

USC NAVAL ROTC NEWSLETTER

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Commissioning and Graduation

On May 13, 2023, the Trojan Battalion held their Spring Commissioning for their newest officers. In total, we commissioned eight Naval Officers and three Marine Officers. Although their leadership and presence will be missed from the unit, the Trojan Battalion is incredibly grateful to have seen these brilliant and admirable men and women throughout their time here at the University of Southern California.

The lessons learned from their leadership have been left on the program and we cannot wait to see what wonderful things they will achieve as they serve our country.



Spring 2023 Commissioning Class

ENS Imig will be heading to Pensacola, FL as a Student Naval Aviator; ENS Alexander will be heading off to the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center in Panama City, FL as a newly commissioned EOD officer; ENS Lochtefeld (SUBS) and ENS Clements (SWO-N) both have a future in nuclear power; ENS Flores, McCormick, Zilberfarb, Savile, and Messina will all report to BDOC (Basic Division Officers Course) before heading to their respective ships; 2ndLT Flores and Luce will head to TBS and 2ndLT Persky will be heading to law school! Congratulations to the Navy and Marine Corps's newest officers! The Trojan Battalion is incredibly proud and honored to be a part of their journey.



Joint Forces Commissioning Ceremony



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Change of Command



Pictured left to right: ENS Sho Flores, MIDN William Durban, Col. Gil Juarez

At our last Naval Science Lab for the semester, the Trojan Battalion conducted its Spring 2023 Change of Command Ceremony. The previous Battalion Commander, ENS Flores relinquished command to MIDN Durban.

During ENS Flores's time as Battalion Commander, the unit held the Alumni Ball, joint Navy and Marine FEX Training, and the Senior Class Hawaii Battle Study. We are very proud of ENS Flores and the battalion staff that put in so many hours of dedication and hard work to the program.

The Trojan Battalion is excited to see what MIDN Durban (BNCO), MIDN Addington (BNXO), and MIDN Herrington (CMC), and the rest of their staff will achieve in the following semester!

Summer Cruise

As the Trojan Battalion wrapped up the Spring 2023 semester, the Midshipmen are out of class for the summer and are gearing up for their Summer Cruises! The rising 1/C will be heading off to their respective ships, seeing what it is like to live as an officer on a Naval vessel; the rising 2/C will be going on their enlisted cruise; and the rising 3/C will be heading to CORTRAMID to learn more about the different warfare communities. Our Marine options will return to school as full fledged Marines, following their completion of Officer Candidate School in Virginia.

These summer training sessions are the perfect place for the midshipmen to learn more about their future careers in the Navy and Marine Corps and to grow more as leaders. We cannot wait to see what knowledge they will bring back to the unit!



Pictured left to right: MIDN Merone, MIDN Larratt, and MIDN Liljenwall