It’s that time of year again. First class midshipman can taste their commissions, fourth class midshipman are excited to attend CORTRAMID and experience the real Navy for the first time, and second and third class midshipman anxiously wonder where and when they’ll be going on cruise. The year ends with highly anticipated events like the awards ceremony, Ring Dance, and commissionings; it’s a time for celebration and fun. It’s also a time to recall everything learned throughout the semester so it can be applied during cruise and next year.

The semester was one of firsts. For the first time since I’ve been here, we had a SEAL visit. He was kind enough to meet with midshipmen for lunch, give a brief, and run a PST with interested midshipman. We held a public speaking practice during leader development for the first time and conducted squad competition in ultimate frisbee and basketball. We also traveled to Colorado for the first time to compete with our endurance team and color guard. What wasn’t a first was color guard taking first place. The most notable first this semester was the leader development day held at UC Davis. It was my, and many Berkeley midshipmen’s, first time at UC Davis. The exercise set an excellent precedence and will hopefully be continued for semesters to come.

The beauty of firsts is that they are so easy to improve on. I challenge the next midshipman staff to improve all of these events and make Thursday’s leader development even more meaningful. Remember why we meet on Thursdays: to develop future Naval Officers. It’s a huge honor and responsibility.

I congratulate all the seniors about to commission and wish the best of luck to the underclassmen on continuing your pursuit of becoming a Naval Officer. The journey does not end when you commission; it is only beginning.
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MAJOR: POLITICAL SCIENCE
SCHOOL: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

MIDN 1/C SASHA BARNETT

MAJOR: MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
SCHOOL: CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY

MIDN 1/C ANTHONY DAVIS

MAJOR: GLOBAL STUDIES
SCHOOL: CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY

MIDN 1/C ALEXANDER EGBER

MAJOR: APPLIED MATHEMATICS
SCHOOL: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

MIDN 1/C BLAKE HUGHES

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MAJOR: BIOCHEMISTRY
SCHOOL STANFORD UNIVERSITY

MIDN 1/C MAXTRILLION KYMAN

MIDN 1/C LILLIAN MCBEE

MAJOR: MARINE SCIENCE
SCHOOL UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

MAJOR: BIOCHEMISTRY
SCHOOL UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

MIDN 1/C CATALINA THOMPSON

MIDN 1/C MARISSA TUNGJUNYATHAM

MAJOR: MARINE ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
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MAJOR: MARINE ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
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MIDN 1/C DALTON WEBSTER

MIDN 1/C CHRISTOPHER YEE
SECOND CLASS MIDSHIPMEN

MIDN 2/C MOHAMMAD BAHADAR
MAJOR: MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
SCHOOL: CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY

MIDN 2/C SARAH BELL
MAJOR: ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE
SCHOOL: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

MIDN 2/C JOSHUA BRITT
MAJOR: APPLIED MATHEMATICS
SCHOOL: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

MIDN 2/C DAWN CHUMLEY
MAJOR: COMPUTER SCIENCE
SCHOOL: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

MIDN 2/C RYAN FERRELL
MAJOR: ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT
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MIDN 2/C MATTHEW GINELLI
MAJOR: MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
SCHOOL: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY
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MIDN 2/C COLIN HOLTSON
MAJOR: GEOLOGY
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MIDN 2/C SULUCK KLUMPRASERT
MAJOR: BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
SCHOOL UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

MIDN 2/C JAMES LEE
MAJOR: GLOBAL STUDIES & MARITIME AFFAIRS
SCHOOL CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY

MIDN 2/C NICHOLAS MOYLE
MAJOR: NUCLEAR ENGINEERING
SCHOOL UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

MIDN 2/C MIRAQUEL RIDENHOUR
MAJOR: COGNITIVE SCIENCE
SCHOOL UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

MIDN 2/C ANTHONY SOLDAVINI
MAJOR: FACILITIES ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
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MIDN 3/C ZACHARY ADLER
MAJOR: MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS
SCHOOL: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

