



Boston Consortium NROTC Newsletter

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Midshipmen celebrating during the Curtis Cup, an annual joint-service flag football competition with BU AROTC and AFROTC.

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We welcomed our new midshipmen to the unit during New Student Orientation, where the incoming 4/Cs learned about drill, uniform wear, academics, and mentorship. They learned from the upperclassmen during the instructional periods and interacted with the unit as a whole during the beginning of the year barbecue. It was a great way to introduce the new midshipmen and kick off the semester.



Service Selection

Our seniors received their service assignments early in the semester. MIDN Adkison will commission as a Naval Aviator. MIDN Zhang and Soroka will commission as Naval Flight Officers. MIDN Brookhart and MIDN Howe will commission as Submarine Officers. MIDN Fomuso and MIDN Barto will commission as Surface Warfare Officers. MIDN Labrecque will commission as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Officer. It's amazing to see how far they've come and we wish them the best as they commission into the fleet and enter their respective communities.



USS Constitution Gala and Underway

On October 16, some of our midshipmen had the opportunity to attend the USS *Constitution* Salute to Service Gala, where they were able to meet current and retired naval officers, including Admiral Eric Olson, former Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, and Commander Schaefer, captain of the USS *Constitution*. These midshipmen were also given the opportunity to go underway on the USS *Constitution* the following week to celebrate the Navy's 249th birthday. They were able to sail around Boston, see the ship and its ceremonies, and meet more sailors while on board. This was a great experience for our midshipmen and allowed them to not only learn about but also experience our naval heritage.





Birthday Ball

We celebrated the Navy's 249th birthday with our annual birthday ball. The event included the ceremony, which was performed by midshipmen under the leadership of MIDN Giorgetta, and speeches from both Captain Houdeshell and our guest of honor, Dr. Teresa Fazio, USMC. During the remainder of the evening, midshipmen and guests enjoyed socializing, dinner, and birthday cake. It was a great celebration of naval tradition, and an enjoyable evening overall.

Drill Competition

On November 20, we held our semester drill competition. All of the platoons were motivated and performed well. MIT first platoon was led by MIDN Leeds and MIT second platoon was led by MIDN Slazak. MIDN Giorgetta, commander of BU first platoon, got the highest platoon commander score, and BU second platoon, led by MIDN Barto, was the overall winner.

Change of Command

Change of Command took place on 05 December 2024. MIDN Kennedy Adkison, our former Battalion Commander, relinquished command to MIDN Matthew Howe.

