

**NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS
UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO/SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY**



**NEW MECEP
INFORMATION HANDBOOK
2014**

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Facts about NROTC San Diego

San Diego NROTC Unit History

The San Diego Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Unit was established at the University of San Diego (USD) and San Diego State University (SDSU) in 1982. Since then, cross-town enrollment agreements with Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU), Cal State University San Marcos (CSUSM), and the University of California San Diego (UCSD) were also established. In 31 years, the Battalion has grown from an initial cadre of 28 to its current strength of 200 midshipmen, active duty Marines, and Navy Officer Candidates.



The mission of NROTC San Diego is to develop Battalion members morally, mentally and physically while imbuing them with the highest ideals of duty, honor, and loyalty. College graduates commission as Ensigns in the Navy or Second Lieutenants in the Marine Corps. They have potential for future development in mind and character to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship, and government.



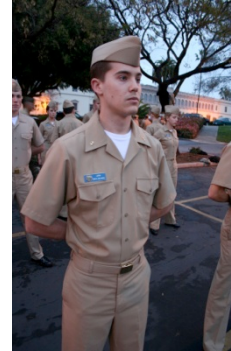
The NROTC Unit is headquartered at USD, which hosts the weekly drill periods, physical training sessions, and professional seminars. We also have a small office at San Diego State University. Naval Science courses are offered at USD and SDSU. All future Marine Corps Officers must complete Naval Science courses in the Evolution of Warfare, Amphibious Operations, National Strategy, and Naval Leadership and Ethics. Physical fitness programs, warfare clubs, Drill Team, Color Guard, intramural athletics, picnics,

and formal events promote *esprit de corps* and motivation that further broaden the scope of undergraduate life. The NROTC Unit is located in close proximity to a wide variety of Navy and Marine Corps facilities that provide our battalion members with outstanding opportunities for professional and military development, including: ship tours, wet-trainers, bridge simulations and flight simulations.

NROTC Students

There are several types of students in an NROTC Battalion. Upon graduation, all students are commissioned as Ensigns in the United States Navy or Second Lieutenants in the United States Marine Corps.

1. **Midshipmen.** Midshipmen consist of Scholarship and College Program students.



- a. **Scholarship Program:** Students are awarded scholarships on the basis of a highly competitive annual selection process. Selectees are appointed Midshipmen in the Naval Reserve and are provided tuition, fees, and textbooks for four years at the government's expense. In addition, they receive a monthly stipend and summer training pay amounting to approximately \$2,400 per year. These students participate in three summer cruise training periods.
- b. **College Program:** These students participate in the NROTC Program without a scholarship. Completion of the program culminates in a commission in the Navy or Marine Corps Reserves. The program is designed primarily for students who desire to obtain a commission but either missed the opportunity to apply or were not selected for a scholarship. The College Program is similar to the Scholarship Program with the exception that students pay for their own tuition, housing, fees, and textbooks. Students in the College Program will receive Naval Science textbooks and uniforms at no cost. College Program students may compete each semester for selection of NROTC controlled scholarships based on their academic and military performance in the NROTC Unit up to their junior year of college. Opportunities for scholarships under this program are contingent upon slots available nationwide. Students interested in the College Program apply directly through the NROTC Unit.

Advanced Standing: After their sophomore year of college, College Program students not selected for scholarship are screened for Advanced Standing. If selected to continue in the NROTC Program, students on Advanced Standing will receive a monthly stipend of \$350 during their junior year and \$400 during their senior year. Upon graduation they are commissioned as Ensigns in the Navy or Second Lieutenants in the Marine Corps.

- c. **Marine Option:** A limited number of Scholarship or College Program slots are available for students who wish to enter the NROTC Program as Marine Corps option midshipmen. For others who may decide on a Marine Corps commission

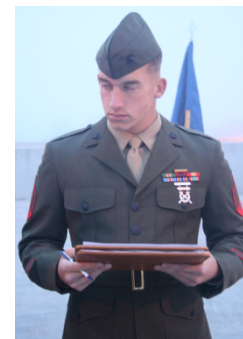
after joining NROTC, transferring to the Marine Option will result in a modification of the curriculum and the final summer training period.