MIDN 3/C SANDEEP ARAKALI
MAJOR: AEROSPACE ENGINEERING
SCHOOL: STANFORD UNIVERSITY

MIDN 3/C DAVID CHANG
MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
SCHOOL: CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY

MIDN 3/C MIGUEL CORTES
MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
SCHOOL: CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY

MIDN 3/C WILLIAM DAVISON
MAJOR: MARINE ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
SCHOOL: CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY

MIDN 3/C TIMOTHY DEREKO
MAJOR: NEUROBIOLOGY, PHYSIOLOGY, AND BEHAVIOUR
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MIDN 3/C ERICK GALEANO

MIDN 3/C BENJAMIN HOPKINS

MIDN 3/C GRACE KIM

MIDN 3/C VICTOR MACIASANGEL

MIDN 3/C EDWIN MYERS

MIDN 3/C ARPAN RAJAN

MAJOR:
AEROSPACE
SCIENCE AND
ENGINEERING

SCHOOL
UNIVERSITY OF
CALIFORNIA,
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MAJOR:
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MAJOR:
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SCIENCE

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CALIFORNIA,
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ECONOMICS AND
MICROBIAL
BIOLOGY

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CALIFORNIA,
BERKELEY

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CIVIL
ENGINEERING

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MIDN 3/C WILLIAM ZELL
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MIDN 4/C PATRICK CARROLL
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MIDN 4/C DAVID DEBENHAM
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MIDN 4/C EMMA KURGAN
MAJOR: BIOLOGY
SCHOOL UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY
FOURTH CLASS MIDSHIPMEN

MIDN 4/C JAMES MOLINA
MAJOR: MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
SCHOOL: CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY

MIDN 4/C LANDON NAGAO
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MIDN 4/C CHRISTOPHER ORMES
MAJOR: COMPUTER SCIENCE
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MIDN 4/C SHELBY PICKERELL
MAJOR: ARABIC AND MANDARIN
SCHOOL: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

MIDN 4/C DAVID ROMERO
MAJOR: MOLECULAR AND CELL BIOLOGY
SCHOOL: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

MIDN 4/C PANITAN SATAMALEE
MAJOR: CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
SCHOOL: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY
FOURTH CLASS MIDSHIPMEN

MIDN 4/C GRANT SPENCER
MAJOR: AEROSPACE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
SCHOOL: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

MIDN 4/C JASMIN VALENCIA
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MIDN 4/C VINCE VANTERPOOL
MAJOR: HUMAN BIOLOGY
SCHOOL: STANFORD UNIVERSITY

MIDN 4/C JOHN ZUERCHER
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General James Mattis, USMC (Ret) visits NROTC UC Berkeley for the Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz Lecture Series (March 2014).

Written by: Midshipman 2nd Class Sarah Bell
On the week of March 16th, 2014, the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps unit at the University of California, Berkeley hosted their 30th Annual Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Lecture Series. This year's distinguished speaker was General James Mattis, USMC (Ret).

Mattis is an Annenberg Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution located at Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA. He is an expert on national security issues, especially in the Middle East region of the world. Mattis was the commander of the US Central Command from 2010 to 2013, where his responsibilities lied in the military operations of US soldiers, sailors, airmen, Coast Guardsmen and Marines in Afghanistan, Iraq and numerous other countries in the Middle East and parts of Asia.

Mattis' week started with a luncheon with the Commanding Officers of the Air Force, Army and Navy ROTC units at UC Berkeley. Following the luncheon, Mattis gave a lecture at the Institute of Governmental Studies. Midshipman 3rd Class Edwin Myers escorted Mattis to the venue, and when asked what he [Myers] learned from the lecture, he said: “He [Mattis] provided his perspective on the war in Afghanistan. He emphasized many points that have been skewed in the public sphere, like the United States interactions with countries like Pakistan or Iran. General Mattis explained that Pakistan, while shown in the media to be a constant barrier to success in the region for NATO forces, actually worked to provide resources and basic assistance even if they were reluctant to assist a country that they have disagreed with diplomatically for such a long time.”

