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## Patriot Day Joint Run

This year's Patriot Day Joint Run was conducted on Friday, 9 September to honor the memory of the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001! The Army Suncoast Battalion, Naval Buccaneer Battalion and 158th Cadet Wing assembled on the university's Fowler Fields at 0600 for a moment of silence and warmup exercises before the cadets, midshipmen and cadre embarked on a 2.8 mile run on the Tampa campus. This year's run was a different and longer route than previous years. The route took the combined ROTC formations through and up one floor of the Collins Blvd. Parking Garage, onto LeRoy Collins Blvd, the major campus thoroughfare, and then to Alumni Drive for the return to Fowler Fields. It was a highly spirited run as guidon bearers ran around the running formations while fast paced cadences were called and motivated



shouts rang out throughout the duration of the run and loudly echoed through the parking garage. After the return to Fowler Fields, the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, **Dr. Bob Sullins**, spoke words of encouragement and appreciation for the ROTC students' dedication and commitment to serve their country. This year's run was led by the Air Force ROTC 158th Cadet Wing with **Cadet Andrew Smith** as their lead planner. In all, it was a very memorable and emotional run for all!





# Homecoming, Family & Friends Weekend



The 2016 Family & Friends Weekend occurred 7 to 9 October commensurate with this year's Homecoming celebration, Super Bull XX. For the first time, Army, Naval and Air Force ROTC student formations were a part of this year's Homecoming Running of the Bulls Parade on Friday, 7 October. The ROTC Joint Color Guard led the parade just in front of the HOT (Herd of Thunder) as the sun started to set on a beautiful fall evening with many students, alumni, family and friends lining the route. Experiencing their first Running of the Bulls as participants, ROTC students cherished the opportunity and enjoyed the recognition they experienced as

they marched proudly in uniform and represented their respective services.

Cheering on the ROTC formations and taking in the overall parade atmosphere, ROTC cadre, JMLC staff and their families enjoyed a parade watch party that gathered on the first floor of CWY. Thanks to the culinary skills & party planning abilities of our hostesses, **Lori Matthews** and **Christine Borgia**, both adults and children enjoyed the social gathering over some tasty foods and beverages. We hope to make the Running of the Bulls watch party an annual tradition for ROTC cadre and welcome ROTC alumni to attend!

The JMLC/ROTC Open House was again on the agenda for this year's Family and Friends weekend. On Saturday, 8 October from 9 to 11 am, CWY (C.W. Bill Young Hall) was open to all visitors. ROTC students from each service served as tour guides of the building. Unable to conduct rappelling operations this year, the Army ROTC hosted an information table and conducted a physical challenge where participants could win various items with the Army ROTC logo. The Air Force 158th Detachment also hosted a table to provide information to interested students and family members while recent graduates of the Naval ROTC program provided briefs and helped interested visitors try out the EST 2000, small arms weapons simulator. The EST 2000 features use of the M-9 handgun and M-4/M-16 rifle in various virtual firing ranges and engagement scenarios. Visitors tried their sharp shooting skills under the supervision of **ENS Stephen Kussmaul** and **ENS Robert Warley** who were commissioned in May 2016.





# Salute to Service Football Game

It was very fitting for this year's Salute to Service Football game that USF hosted Navy for the first time. There was extra excitement and anticipation since the game was being nationally televised on a Friday night; both teams touted explosive offenses and were leaders in their respective divisions of the American Athletic Conference; and, Tampa being a military town, a strong Navy fan contingent was also present. Thank you to **MSG James Dean** (Army ROTC) and **GySgt Timothy Petersen** (Naval ROTC) for their key coordination and planning that resulted in an impressive march on the field with the USF ROTC units for the USF Bulls Fight Song and the National Anthem during the pre-game activities. **Cadet Queeny Simpson** of Tampa, Florida led the Army Suncoast Battalion onto the north end zone while **Midshipman Alexander Vrontas** of Cape Cod, Massachusetts led the Naval Suncoast Battalion and **Cadet Charles Boyton** of Brandon, Florida led



the Air Force 158th Cadet Wing onto the south end zone. During the game, the ROTC students sat together next to the USF student section and were very exuberant displaying school pride and spirit as USF ran up the score on Navy early in the game. Some of the ROTC students even assisted the USF spirit squads on the field, hoisting and running with the flags in the north end zone whenever USF scored.



