CORTRAMID, or Career Orientation and Training for Midshipmen, is a tremendous experience that every Fourth-Class (4/C) Midshipman (MIDN) should look forward to at the end of their first year. From shooting the general-purpose machine gun M240B down the shooting range, to riding a Sierra

This summer, I checked-in at Walter Reed

crew of the USS New Orleans has greatly deepened my desire to become a Naval Officer. Wi that all of my expectations for this cruise were surpassed mainly because of the people

through textbooks and word of mouth is barely reaching the full experience of what life on a ship means until you actually get to immerse yourself in the work, environment, and culture your shipmates are living in. Through daily association with the crew and

teamwork becomes imperative when you real

individual is depending on the others to know their job thoroughly and execute it well, but there is also an unspoken expectation to help each other be successful.

to help you just as much as you are there to help them.

The piece of advice that was given to me

[Surface Warfare Officer] is not your first choice, invest your time with the crew of the ship and allow them to teach you, whether you know it or not. The beauty of this cruise is the expectation to simply expose yourself to the known and unknown. There are sailors who are entirely eager to share everything they know,

their personal lives. They even might share

enough (two important sources of entertainment on the ship).

While underway, all the lights are off in the Combat Information Center (CIC). However, I never thought that the CIC could be so bright the moment division was huddled next to the 1MC listening to the Chief select announcements.

while an OS3 made

. There was so much celebration and cheering from the DivO [Division Officer] to the most junior sailor in the room, I instantly thought how the group resembled a giant family. They genuinely cared for each other through each of their successes and failures, which is what I am seeking to be a part of. It was definitely one of the more humanized impressions the Navy has given me thus far.

In addition to the entirely-male first increment and an estimated 200 males who graduated the second









Community Service and Fundraising Opportunities

This semester, USF Buccaneer Battalion has strived to increase participation in volunteer service throughout the community and fundraising opportunities for the battalion, in the hopes of successfully giving back to those who have supported our unit, the school, and the surrounding communities. With a plethora of new opportunities rearranged by our temporary Community Service and Fundraising Officers, we were able to participate in a great number of volunteer opportunities

The 240th Navy Marine Corps Ball at University of South Florida was a great success, with a grand display of formalities by