- d. **Nurse Option:** A scholarship is available to students interested in pursuing a Bachelors of Science degree in Nursing (BSN). If selected, the student must major in a nursing degree program. Upon graduation, Nurse NROTC Scholarship Program students commission as regular officers in the Navy Nurse Corps.

- 2. **Officer Candidates.** Students who are currently enlisted in the United States Navy and were selected to the Seaman to Admiral-21 (STA-21) Program are assigned to NROTC units upon completion of Officer Candidate School. These students wear a uniform similar to that of a midshipmen and are referred to as “Officer Candidate (OC).” They must complete their degree requirements within three years. OCs receive full Active Duty pay, allowances, and benefits according to their current enlisted pay grade, and \$10,000 per year toward tuition expenses. Since Fall 2009, Officer Candidates are authorized to use the GI Bill to cover additional tuition that exceeds that of the STA-21 stipend of \$10,000.



- 3. **Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP).** The Marine equivalent to Officer Candidates, MECEPs are outstanding enlisted Marines selected by the United States Marine Corps for an opportunity to complete a degree, and apply for a commission as a Second Lieutenant. MECEP Marines are fully integrated into the NROTC Unit while they pursue college degrees. These students wear their Marine uniforms and are referred to by their current enlisted rank. Marines receive full Active Duty pay, allowances, and benefits, and are eligible to use their veterans’ education benefits to pay for college.



MECEP Requirements

MECEP student's requirements fall into three categories: Academic, Physical, and Professional.

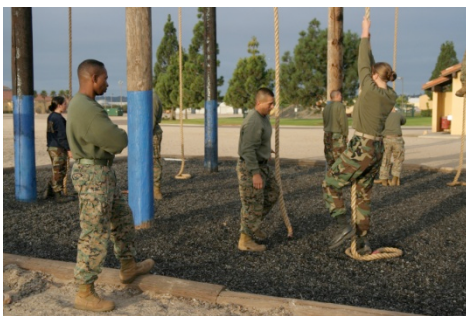
1. Academic

Students will pursue a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Sciences degree in the least amount of time required, while maintaining a 15-18 semester-unit course load (and a minimum of 6 credits during the summer). MECEPs must attend all classes and if they miss a class they must inform their MOI. The following classes are required for commissioning and must be integrated into the student's degree plan.

1. Evolution of Warfare – offered during Spring Semester
2. Amphibious Operations – offered during Fall Semester
3. Naval Leadership and Ethics – must be taken during the student's final Spring Semester
4. National Security Policy / American Military History – discuss specifics with the MOI

Students are required to maintain a minimum academic GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale to remain in good standing in MECEP. Failure to maintain a 2.5 GPA will result in the convening of an Academic Review Board with subsequent probation and possible disenrollment from the program.

2. Physical Training (PT)



All MECEP students are required to maintain a high level of physical fitness while enrolled in the program. All MECEP students are required to be a part of the Semper Fi Club. The Semper Fi Club meets once a week for PT. PT will be conducted on Mondays at 0600 and end by 0700. MECEPS will also PT with the battalion on Thursdays, from 0600 to 0700. It is imperative that all MECEP students DO NOT schedule classes until after 0900 on

Mondays and Thursdays to allow for PT and travel time. Keep in mind that traffic conditions vary in the San Diego area and will not be used as an excuse for missed events and classes. In addition to regular PT, the Semper Fi club (Marines and Marine-options) will conduct multiple hikes ranging from 4 to 12 miles throughout each semester. These hikes are typically held on PT days, or on a Saturday morning for the longer distances.

As an officer in the United States Marine Corps, one is expected to lead from the front. Minimum PFT standards reflect this tradition. While enrolled as a MECEP or Marine Option

Scholarship student, students are required to maintain a score of 261 or higher on the PFT, with a 3 mile run time of 22 minutes or less. Those who do not meet the prescribed requirements will be placed on remedial PT, which trains on Friday mornings, in addition to the other two regular PT sessions. Two PFTs will be administered during each semester; an inventory PFT in the first 2 weeks and a final PFT in the last 2 weeks. The final PFT will be entered into the Marine's official record if it is during the official reporting period. We encourage all new students to start working out regularly prior to arriving at the unit. Similar to the PFT, the CFT is administered twice during the fall semester, with the final score run in the Marine's record.