## CPT Jason Holbrook Memorial Scholarships

This year's recipients of the CPT Jason Holbrook Memorial Scholarship award are: Army ROTC – **Cadet Abby Kingery**; Naval ROTC – **Midshipman Apaerre Ao** and **Midshipman Sean Conner**, and; Air Force ROTC – **Cadet Meghan Hayes**. **John and Cynthia Harper** hosted a luncheon for the students at the Top of the Palms restaurant to meet, get to know and personally congratulate the students on their selection. A formal presentation of the scholarship awards to these students was made by the Harpers on the football field at the Salute to Service Football game on 28 October. John

and Cynthia set up the scholarship in memory of their son-in-law, CPT Jason Holbrook, who was KIA in Afghanistan on July 29, 2010. Each scholarship recipient is selected by their respective ROTC units based on their superior performance as a cadet/midshipman, demonstrated leadership abilities and potential for assuming positions of greater responsibility both in the ROTC program and as a commissioned officer. Midshipman Ao attended the U.S. Naval Academy Leadership Conference in Annapolis, MD; Cadets Abby Kingery and Meghan Hayes attended the U.S. Air Force

Academy National Character and Leadership Symposium in Colorado Springs; and, Midshipman Sean Conners attended the Notre Dame Naval Leadership Weekend at the University of Notre Dame.



## Greater Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce ROTC Student of the Year

The ROTC Cadet of the Year Award is a recognition of an exceptional ROTC Cadet by the Military Council of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce. This award acknowledges participation in activities that provide significant service to our Tampa Bay Community. This year's Cadet of the Year is **Cadet Abby Kingery** of the Army ROTC.

Cadet Kingery exhibits outstanding physical, mental and professional attributes and during her time in Army ROTC, she earned the respect of her peers as a competent and dedicated leader. Outside of school, she is an avid volunteer through the "Faces of Courage" Foundation, which provides weekend camps to those suffering or



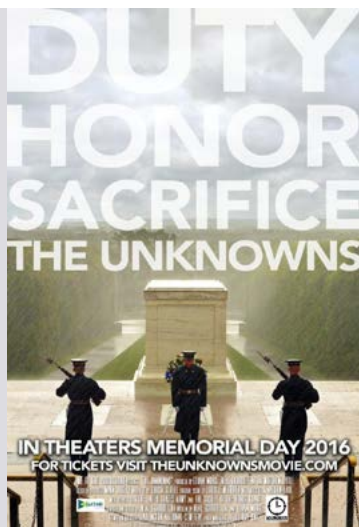
recovering from cancer, diabetes, sickle cell anemia and other health disorders. She has also volunteered in numerous community events including free health screenings to the public to caring for the homeless through Tampa Bay Street Medicine. She hopes to continue a life of service and commission as a Nurse Corps Officer in the U.S. Army.

## Active Shooter Training Exercise

The University Police (UP) conducted an Active Shooter Training exercise with the ROTC units in C.W. Bill Young Hall (CWY) on Thursday, 8 September. Each ROTC unit is required to conduct some type of training to prepare our students to properly respond to an active shooter that may threaten our campus. The UP conducted an active shooter exercise on the 2nd floor of CWY last year with the Air Force and Naval ROTC units. This year's exercise was expanded to include all three

ROTC units and included the 2nd and 3rd floors of CWY with both UP and off-campus local police responding. The active shooter was role played by a UP officer using a gun firing blank bullets for added realism. ROTC students were placed throughout the 2nd and 3rd floors and were informed prior to the exercise that they should respond as instructed for a live active shooter. The only exception being that they could not fight or attempt to disarm the active shooter. Each student

was also given a card prior to the exercise that determined what happened to them if they physically encountered the active shooter. Overall, the exercise was very successful from both the UP and ROTC student perspectives. The UP were able to hone their skills in responding to an Active Shooter and the ROTC students were also able to practice how to respond to such a threat.



