



The NROTC Program Overview

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Commissioning Pathways into Naval Service

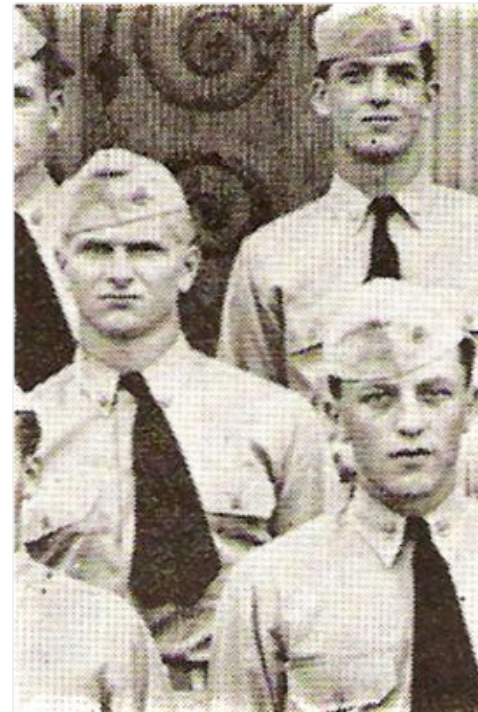
- US Naval Academy
- NROTC Program
 - Scholarship students – guaranteed commission
 - “College Program” – non-scholarship students
- Officer Candidate School
 - “Boot Camp” for officers!
 - College graduates





NROTC Program

- Established Aug 20, 1926
- 6 Universities
- Class of 1930
 - 126 commissionees in US
 - 3 obtained Flag rank
- 1932 – USMC joined ROTC program

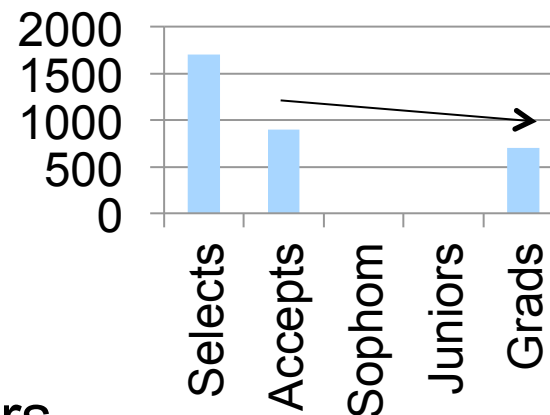




Program Overview

- 73 Units nationwide - 164 universities
- Commission into Navy and Marine Corps
 - Marines, Surface, Submarines, Aviation, SEAL, EOD
 - Nurses available but extremely limited (7-10/year)
- National scholarship selection process
 - www.nrotc.navy.mil

- 7500 final applications
- 5800 qualified
- 1700 selects
- 900 accept our offer
- 700 graduates in 4 years





2 Types of Midshipman



- Scholarship
 - Awarded before arrival
- College Program
 - Non-scholarship
 - A “walk-on” midshipman
 - Must apply and be accepted by the local unit
 - Compete to earn a commission
- Compete for scholarships: 4, 3, 2 year
- Compete for “advanced standing”
 - Non-scholarship approval to continue to commissioning
 - Must be awarded prior to Junior Year





Our Recommendation: Seek a commission...

COMMISSION!



...via every possible route!

- Apply for NROTC Scholarship
 - Start at the end of Junior HS year!
- Reapply in Senior Year
- If enrolled at a university with a NROTC Program:
 - Apply to join the College Program
 - Continue to apply for scholarships
- If not accepted for scholarship
 - Apply for “Advanced Standing!”
- If all else, get a recruiter referral
 - Platoon Leader Course
 - Officer Candidate School
 - Nuclear Power Program





Scholarship Application

- Go to: www.nrotc.navy.mil
 - Review requirements and begin process there
 - Recruiters will be in touch
- The application:
 - Be VERY thorough and honest
 - You are converting your entire life onto sheets of paper
 - List EVERYTHING
 - Use remarks section to describe accomplishments
 - Make it easy to read – be clear and concise
 - Does your application accurately describe you?





The Application (cont)

- Don't be daunted by the questions
- We look at a number of factors that may tell us your suitability to commission and serve:
 - Passion for Service
 - Academics
 - Character
 - Integrity
 - Athleticism
 - Citizenship



The Whole Candidate!





The Application (cont)

- SAT Scores (or ACT equivalent)
 - Retake again and again and again
 - “Highest Multiple Score” chosen
 - Average selectee: 1300+ Math/Verbal
 - SAT’s aren’t everything
- GPA
 - Average selectee GPA: 3.91
 - GPA isn’t everything





The Application (cont)

- College Choices
 - Choose 5 universities with NROTC programs
 - NROTC doesn't get you accepted to your school
 - You must apply on your own and be admitted!
 - If not admitted to your top 5 – apply to other schools!
 - Apply early - schools have quotas!
- Majors – read about “Tiers” on the NROTC website
 - Most Midshipmen will be Tier 1 or 2 technical majors
 - Marine Options have no specific major requirement





Language skills, Regional Expertise, and Cultural awareness

- Are you interested in and LREC scholarship?
 - Visit http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/scholarship_criteria.html
- Simply a check box on your application
- You will still be assigned traditional operational jobs in the Navy
 - Pilot, Surface and Submarine Warfare, SEAL, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, etc
 - We want officers with special skills for relevant regions of interest!





Application – The Bottom Line

- Apply as early as possible. Why?
 - If you do get the scholarship
 - NROTC units fill fast – early bird gets the worm!
 - Guarantees meeting University deadlines
 - More time to resolve issues
 - If you don't get the scholarship
 - More time to reapply
 - More opportunity to retake the SATs
 - More opportunity to bolster your record





Other Pathways to Commission

- US Naval Academy – MIDN may apply!
 - You will still need to fulfill four years at USNA if accepted
- OCS (Navy and Marines)
 - Requires 4-Year Bachelor's Degree
 - Process Managed by Naval Recruiting District (NRD) and Marine Recruiting Stations
 - Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate (NUPOC)
 - Special Program to Navy OCS
- Platoon Leaders Course (PLC)
 - Marines Only
 - See Marine Recruiting Station Officer Selection Officer (OSO) for requirements





Questions?



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