3. Professional

MECEP students are expected to demonstrate a high level of professionalism while a member of the NROTC unit. Every Tuesday each student in the battalion is required to attend a weekly Naval Science Laboratory period from 0600-0700. The prescribed uniform for this event will be either the Service C or Service B dependent on season. MECEP students are required to remain in the uniform of the day, during normal working hours. This is to remind the student that first and foremost they are still a Marine and must uphold all Marine Corps standards while enrolled in the unit.

As an enlisted Marine within the NROTC battalion, MECEP students are expected to lead by example. Marines are mixed into the San Diego NROTC battalion with Marine Option Midshipmen in order to provide mentorship and leadership to those new to the military. MECEP students will be looked upon as a source of information and guidance by midshipmen, such as in drill and how to handle a formation. While MECEP students maintain their rank while enrolled in NROTC, there will be times when a junior Marine or midshipmen will be issuing orders and instructions to those senior. It is imperative that these orders be followed as these billets are designed to build leadership skills and confidence.

Further, every student within the battalion is required to complete at least 10 hours of community service each semester, five of which are to be completed at unit-sponsored events. Giving back to the community is an important part of the NROTC command philosophy and this requirement reflects this idea of community involvement. More information may be found on page 14 in the Community Service section of Unit Activities, or from the unit's Volunteer Service Coordinator.

Monetary Benefits

MECEP students are personally required to pay for their education. However, students are encouraged to use either the GI bill or find scholarships that are available, or apply for student loans if necessary.

USD

Each year, Officer Candidates and MECEP who attend USD are eligible to apply for a working grant that will cover a portion of their tuition that is not covered by the GI Bill. For more information, contact the MOI/AMOI.

NROTC Policies

The following policies apply to the students of the NROTC program, as well as to staff interaction with both the NROTC students and parents. Additional policies regarding changes in student status will be discussed in the Change of Status section of this handbook.

1. Citizenship:

Students participating in the NROTC program are required to be U.S. Citizens. Those students who enter the program with a dual citizenship must relinquish their non-U.S. citizenship prior to commissioning. Be prepared upon check-in to provide certified copies of documents proving citizenship and/or birth records, both original and English translation if applicable.

2. Drug Policy and Urinalysis:

The Department of the Navy has a zero tolerance policy with regard to illegal drug use. Thus, the commanding officers of all NROTC units are authorized to conduct occasional urinalysis drug screenings for all students. Upon enrollment in the NROTC program and randomly thereafter, all students will be tested for use of illegal drugs. **In the event that a student tests positive for illegal drugs, a Performance Review Board (PRB) and Non-Judicial Punishment (NJP) will be immediately convened and the student will be recommended for disenrollment.**

3. Interaction with Advisors:

One distinct advantage of the NROTC program is that students have a dedicated active duty commissioned officer – Marine Officer Instructor (MOI) – as their advisor at the NROTC unit. MOIs check degree plans, confirm that program requirements have been or will be completed, verify class schedules, and advise students on academic and other matters as necessary.

The student is required to complete the following:

- A minimum of two meetings with the MOI per semester
- Provide the MOI with an up-to-date class schedule
- Provide the MOI with a degree plan (once a major is declared) that is signed by the student's university academic advisor
- Keep the A/MOI aware of issues, academic or otherwise, that are affecting the student's work, studying, or summer cruise/OCS participation
- Inform the MOI prior to dropping any class

The advisors' doors are always open to students; students may stop by or schedule appointments in person, by phone, or by email.

4. **NROTC Unit USD/SDSU Tattoo Policy**

Upon enrollment in the NROTC Program, all students are required to sign a statement of understanding regarding the current Marine Corps Officer Program Policy concerning tattoos, branding, and ornamentation. In addition, a Tattoo Screening Form is required in order to document the full extent of all current tattoos, brands, or body ornamentation.