## "Unknowns" Documentary Viewing

On the evening of 3 November, the JMLC hosted a viewing of the documentary film, "The Unknowns". **Benjamin Bell**, an Army veteran, Tampa native and USF Alumnus, offered us the opportunity to view the film. He previously served as a Sentry at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. In attendance was **MG (Ret.) Karl Horst**, a former Commander of the Military District of Washington, responsible for guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Both Benjamin Bell and General Horst provided some additional insight and answered the audience's questions about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and its sentries. You can view the film's trailer here: [https://youtu.be/7sToKMDso\\_E](https://youtu.be/7sToKMDso_E). The film covers select portions of the Sentinel training program.



# 495<sup>th</sup> Legends Scholarship

The 495th Legends is a volunteer organization created in 2004 as a not for profit company by the leadership members of the 495th Transportation Company based in Lakeland, Florida, who served together in Operation DESERT SHIELD/ DESERT STORM. Their goal is to assist local groups who provide services for all military services and veterans. As one of their initiatives, the 495th Legends started a scholarship program with the USF ROTC programs to financially assist ROTC students with a scholarship. To date, they have raised \$25,000 for the ROTC scholarship and this year started another scholarship called the "Last Mile" that will be for veterans attending USF to provide financial assistance after they have exhausted their GI Bill benefits before completing their bachelor degrees.



The 495th Legends hosts several golf tournaments each year as their main fundraising effort including a Veterans Day Golf Tournament in Zephyrhills. This year the Naval Buccaneer Battalion provided color guard support for the opening ceremony. Two foursomes of ROTC students were sponsored by golf tournament supporters and the Naval ROTC Buccaneer Battalion foursome took first place in the tournament!

For additional scholarship fundraising support, **Ronnie Guy** of the 495th partnered with entrepreneur, **Cheyenne Jenkins**, and Verizon Center Regional Manager, **Jeff DeLigio**, embarked on a new initiative with the "Journey Case". The Journey Case is a protective cell phone case compatible with the Apple iPhone 6/6S that includes a brand new military challenge coin. To introduce the Journey Case, a kick-off event was held on 9 November at the USF Gibbons Alumni Center where up to 150 attendees received a free Journey Case with the military challenge coin. Attendees included USF System President, **Dr. Judy Genshaft**, **Dr. Cindy Visot**, members of the 495th Legends, and university faculty, staff, and students. In addition to receiving the complementary Journey Case, participants were treated to a tasty spread catered by Mission BBQ. The event also highlighted USF's Number 1 ranking by Military Times as the "Best for Vets" four year college in the nation.



## Tampa Bay Lightning "Hero of the Game"

During the professional hockey season, the Tampa Bay Lightning conduct an Active Duty Military Standing Salute each game. This is one way the Lightning shows its appreciation to the service of active duty military personnel assigned to the Tampa Bay area. This moment of deserved recognition is staged in the 2nd period during each game to a member of one of Tampa Bay's many military units. This hockey season, each ROTC unit was able to select one active duty service member for this special recognition. **SFC Jacob Mutter**, Army ROTC instructor at USF St. Petersburg, **SSgt Matthew Belleci**, a Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Program (MECEP) student, and **SSgt Deondra Braden**, Air Force Nurse Enlisted Commissioning Program (NECP) student were selected to be honored. Each honoree were awarded 4 tickets and a free parking pass to the Lightning game at which there were to be recognized.





# ROTC Living Learning Community (LLC)



This academic year the ROTC Living Learning Community (LLC) welcomed 34 new and 12 returning ROTC students to the Maple A residence hall. **Cadet Lawton Wilson**, Army ROTC, returned as one of our RAs and **Cadet Gabriela Lopez-Cruz**, Air Force ROTC was selected to replace Lauren Slavens as an RA. Lauren was one of our RAs who did a superb job for two years and graduated in May 2016.

At this year's annual Housing End of Year Awards Banquet the ROTC LLC commitment to excellence was highlighted with a couple of awards. **Cadet Lawton Wilson** was selected as the **Residence Hall Advisor of the Year** while the Maple Hall staff (which includes the ROTC LLC) was awarded **Housing Staff of the Year**...congratulations!

