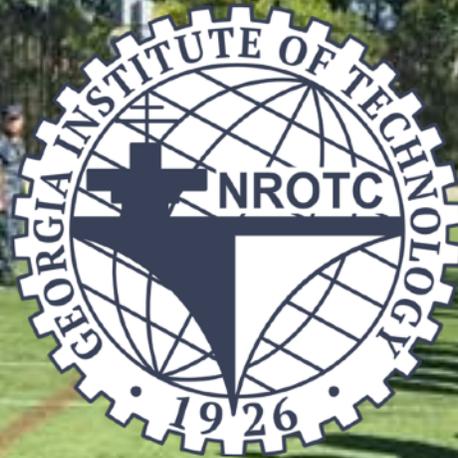


# The Lookout

Georgia Tech Naval ROTC



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# Stockbridge Drill Meet

MIDN 4/C Korn

With the fall semester in full swing, midshipmen from the Atlanta NROTC consortium are showing their community support through a variety of volunteer efforts. NJROTC drill competitions, which are held throughout the Atlanta area, are one of the most common types of events that our midshipmen volunteer at. The high school students who participate in these competitions show demonstrations of military armed exhibition, color guard, and athletic ability. Volunteering midshipmen lend their time in judging these various activities.



On September 30<sup>th</sup>, midshipmen from the consortium were requested to help at the local Stockbridge High School drill meet. We mustered a total of 20 volunteers who were willing to spend their Saturday's judging NJROTC cadets. While most people were likely spending their mornings sleeping in, these midshipmen were awake well before the sun rose, traveling an hour south of Atlanta to reach Stockbridge High School. Upon arriving at 0700, volunteers were divided up into judging groups. Sixteen schools competed in the meet, keeping all of the judges busy. Throughout the day, midshipmen were able to offer guidance and help to high school cadets wishing to pursue the same path in their futures. The drill meet not only served as a means for friendly competition between high schools, but also fostered a good image of NROTC and what it means to be a midshipman in college. The volunteers continued to perform these duties until the event's conclusion at 1900. Though, for most, it was their first time volunteering at a drill meet, they exceeded expectations and completed their assigned tasks well. Some midshipmen said that judging color guard formations was the best part of the drill meet, while others said that counting endless repetitions of cadets doing push-ups was the superior task; however, all twenty volunteers could agree on one thing: it felt great to be a college midshipman giving back to the high schools that many of them attended and serving as a role model for the current NJROTC cadets.

# Battalion Tailgates

MIDN 3/C Webb

With the fall semester comes a great tradition of our NROTC unit and the school as a whole: football and tailgating! Every home game, campus fills with students, teachers, parents, alumni, and fans, all supporting the Yellow Jackets. East campus closes for motor vehicles and usually open spaces on campus are filled with tailgates and people celebrate and cheer on our team until kickoff. The Georgia Tech battalion participates in the fun as well, hosting a tailgate outside our



unit in the O'Keefe building. For an hour and a half before the game, our Special Services division works hard cooking burgers, dogs, and sausages for midshipmen to eat while they socialize and, usually, play corn hole! These tailgates not only provide

food and fun, but also provide an opportunity for upperclassmen to interact with each other and, especially, the 4/C in a more casual environment. When it's time for kickoff, everyone (but the SS division, they've got to clean up) heads over to Bobby Dodd to cheer on our football team in the NROTC block in the stadium's student section.



# Color Guard

MIDN 3/C Pham

Color guard is a practice dating back to the American Civil War, during which the soldiers would request the flags to march to battles with them. Today, we have the special honor of presenting the colors at the request of our distinguished recipients. At Georgia Tech, we are responsible, along with Morehouse battalion, for the Atlanta region, taking great pride in representing our unit and our nation during those events. The fall semester is particularly busy with Georgia Tech home football games. "Color guard was a tremendous experience to have as a 4/C as it gave me an early opportunity to command other midshipmen," said MIDN 3/C Webb. "Color guard, along with the football tailgates, was how I overcame my timidity to the upperclassmen of the battalion and gave me the initial confidence to succeed at the unit here," said MIDN 3/C Pham, current color guard commander.



## Senior Spotlight - MIDN 1/C Freels

MIDN 1/C Shaw

One of our very own, highly motivated midshipmen (MIDN) competed for Mr. Georgia Tech this semester. Candidates had to demonstrate superb leadership abilities and show how they have made an impact on campus. MIDN Zachery Freels, a 5<sup>th</sup> year, and our former Battalion Commander (BNCO), competed against the top students Georgia Tech has to offer. MIDN Freels has been involved on campus throughout his whole college career. He has not only attained the highest billet NROTC offers (BNCO), but is also president of Reck Club, team leader for GT 1000, and works at the Campus recreation center (CRC). MIDN Freels is the epitome of a selfless leader who constantly wants to improve the organizations he belongs to. Most people become complacent when they are in their last semester of school, but Freels sets the example by going after something he desires. When asked why he wanted to compete even though he is about to commission, he quickly responded with "inspiration rather than elevation." It is not about his own ego, but rather serving as a role model other MIDN can look up to. He leaves the unit with this: "get involved, and make the most of your time here."



# Initial Khaki Inspection

MIDN 1/C Olson

The unit conducted our first inspection of the semester this past month. Inspections are important to maintain the good order and discipline required of aspiring military officers. Our inspection judged midshipmen based on their appearance of self and uniform, and in their mastery of general military knowledge, from the general orders for sentries to chain of command.



The students in the battalion staff administered this first inspection. It is important for midshipmen to hold ourselves accountable for their appearance in upholding standards set before us. This is especially important due to having the final inspection of the semester being run by the commanding officer, Captain Reinhold. This first inspection allows midshipmen to correct any mistakes in lapses of knowledge, scuffed shoes, or little wrinkles.



All in all, this inspection was a success. While a few freshmen are waiting for uniform items to come in, midshipmen showed up in proper uniform and were able to make the small corrections necessary. After the inspection was complete, midshipmen continued on with their days as usual.