The current Marine Corps policy concerning Tattoos, Branding, and Ornamentation is contained in the Military Personnel Procurement Manual, Officer Procurement (MCO P1100.73_) and the Marine Corps Uniform Regulations (MCO P1020.34_).

5. **Check-In Procedures**

- Upon receipt of orders call the AMOI at 619-260-2286 to verify check-in date
- On check-in date report to 4th Tanks Bn, 9955 Pomerado Rd, San Diego, CA 92131
- After 4th Tanks report to University of San Diego, Sacred Heart Hall Room 121 to check-in with the AMOI:
 - *Fill out all Forms for Student Admin File and Student Performance File
 - *Complete initial counseling with MOI**
 - *A mentor from the Semper Fi club will be assigned to assist with integration into the unit
- Check-In with Mr. Albano in the admin office, Sacred Heart Hall Room 112

**If MOI is TAD or on leave it is the student's responsibility to schedule an appointment ASAP upon their return.

6. **Leave Procedures**

MECEPs are full time students, as such their appointed place of duty is class. **Only the commanding officer can approve annual leave if it involves missing class.** Emergency

leave and other issues can be discussed with the MOI on a case by case basis. MECEP students should plan their leave during winter intercession or during the summer months when only 6 credits are required.

Changes in Status – Academic/Aptitude/Medical

During the course of a student's college career, unforeseen circumstances may arise that affect his/her status as a MECEP student. The information below summarizes the guidelines that the NROTC staff will use in assessing a student's status. This is not all-inclusive, and disposition of each student's case is determined on an individual basis. All MECEP students begin the program in good standing and will remain as such as long as they meet the program requirements, participate in required activities, and continue on track to graduate and commission within 48 months.

1. Academic:

Refer to MECEP Requirements on page five.

2. Aptitude:

This category applies to physical fitness, military bearing, and general behavior/conduct. Students will receive an evaluation every semester that assesses his/her aptitude in terms of the items listed above. To remain in good standing, MECEP student must satisfy PFT and CFT standards, complete the required qualifications, and demonstrate the character and bearing required of a future Marine Corps Officer. By his/her junior year, the student must exhibit the leadership potential expected of a future officer.

3. Medical:

This category covers illnesses or injuries that potentially affect a MECEP's academics, ability to meet required fitness standards, and/or potential to for a commission.

4. Warning – Academic/Aptitude:

Students will be placed in a warning status for an academic or aptitude GPA of less than 2.5. Warning status may require mandatory monitored study periods or workout hours, and a weekly meeting with the A/MOI, and/or additional actions as required.

5. Probation – Academic/Aptitude:

Students will be placed on probation for an academic or aptitude GPA of less than 2.5, low or failing grade for a class, or PFT failure. Students will be notified, in writing, of the terms of their probation and the actions required to be removed from probation. Failure to complete these actions will result in a Performance Review Board and a possible recommendation for Leave of Absence or Disenrollment.

6. Performance Review Board (PRB) – Academic/Aptitude:

This is a three to five-member administrative board convened by the Commanding Officer (CO) and chaired by the Executive Officer (XO) or the senior member assigned to review the performance of a student. The PRB may recommend a change in student status. A PRB may be convened for repeated poor academic or aptitude performance, multiple or repeated class failures, multiple PFT failures, inability to meet program requirements prior to the prescribed deadlines, a positive drug test, or other reasons as the Commanding Officer dictates. In the case of Non-Judicial Punishment, the PRB is a separate process.

7. Misconduct:

Misconduct that results in a conviction at NJP or Court Martial will result in disenrollment from the program.

8. Battalion Review Board (BRB)

A BRB may be held for any student by student battalion leadership. This is an administrative board comprised of student leadership and designed to explore the issues (academic or aptitude surrounding any struggling student). The board will make recommendations and provide a report to the MOI for review. Students may not recommend disenrollment, however they may recommend the permanent officer staff hold a subsequent PRB.

Commissioning

In order to receive a commission, MECEP students must graduate and successfully complete OCS and all academic, physical, and professional requirements.

Commitment

Upon commissioning, all MECEP students will incur a minimum of 4 years active service and report to The Basic School.