The residents of the ROTC LLC had a very busy year. Here are some highlights of this year's activities:

- The LLC held a Welcome Cookout for the residents of both the ROTC LLC and the Pre-Nursing LLC who occupy the two upper floors of the Maple A residence hall. This was a huge success as returning residents reconnected with each other and the new residents of both communities had the opportunity to meet each other. It was an enjoyable outing under the trees near Beta residence hall with grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and cookies.
- The annual Mapleympics took place on Sunday, 18 September. Mapleympics is competitive event which places the combined floors of the Maple A and Maple B residence halls against each other (A & B 1st floor takes on A & B 2nd floor, etc.) For the second year in a row, the Maple A&B 2nd floor team was the Mapleympics champion. The teams competed in volleyball, soccer, and ultimate Frisbee. This year the soccer competition featured all four teams competing simultaneously with 4 goals. This proved to be very confusing and hectic for the contestants but a lot of fun & laughter!







of Military Science; **Maj Nathaniel Redman**, Naval ROTC Executive Officer; and **Major Michelle Peters**, USMC and wife of Maj Nathaniel Redman. Major Peters, currently serving at U.S. Special Operations Command, was a plus since there are no female officers currently assigned to the USF ROTC units.



- **Cadet Gabriella Lopez-Cruz** introduced a new event for the LLC this year. She organized an ROTC LLC alumni visit. Four previous residents, **Cadet Jonathon Stabio** (Air Force ROTC), **Cadet Frances Rivera** (Army ROTC), **MIDN Joshua Kirk** (Naval ROTC) and **Midshipman Katelyn Sleeter** (Naval ROTC) paid a visit to the LLC during the second week of the academic year. This gave the new residents the opportunity to talk with these previous LLC residents and ask questions about their experiences and listen to their advice on how to be successful at the very start of their college and ROTC experience.
- This year's House Calls program was once again the most popular of the ROTC LLC programs. The residents receive the benefit of hearing from a number of career oriented military officers from each service while the visiting offices receive the benefit of assisting with the development of future military officers. One of the House Calls featured a joint panel of ROTC instructors which included **CPT Brandon Sirois**, Army ROTC; **Capt Stephen Thomas**, USMC, Naval ROTC; **LT Jeffrey Ledford**, USN, Naval ROTC; and, **1st Lt Kyle Street**, Air Force ROTC. The interaction with the students was very lively as each speaker provided their unique service and personal perspective including some friendly inter-service rivalry! The additional House Call events featured **LTC Janus Fraley**, Army ROTC Professor

- A new LLC program initiated this academic year was an Ice Cream Social with each service ROTC cadre or staff. The objective of the program is to provide the LLC residents an additional academic engagement with ROTC instructors but in an informal social setting. For each event, the cadre from one of the three service ROTC units was invited to the LLC for an informal gathering which featured making your own ice cream sundaes. The first such event was with the Air Force ROTC cadre in September. Over twenty students from all services and a majority of the Air Force cadre participated. The feedback from both instructors and students was very positive which then confirmed our plans to continue the program with the Army and Naval cadre which took place later in the year and were successful as well.



## USF Athletics Salute to Service

USF Athletics continues to value and recognize the service and commitment of military veterans who have served, currently serving members and future serving ROTC students. In addition to the USF Football Salute to Service Football Game, Athletics conducted Salute to Service themed athletic contests in a number of other sports throughout the year. The sports included Women's Volleyball, both Men's and Women's Basketball, Women's Softball and Men's Baseball.

In each event, ROTC students participated with a unit color guard to present the colors for the pre-game national anthem, special seating for ROTC students and participation in various promotional events during the contests including a game of "Knockout" at halftime during the Men's and Women's Basketball Games. To show their support for the Bulls' teams and unit identity, ROTC students wore unit themed shirts to each game.



