjoy fun, friendly competition every once in a while.

One of the most significant recent events for the NC Consortium (the combination of Duke, UNC and NC State NROTC) was the reintroduction of 4/C Sea Trials. This event, held on a Saturday at NC State, brought together all three battalions to let the 4/C Midshipmen compete and show what they have learned through their time in NROTC. Events included PQS testing, in which Midshipmen were asked questions relating to the basics of the Navy that they have learned in their Naval Science class, a LRC portion, in which they had to use teamwork to complete challenges, and finally a PT course, in which the Midshipmen raced against other squads to complete a rigorous workout. We, as a battalion, are proud to say that the Duke 4/C Midshipmen excelled at every event and came out victorious at the end of the day. Special notice goes to MIDN 4/C Rodriguez for his stellar showing in the knowledge portions and to all 4/C for their great efforts. Also key to the success of this event were MIDN 3/C Crim, the PQS Chief, who spent countless hours preparing the event, and all staff who helped to instruct and ensure the safety of the evolution.

Last, but certainly not least, all of the 1/C Midshipmen have recently found out what they will be doing when they graduate! We have another strong class that will be represented in the SWO, Sub, and Aviation communities. Congratulations to them as they will be going on soon to serve their country.

Have another great month and thank you for your support!

Very respectfully,

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