Later that evening, invited guests, cadets and Midshipmen were privileged to have dinner with Mattis. The dinner was held at the Claremont Resort, where Midshipmen and cadets were able to introduce themselves and ask him questions. This was one of the first direct interactions the Midshipmen had with the General.

“It was enlightening to be able to speak to him in a less than formal setting. We discussed at great length whether women should be able to serve as infantry in the Marine Corps,” said Midshipman 1st Class Maxtrillion Kyman when asked what his interaction was with General Mattis during the dinner.

Mattis resumed his busy week that Wednesday at a luncheon with the Military Officer’s Education Committee (MOEC). Following the luncheon, Mattis spoke with the Cal Vets Organization, which included Veteran students and faculty of the University. Immediately following, a small group of Midshipmen were privileged to have dinner with him at Crossroads, one of the campus dining halls. Once there, Mattis spoke to the Midshipmen about how to succeed as young officers, and what they have to look forward to in their future careers.

Midshipman 2nd Class Moyle recalls the dinner at Crossroads as one of the most memorable interactions he had with Mattis.
“There were very few midshipmen there so the General was able to devote more attention to each individual in answering our questions. I really appreciated his honesty and frankness when answering our questions. In addition, by the simple gesture of remembering and addressing us by name, I got the sense that he genuinely enjoyed imparting his knowledge and wisdom unto us young future officers,” said Midshipman 2nd Class Moyle.

Later that evening, Mattis gave his first talk of the Nimitz Lecture Series at the Berkeley Art Museum, where the auditorium was filled past capacity with active duty enlisted and officer personnel from the area, ROTC cadets, Midshipmen, University faculty and students, to hear him speak about the current situations in the Middle East.

When asked what she took away from Mattis’ first lecture, Midshipman 4th Class Farricker responded: “I strove to learn as much as I could in
the short time I was able to spend listening to General Mattis. It was eye opening to hear from someone so directly involved in the conflicts in the Middle East. With so many news and media outlets skewing information, I appreciated reflecting on the past and present involvement the American troops and policy makers have in that area of the globe through the lens of someone who was tangibly there to see and experience it. “

Thursday was Mattis’ last day of events at the University. He was able to tour the ROTC unit spaces with select representatives from each service. That afternoon, he spoke with just the Marine Option Midshipmen at the Women’s Faculty Club, where he left a lasting impression on Marine Option Midshipman 3rd Class Victor Macias. Macias comments: “At first glance, I was a bit thrown off. I have read about General Mattis and heard some of his quotes and was expecting a ruthless, lean and mean Marine. Instead, the General was refreshingly humble. He wasn’t concerned about what rank he held or what he had done, saying that all of his success is due to those who were with him along the way. Furthermore, he was more inspired by our decision to take part in leading the next generation of brave warriors.”
Following the lunch with the Marine Options, Mattis addressed just the ROTC Midshipmen and cadets at the Bancroft Hotel, where he spoke briefly about the tools and skills they should possess as young leaders in the fleet.

Mattis then finished his week that evening with the second lecture of the Nimitz Lecture series, where he spoke about the role of the US Military abroad and in Washington. When asked what she took away from Mattis’ second lecture, Midshipman 1st Class Catalina Thompson said: “The conflicts in the Middle East are interwoven and have huge potential for domino effects that can ripple throughout the entire region and affect the world. If we are going to be involved in the world we need to pay close attention to the Middle East and not lose focus on it, even while we lessen our military presence there.”

Mattis left the University of California, Berkeley Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Midshipmen with a greater understanding of the issues that still exist abroad in the world, and a better appreciation of the roles they will have as young officers when they enter their respective services. Furthermore, the Midshipmen felt incredibly honored to be in the presence of such a decorated military leader.

Midshipman 3rd Class Ryan Tweed expressed his reaction to Mattis’ visit at the end of the lecture series.