### USF ROTC Tour February 24, 2017 United States Central Command



## Visit to U.S. Central Command

A group of 30 ROTC students paid a visit to U.S. Central Command headquarters at MacDill AFB on Friday, 24 February. Upon arriving, the students in processed through security and then escorted to the Commander's Conference Room. Here **BG Bradley Gericke**, Deputy Director, Strategy, Plans and Policy, J5, spoke to the students. His presentation and personal insights he shared about U.S. Central Command's Area of Responsibility and on leadership were very informative and well received by the students. He was followed by a panel of officers and NCOs representing each military service and a diversity of career backgrounds who took a genuine interest in sharing their unique experiences and lessons learned during their respective careers. This was a wonderful opportunity for these ROTC students to not only visit a unified combatant command staff where major policy and strategic decisions are made but also to discover more about a career in the military from a variety of career military personnel.



# 2016 -2017 Commanders' Cup

The Naval ROTC Buccaneer Battalion is the 2016-2017 Commanders' Cup Champions having swept the entire competition ending a long drought. The Buccaneer Battalion had not won the Commanders' Cup since 2005 but won decidedly this year with wins in Basketball, Flag Football, Soccer and Ultimate Frisbee contests.

This is only the second year that the annual Commander's Cup competition has been a yearlong multiple event contest. This format has not only furthered the friendly inter-service rivalry between the ROTC units but has enabled more students to participate and generated a greater sense of unit and service pride. This year, the JMLC donated a perpetual trophy for each event that will be on display by the current year winner for that event. All events were scheduled during the morning Physical Training (PT) time slot between 6 to 7 AM.

A special thanks to Marine **Sgt Jose Arroyo** and Air Force **Cadet Andrew Smith** who planned and executed the fall semester Cup events and **Cadet Frances Rivera**, **Midshipman Patrick Coyle** and **Cadet Peyton Ritzel** for the spring semester Cup events. They did a great job in planning, forming the teams and ensuring the events went smoothly.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual ROTC Senior Celebration

The third annual ROTC Senior Celebration was held on Thursday, 6 April in the CWY building. The "Celebration" recognized the Army, Naval and Air Force ROTC students graduating and commissioning into their respective service branch during the 2017 calendar year. This year the USF ROTC programs will commission a total of 68 Second Lieutenants/Ensigns – 23 Army, 11 USMC, 10 Navy and 24 Air Force. This year we honored **Dr. Bob Sullins** who just recently retired and stepped down as the Dean of Undergraduate Studies after 20 years of serving in this position. Mr. John Sarao presented him a framed memento consisting of photographs and coins from each ROTC unit and the JMLC to thank Dr. Sullins for his support to ROTC over the past years. Once again, the Navy Federal Credit Union (NFCU) sponsored the event thanks to the assistance of **Jennie Koutrouba**, Branch Manager of Navy Federal's Tampa office. **Lori Matthews** of the JMLC and **Christine Borgia** of the Army and Naval ROTC units prepared the delicious variety of food for those in attendance.



## USF NROTC Alumnus flies into Tampa in his F/A-18 Super Hornet

USF Naval ROTC Alumnus, **LCDR Darby “TP” Gray**, flew into Tampa International Airport in a F/A-18 F “Super Hornet” for a weekend visit, 24 – 26 March. LCDR Gray is one of the first USF graduates of the Naval ROTC program. He was commissioned into the Navy in May 2004. He took time over the weekend to brief and give a tour of his aircraft to a number of midshipmen, staff and family of the Buccaneer Battalion. LCDR Gray is currently assigned as the Operations Officer of VFA-41 stationed in Naval Air Station Lemoore.



## JMLC Selfless Service Award

The 2017 recipients of the JMLC Selfless Service Award are **Army Cadet Virgil Dugo**, **Midshipman Patrick Coyle** and **Air Force Cadet Peyton Ritzel**. The awards were presented at each unit’s end of year awards ceremony. This award recognizes one ROTC student from each service ROTC program for demonstrating outstanding leadership and possesses outstanding officer potential by exemplifying self to the highest standards of conduct and the respective service’s core values. Cadet Dugo served as the Cadet-in-Charge of the Army ROTC color guard for numerous events and as the Battalion’s Finance Officer which included organizing fund raising events. Midshipman Coyle is a Nursing student at the University of Tampa also double majoring in Criminology and served as the JMLC Representative this past Spring Semester. Cadet Peyton Ritzel completed a Master’s degree program and recently served as the Vice Wing Commander and the Cadet Training Assistant for Field Training.