Aviation Contract

MECEP students wishing to pursue a career as a Pilot or Naval Flight officer should inform their MOI as soon as possible, but not later than 2 years prior to graduation. In addition, the student should begin studying for the Aviation Selection Test Battery (ASTB) to prepare for the test. Additional information should be solicited from the A/MOI.

Unit Activities

MECEP students in the NROTC program will participate in several different activities throughout their time at the unit. This section will discuss a few of these activities. As active duty military members, MECEP students are expected to drive the duty vans to and from the unit for official command functions.

Weekly Activities

1. **Naval Science Courses.** Before graduation, MECEP students will be enrolled in three Naval Science Courses at the University of San Diego or San Diego State University. NAVSCI 310 Evolution of Warfare, NAVSCI 410 Amphibious Operations, and NAVSCI 402 Naval Leadership and Ethics, taken the last spring semester prior graduation. MECEP students must also complete a 300/400 level course in American Military History or National Security Policy from their university.
2. **Physical Training.** MECEP students are required to PT at least two times per week with the Semper Fi club or the Bn. Ultimately, each MECEP student is responsible for maintaining standards of physical fitness.
3. **Naval Science Laboratory.** Also known as “Drill,” the Naval Science Laboratory is a weekly meeting/muster of the NROTC Battalion. During this time, students meet with their student and staff chains-of-command to discuss current events, career opportunities, and participate in other professional training.

Student Clubs

Participation in professional clubs is intended to provide direction with regard to future career possibilities upon receipt of a commission. All students are required to participate in at least one NROTC Professional Club and attend a minimum of two events each semester. Clubs meet 1-2 times per month and have 1-2 field trips per semester to local Navy and Marine Corps facilities.

1. **Aviation Club.** This club is designed to mentor future Navy and Marine Corps aviators in preparation for flight training. Each semester, the club hosts several events, including: tours, flight simulators, and question/answer sessions with current aviators. Furthermore, this club helps students prepare for the Aviation Selection Test Battery (ASTB) exam, which is required for acceptance to flight school.



2. **Semper Fidelis Club.** Semper Fi is responsible for the training and education of future Marine Corps Officers; its other goals include promotion of troop welfare and various social activities. These events provide the opportunity for members of the Semper Fidelis Club to get to know each other and the Marine Corps on an informal basis. Professionally, all members participate in a rigorous physical training program, which is conducted 2 times a week and is led by designated Physical Training Instructors to build confidence and knowledge in small unit leadership among members. All Marines and Marine-Option Midshipmen are required to participate in Semper Fi.



3. **Submarine Club.** The Submarine Club is responsible for the indoctrination of all students interested in the Nuclear (Surface & Submarine) Navy. This organization assists the instructors in the screening and preparation of students applying for the Navy Nuclear Program. There are numerous training & orientation opportunities at the surrounding naval bases in San Diego, CA. For example, some club members had the opportunity to tour the HMS Gotland, a Swedish attack submarine temporarily visiting San Diego. Furthermore, individuals routinely participate in damage control and dive trainers at the Point Loma Submarine Base.



4. **Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) Club.** The Surface Warfare Club, also known as the SWO Club, is responsible for the indoctrination of all students interested in pursuing a Navy career as a Surface Warfare Officer (SWO). Throughout the semester, the club organizes numerous training and orientation opportunities, including bridge simulators and ship tours, at the surrounding naval bases in San Diego. These tours are intended to expose midshipmen to the various platforms and job opportunities available in the Surface Navy.



5. **Special Warfare Club.** The Special Warfare club provides students with the opportunity to train for a career in the Sea, Air, Land (SEAL) or Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) communities. The immediate goals of the club are to mentor junior midshipmen, presenting the lifestyle and attitude necessary for selection into these highly competitive communities. The club stresses the importance of attaining leadership positions, maintaining high grade point averages, and preparing for the SEAL Physical Screening Test (PST). Typical club activities include pool meetings, calisthenics, and runs in combat boots and camouflage.
6. **Nurses Club.** All nurse-option midshipmen are required participate in the Nurses Club. This club facilitates mentoring with Naval officers from nearby hospitals. Midshipmen, civilians, and OC students are encouraged to take guided tours of medical facilities at Camp Pendleton, Miramar, and Balboa. Additionally, the club focuses on tours of medical units on various ships.

