NROTC Commissioning Process
Using every option available to serve..

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The Application

• Go to: www.nrotc.navy.mil
  – Review requirements and begin process there
  – Recruiters will be in touch or you may initiate contact locally

• For the application:
  – Be VERY thorough
  – List EVERYTHING
  – Use remarks section to describe accomplishments
    • Make it easy to read: Clear and Concise.
  – You are converting your entire life onto sheets of paper
  – Does your application accurately describe you?
• Don’t be daunted by the questions
• We look for the “Whole Candidate”
  – Academics
  – Athleticism
  – Character
  – Integrity
  – Citizenship
  – Passion for Service
The Application, Cont’d

• SAT Scores (or ACT equivalent)
  – 1375 Math/Verbal is average
  – Retake again and again and again
    • “Highest Multiple Score” chosen
  – SAT’s aren’t everything

• GPA
  – 3.85 is the average
  – GPA isn’t everything
The Application, Cont’d

• College Choices
  – Choose 5 universities with NROTC programs
  – NROTC doesn’t get you accepted to your school
    • You must apply on your own!
  – It is possible to get the scholarship but not be granted admission to the school of your choice
    • Be prepared for this

• Majors
  – 85% must be “technical” – read about “Tiers”

• Marine Options DO NOT have Tiered Major Req’s
Application – The Bottom Line

- **Apply as early as possible.** Why?
- If you do get the scholarship
  - NROTC units fill fast
  - You apply to the University early in their year
  - More time to resolve issues
- What if I don’t get the scholarship…
  - More time to reapply
  - More opportunity to retake the SATs
  - More opportunity to bolster your record
What if I don’t get it…

• Reapply!
  – Less than 30 sem hours or 45 quarter hours

• Join the NROTC College Program
  – Same eligibility rules apply
  – Cannot reapply for scholarship and join
    • Weigh your choices carefully

• Recommendation:
  – Reapply and if that doesn’t work – join the CP
  – Talk to Unit for guidance on how to do this
Got it!

(What is “College Program?”)
The College Programmer

• Non-scholarship commissioning source
  – Still a Midshipman
  – Just NOT a 4-Year Scholarship Applicant
  – To commission, you must either earn a Scholarship or Advanced Standing Prior to Junior Year

• Scholarship opportunites for College Programmers
  – Called a “Side Load” scholarship – very competitive
  – Recycled national scholarships when available – not always
  – Usually awarded as 4, 3, or 2 year scholarships
  – CO must evaluate you for at least one semester and recommend

• Advanced Standing – approval to commission
  – Senior cruise and earn monthly stipend but no scholarship
  – You will graduate and commission like everyone else!
Other Routes to Commission

- **US Naval Academy** – MIDN may apply!
- **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?