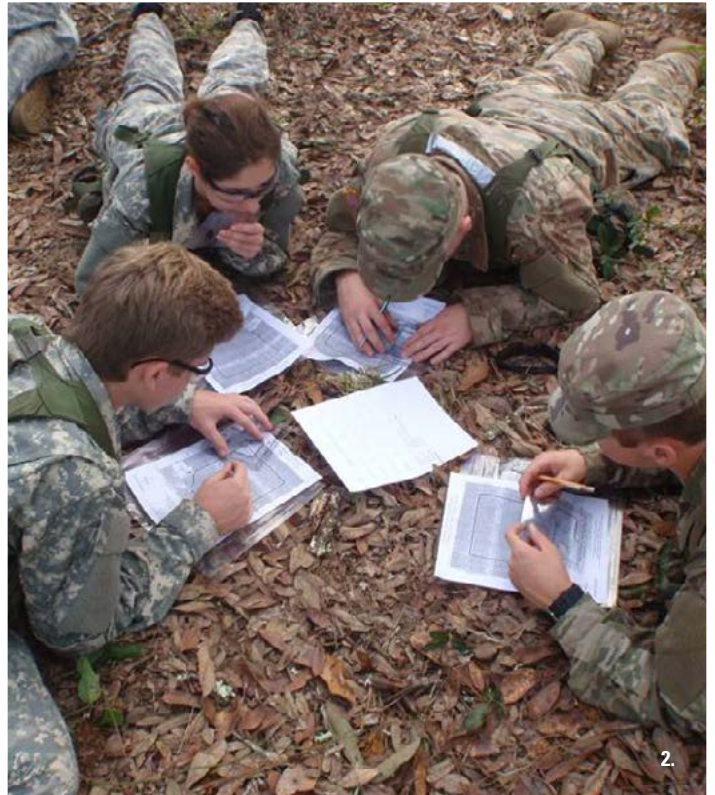
## Valor Movement

Army Cadet **Lawton Wilson**, President of the Valor Movement, led a vibrant series of bible studies during the course of the academic year. Through his leadership, the Valor bible studies were very engaging and participants were very excited to not only learn more about the bible but also to engage in meaningful spiritual discussions. Army Cadets **Sylvia Altenor** and **Connor Russell** also led some of the bible study sessions. This year also saw many non-ROTC students participate in Valor. Valor is affiliated with both the Campus and the Military Ministry of Cru (formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ) and is an officially recognized USF student organization.





# ARMY ROTC



1. Fall FTX: Cadets were taught critical leadership abilities that they will use as officers in the U.S Army.
2. Cadets had to work together to prepare courses of actions for tasks that were giving to them. They were given complex and adaptive scenarios that required planning under a high-stress environment.
3. Cadets had to navigate through a given course which assess their confidence and ability in using their land navigation skills.
4. The 2016-2017 Ranger Challenge Team.



# NAVAL ROTC

Working with the Feeding America Tampa Bay organization is a favorite community service among the Buccaneer Battalion. On 1 April 2017, a group of midshipmen volunteered with this organization and helped to work towards the goal of sorting and providing food to the hungry in the community. After several hours of intense and dedicated volunteer work, the midshipmen contributed to 8,191 pounds of food sorted, providing 6,826 meals for those in need.



On 28 March 2017, the Buccaneer Battalion performed a Summer Whites inspection. During this inspection, each member of the battalion from the Buccaneer Battalion Commanding Officer down to the squad member has their uniform inspected and is quizzed on several general military knowledge questions. The purpose of this inspection is to instill military discipline, to ascertain an individual's attention to detail on their uniform, and to ensure that each midshipman's uniform is squared away for the Pass In Review ceremony at the end of the semester. Once the inspection is completed, the squad leaders use the time to converse with their squad members and get updated on any new.