“I was very humbled when one of the most important military commanders of our time spoke to us as colleagues and was genuinely interested in ensuring that we were well prepared to go out into the fleet. It’s obvious that he is still very involved in US and Naval policy. So for him to be so invested in us as Midshipmen was an honor.”
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CAPTAIN DAVID PITTELKOW, USN (RET)

Captain Pittelkow visits NROTC UC Berkeley and speaks to MIDN regarding Naval Special Warfare career opportunities

Written by MIDN 2/C Sarah Bell
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Midshipmen and active duty staff from the University of California, Berkeley Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps unit welcomed SEAL Captain David T. Pittelkow, U.S. Navy(Ret) to discuss Naval Special Warfare career opportunities as well as his career as both a Marine Corps and Navy SEAL officer.

Captain Pittelkow graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps on 21 May 1977. In May 1984, Pittelkow made an inter-service transfer to the United States Navy and was ordered to Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) training at Naval Amphibious Base(NAB)-Coronado, California, where he graduated with class 130 in November 1984. Pittelkow held various commands in his career as a SEAL officer, including Commanding Officer of Special Boat Unit TWELVE, Operations Officer and Operations Deputy at NAB-Coronado, Deputy Commanding Officer of Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Operation JOINT FORGE, Commanding Officer at Naval Special Warfare Unit ONE, Naval Base Guam, to name a few.

Midshipmen interested in the Naval Special Warfare community were privileged to have lunch with Pittelkow and ask him questions one on one.

When asked what kinds of questions were asked at lunch with Pittelkow, Midshipman 3rd Class Tweed said “I asked him about the recent exposure of the SEALs in the media and how the NSW community feels about it as it relates to their motto of silent professionalism. His re-
sponse was very reassuring in that the SEAL community as a whole still stands by their motto and are still silent professionals.”

Later that afternoon, Pittelkow joined the Midshipmen of NROTC UC Berkeley in a Physical Training (PT) session on the Fire Trail up the side of the Berkeley hills.

Following PT, Pittelkow gave a Naval Special Warfare Orientation Brief. During the brief, Pittelkow discussed topics pertaining to NSW such as where NSW operates, the core tasks of NSW, the officer career path, and the important aspects of leadership necessary to be a successful NSW officer.

“Because my crew looked good, I got promoted to Captain. Because they worked hard, the team looked good, and when the team looked good, I got promoted. When good things come to you, spread it out to your crew. I owe all my success to my guys,” said Pittelkow when discussing his success as a career Navy SEAL.

When asked what his greatest take away from the discussion was, Midshipman 3rd DeRego said: “Captain Pittelkow expressed the importance in diversifying our studies now, because the Navy may call upon us some day to use the knowledge or experiences we previously had. It is easy to let our focus lie on our grade point averages, military aptitude, and physical fitness because those will be the items evaluated when it comes time for our commissioning; but it is also important to focus on collecting knowledge and experiences outside of those categories.”

When asked the same question, Midshipman 2nd Class Moyle said “My biggest take away from his talk with us was to never give up no matter how hard the going gets. The hardest challenge you have to overcome is yourself.”

The next morning, Pittelkow held a Physical Screening Test for Midshipman 1st Class Hughes, Midshipman 3rd Class Myers, and Midshipman 4th Class Carroll, whom are actively working towards earning a chance to become Navy Special Warfare candidates. Pittelkow left the Midshipmen of NROTC UC Berkeley with the basic knowledge of the expectations of Naval Special Warfare, as well as the expectations of an officer in the United States Navy as a whole.
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LEADER DEVELOPMENT TRAINING DAY AT UC DAVIS

NROTC University of California, Berkeley accomplishes remote Leadership Development Training at crosstown school University of California, Davis

Written by Midshipman 2/C Sarah Bell & Midshipman 3/C Edwin Myers
Midshipmen participate in a Leader Development Training exercise lead by MIDN 2/C Britt.

The Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of California, Berkeley was founded by Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz in 1926 as the first established NROTC unit in the country. Over the more recent years, the unit has accepted Midshipmen from crosstown schools such as the University of California, Davis, Stanford University and the California Maritime Academy.

