

New Staff Spotlight: LT Silberstein

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It is once again time to meet the newest member of the GT NROTC staff, LT Brigid Silberstein! LT Silberstein is an MH-60R pilot and our new Aviation Community and Freshman Advisor. She earned her commission through the ROTC program at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, where she majored in English and Russian. (cont. on Pg. 2)



LT Silberstein after her first “bro-lo” in the TH-57 during flight school.

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MIDN in the Community: Color Guard:

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This semester, GT NROTC has been incredibly active in the community through presenting colors at a variety of Atlanta events.(cont. on Pg. 3)

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Upon commissioning, she was selected as a Student Naval Aviator and completed flight training at NAS Pensacola, Corpus Christi, and Kingsville. After earning her wings in the MH-60R, she spent the last three years serving with HSM-46 out of Mayport, Florida.

When asked why she wanted to service-select into the aviation community, LT Silberstein shared that it was not always her original plan. Initially, she intended to become a Surface Warfare Officer, but her experience during CORTRAMID (Career Orientation and Training for Midshipmen) changed her perspective. During aviation week, she noticed how passionate and fulfilled the pilots were in their job and began to see herself in that role. The defining moment came during a flight in the T-34 aircraft—once she took the controls, she knew she wanted to become a pilot.



LT Silberstein and squadron mates on her first deployment aboard the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77)

As a Junior Officer, LT Silberstein has experienced one of the Navy's most demanding training pipelines, life in an operational aviation squadron, and the high-tempo of deployment. Her biggest leadership takeaway is simple but powerful: "Absolutely take care of your people." She emphasizes that leaders must understand those they lead and ensure they have the resources needed to succeed in the mission.



LT Silberstein flying from Mexico back to Jacksonville from her second deployment.

When asked why she chose to return to ROTC as an instructor, LT Silberstein explained that she had an exceptional aviation advisor as a Midshipman and wanted to provide that same mentorship to the next generation of Naval leaders. As for why Georgia Tech, she noted the strong similarity in unit culture to the College of the Holy Cross. She appreciates the tight-knit nature of a smaller battalion and the shared motivation to foster a positive and professional learning environment.

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Her advice to Midshipmen is: “Talk to as many people as you can and soak up every experience!” She highlighted that Midshipmen have unique access to learn from Admirals, Senior Enlisted Leaders, and Junior Officers—an opportunity that should not be taken for granted. Now is the time to learn as much as possible before beginning a career in the Fleet.

Welcome to the Battalion, LT Silberstein! We are excited to learn from your outstanding example of leadership.

MIDN in the Community: Color Guard (cont.)

On January 14th, five of our midshipmen had the opportunity to present the colors at the 2026 Georgia Chambers Eggs and Issues event at the Mercedes-Benz stadium. The Georgia Chamber Eggs & Issues Breakfast is an annual public policy and networking event hosted by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce that takes place every January in Atlanta.



MIDN 4/C An, 2/C Richardson, 3/C Watson, 4/C Macias, and 4/C Toledo (L-R) posing with GA Chamber of Commerce Officials

It brings together business leaders, elected officials, and community members to discuss economic priorities, legislative agendas, and policy issues facing the state for the upcoming year. Our midshipmen surpassed expectations and got to meet many important political figures like Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens and Georgia Governor Brian Kemp.

The following month on February 7th, five more midshipmen had the opportunity to represent our unit by presenting the colors at the Dallas Safari Club Convention & Sporting Expo at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta. The DSC convention brings together outdoor enthusiasts, outfitters, and conservation leaders for exhibits, seminars, and networking.



MIDN presenting the Colors at Mercedes-Benz Stadium

Look out for our Midshipmen presenting the Colors next at the GT Baseball Military Appreciation Night!

MIDN Attend Notre Dame Leadership Weekend 2026

Written By: MIDN 2/C Max Joyce

MIDN 2/C Lu and I recently had the pleasure of attending Notre Dame's NROTC Naval Leadership Weekend 2026. During our trip to South Bend, Indiana, we heard from several distinguished speakers, each of whom offered a profound takeaway for our future careers.

The first speaker, Colonel Larmon, USMC, provided a remarkably "real" description of the responsibilities of being an officer. She navigated heavy topics, including the sacrifice of family time, financial hardships, and personal loss. My biggest takeaway, however, was her opening advice: "Be brief, be bold, and be on." As freshly commissioned Ensigns and 2nd Lieutenants, we must strive to understand the situation quickly, remain brief with our questioning, stay bold enough to stamp out tyranny or call out wrongs, and always be ready for the challenges heading our way.



MIDN 2/C Lu and Joyce inside the Purcell Pavillion

My favorite speaker of the first day was 1st Sgt Parkes, USMC (Ret.). Many of us were already familiar with him through his presence on TikTok, where clips of his interviews and humor have gained significant traction. His primary message was to open every door that comes knocking. He discussed how saying "yes" to difficult tasks and new opportunities creates a foundation for success both during and after military service. No matter how demanding the work behind those doors may be, 1st Sgt Parkes emphasized that the experience and knowledge accumulated are always worth the effort.



A snowy view of ND's Main Building with its famous golden dome

The conference concluded with a keynote dinner featuring BGen Machut, USMC (Ret.). General Machut discussed the "human factor" in leadership. He reminded us that regardless of how much the military evolves through technology, AI, or policy changes, people remain at the center of our mission. Our people are what make our military the greatest strength in the world, and as officers, our primary job is to ensure they are cared for.

I had a fantastic time at Naval Leadership Weekend 2026, and as my first leadership conference, this one will be hard to beat!