University of South Florida, Buccaneer Battalion alumni of the class of 2001, and F/A-18 Super Hornet pilot, LCDR Darby Gray flew down to Tampa, FL to provide the Buccaneer Battalion the rare and honorable experience of viewing a Super Hornet. Providing a walk around tour of the jet, LCDR Gray provided valuable knowledge of the different functioning components of the aircraft as well as providing insightful knowledge and advice on the aviation pipeline and community. LCDR Gray also allowed all those interested to sit in the cockpit in the pilot's seat and the Naval Flight Officer's seat, known as "wizzo" within the F/A-18 community. LCDR Gray's visit to the battalion was a truly valuable and humbling experience where the midshipmen were provided the rare opportunity to come in close contact with an F/A-18 aircraft.



On 8 November, 2016, the Commanding Officer of the University of South Florida (USF) Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) program, Captain Ipock, and the student Battalion Commander, 1/C Midshipman Vrontas, accepted a very generous donation from USF's distinguished professor, Dr. Dean Martin. The money will be used to start a NROTC Foundation through the University. This NROTC Foundation will allow for alumni or other interested individuals to donate funds to the USF NROTC program and receive tax benefits for their donation. The donations will be used to further benefit the Midshipmen of the NROTC program through the purchasing of needed equipment, sponsoring travels to leadership training opportunities, and other travels to leadership/event competitions. If you are interested in donating, please contact the USF NROTC main office at (813)-974-4789.





What a fantastic year the Buccaneer Battalion has had! As always, the Marines, Officer Candidates, and midshipmen spent countless hours giving back to our local community by participating in service events like the Feeding America program, the Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity and so many others. My hat's off to these incredible young men and women for embracing the spirit of service which is such a big part of our American armed forces ethos. On top of that they continued to excel in both academics and physical fitness, setting new all-time high averages for the unit!

In addition, the Buccaneers hosted over five hundred local (and not so local!) high school NJROTC students for our annual "Battle of the Bulls" drill and physical

fitness competition. Great fun was had by all, and I'm sure we managed to recruit some future Bulls among our participants!

All was not work, however, and the unit was able to participate in many off-duty activities, including the annual "Bull-Dog Challenge" hosted by the Citadel in South Carolina, a local Savage Race, the Travis Manion Foundation run out in Brandon, and numerous beach days and social events. The highlight of the year was when the Buccaneer Battalion competed against our Army and Air Force ROTC comrades and won the JMLC Captain's Cup for the first time since 2005. Most impressively, we made it a clean sweep, winning all four Captains Cup events!

As I look back not only on this year, but the last three years, I could not be prouder to be a part of the USF-Buccaneer Battalion team! We have produced some of the best and brightest young men and women who have worked diligently and with tremendous enthusiasm to earn their degrees and commissions as Officers in the Navy and Marine Corps. As I look back fondly over 28+ years of military service, my time here in the Buccaneer Battalion and as a proud member of the USF Bulls team stands out as one of the best tours I have had the honor and privilege of completing. When I retire this summer, I will be handing over the reins of NROTC Commanding Officer to Captain John Schmidt, who undoubtedly will take the USF NROTC program to even greater heights! My personal thanks to the many faculty and staff that have made this tour such a memorable one, GO BULLS!

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## AIR FORCE ROTC

**Lime Cup:** This year a group of our cadets came together to win the lime cup competition that Florida AFROTC detachments (7 schools- UF, UM, FSU, UCF, ERAU, VSU and USF) compete in. It includes various sports and fitness related events which change every year. Our detachment created a team and traveled to Daytona to win for the second year in a row.



**Military Ball:** This annual cadet planned event is held every spring. During our Military Ball, we honor POW/MIAs, give toasts to military leaders and uphold our traditional military customs. Our guest speaker for this year was Lt General Newton. The event was planned by a team of cadets led by newly commissioned 2nd Lt Andrew Smith.



**Commissioning:** This semester AFROTC Detachment 158 commissioned 18 new 2nd Lieutenants into the World's Greatest Air Force.

**Final Parade:** This ceremony represents the culmination of all the hard work by the 158th Cadet Wing in the Spring Semester. Parade is a formal military tradition recognizing distinctive honors for individuals and flights, the display of proficiency of the cadet wing, and the promotion of teamwork and pride in the AFROTC program.





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