In October of 2013, the unit welcomed their new commanding officer, Captain Michael Slotsky, USN. Immediately following his arrival, Slotsky spoke with every Midshipman in the company individually. After speaking with many of the crosstown Midshipmen, Slotsky brought up the idea of a remote Leadership Development Training (LDT) at a crosstown school with the University of California, Davis at the top of the list. In the history of the unit, this feat had yet to be attempted, much less accomplished.

A myriad of logistical concerns occupied both the active duty and Midshipmen staff for months before the event. Despite UC Davis being a “crosstown” affiliate with UC Berkeley, the city of Davis is approximately 65 miles from the city of Berkeley. As is customary of every Thursday, Midshipmen from UC Davis convene to leave their campus no later
than 1200. This ensures timely arrival for LDT, which commences at precisely 1400. Naturally, one of the biggest obstacles in organizing the event was proper coordination of transportation from Berkeley to Davis.

Slotsky and his executive officer, Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Crabtree, USMC, along with Midshipman advisor Lieutenant James Clough, USN, made the trip to Davis prior to the execution of the LDT event in order to gauge the possibility of accomplishing the feat. The growing support from the University faculty and the Army ROTC unit on campus, coupled with the efforts from the Midshipmen attending UC Davis, helped transform the notion of having LDT at UC Davis from an abstract ambition to a tangible goal.

When the day came for the remote LDT to be executed, there was much anticipation among the UC Davis Midshipmen, whom most were grateful to not have to make the long 130 mile round trip. Midshipman 2nd Class Miraquel Ridenhour of UC Berkeley comments: “The general attitude among the UC Berkeley Midshipmen leading up to the departure to Davis was very relaxed. Because the Berkeley Midshipmen did not have to worry about LDT set up, there was less pressure for us in ensuring that the day ran smoothly. For the most part it was on the Davis Midshipmen to ensure that happened.”

Upon the company’s arrival to Davis, everyone gathered at the campus Memorial Union and directly proceeded with their LDT schedule. The first evolution conducted was Sand Tables; Midshipmen staff presented combat scenarios with visual aids, while groups of Midshipmen discussed a multitude of solutions to the changing scenarios.

Following Sand Tables, the Midshipmen gathered in the King Lounge, where Captain Slotsky led a leadership discussion on the film The Caine Mutiny, which the entire company viewed in preparation for this day. Having the discussion after the Sand Tables evolution further stimulated critical thinking on the matter of military ethics and decision making in the face of adversity.

Our LDT at UC Davis culminated with a company social hour over pizza. During their social hour, Elias Sanchez, President of the Davis Student Veteran’s Organization (DSVO), spoke to the company briefly to bring awareness to the large population of Veterans across all the Universities in the Bay Area. The DSVO works very closely with the Veteran population on campus to help assimilate former military members back into civilian life and help them succeed in their college careers.

For this remote LDT event, the Midshipmen of UC Davis got to experience what it was like to be the host school, and the Midshipmen of UC Berkeley got to experience what it was like to be a crosstown school. Midshipman 4th Class Emma Kurgan of UC Berkeley comments: “Berkeley Midshipmen had the chance to see what its like to drive all that way. We normally get out of class and get to walk straight home, but the Davis Midshipmen have to drive all the way home.”
This event set a great precedent for future remote LDT days that could be held at the other crosstown schools, such as the California Maritime Academy and Stanford University. When asked what she thought the benefit in having a remote LDT day at a crosstown school was, Midshipman 4th Class Madison Farricker of UC Davis comments: “In order for the unit to work as a team, we have to understand the compromises and responsibilities students from other schools make in order to make LDT possible each week. Bringing the unit to UC Davis presented some insight into the immense time commitment we make each week that some of the other students are immune to. It is also beneficial for the unit to see and experience the other campuses in order to understand our fellow midshipmen.”

Overall, the remote LDT evolution was a great success, for crosstown Midshipmen and Berkeley Midshipmen alike. The active duty staff and Midshipmen remain optimistic that this evolution can be repeated in the future, as it achieved a great deal of success in terms of further building unit cohesion, morale, and compassion for the experiences of fellow Midshipmen across all four campuses of NROTC UC Berkeley.