Student Teams

1. **Color Guard and Drill Team.** The San Diego NROTC Unit hosts a Battalion Color Guard and Drill Team. The Color Guard and Drill Team perform at military and civilian functions throughout the year, including: parades, ceremonies, demonstrations, and local sports events. All fourth class midshipmen with a GPA of 2.5 or higher, excluding Nurse-Option midshipmen, are required to join either Color Guard or Drill Team for one school year. MECEP students are used to train the Color Guard and Drill Team.
2. **Sailing Team.** Navy-option midshipmen are required to qualify as “Mate A” and “Skipper B” sailors prior to graduating. The focus of the Sailing Team is to develop the skills learned from Mate A and Skipper B qualifications, as well as to foster growth in seamanship and small unit leadership. Three sailing events are held each semester. The first is a Battalion Sail Day, in which qualified staff and midshipmen sail boats for an afternoon on the San Diego Bay. The other two sailing events are sailing regattas. The Sailing Team typically practices once each week, participating in local



aces held out of the Coronado Yacht Club. MECEP students are welcome to participate in Battalion Sail events.

Social Activities

The San Diego NROTC Battalion hosts several social functions each semester, including: picnics, formal events, and intramural sports. These activities allow students to interact outside of the Unit and to build lasting ties. Additionally, graduating seniors participate in a “Dining In” ceremony, which is a fun, formal dinner with their classmates and staff.

Pass-in-Review and Awards Ceremony

The Pass-in-Review is conducted at University of San Diego during Spring Semester. The NROTC unit conducts a formal military parade for the Commanding Officer, distinguished military guests, and officials from the various universities. The Spring Awards Ceremony is held in conjunction with the Pass-in-Review; several midshipmen, Marines, and sailors receive awards for outstanding performance, academic achievements and community service. Parents are invited to this event.



Community Service

Students are required to perform 10 hours of community service per semester, five of which must be at battalion-sponsored events. More is highly encouraged. There are multiple organized events throughout each semester, or students can volunteer for other outside projects in which they are interested. Projects in the past have included Bone Marrow Donor Registration, blood drives, Junior ROTC events, and the Special Olympics.



Typical Week for a MECEP Student

- PT with Semper Fi on Monday and Thursday mornings 0545 - 0700
- Attend classes as scheduled (to include Naval Science classes)
- Tuesday mornings weekly drill 0545-0700 all campuses.



Periodic Events

- Community Service: more on pg 14
- Admiral Stockdale Leadership and Ethics Symposium each Year.
- Club events: read more on page 11
- MOS Mixers: periodically during Drill in order to expose students to Officers from several career fields
- Combat Leadership Panel: held each Spring Semester
- Navy and Marine Corps Ball held each Fall semester, on or around the service's birthdays. The celebration is put together by students for students in commemoration of the militaries in which they serve.
- Pass-In-Review parades and awards ceremonies are conducted each semester.
- Academic Seminars and Symposiums. Numerous Seminars and Symposiums, relevant to battalion members are held periodically throughout the school year. All members are highly encouraged to attend.



Key Events: Fall 2014/Spring 2015

August 2014TBD: Freshman Orientation

September 2014

TBD: First Drill Period for Fall Term / CO's Call

TBD: Battalion Check-in / Admin Day

TBD: Inventory PFT / CFT

October 2014

TBD: Joint ROTC March-on

November 2014:

8: Navy and Marine Corps Birthday Ball

TBD: Final CFT

December 2014

2: Final PFT

20: Fall Commissioning Ceremony

January 2015

27: First Drill Period for Spring Term / CO's Call

February 2015

TBD: Inventory PFT

March 2015:

30-Apr 3: Spring Break (USD)

TBD: Senior Dinning In

April 2014:

24: NROTC Unit Pass in Review, Spring Awards ceremony, CO Change of Command and Retirement

May 2014

22: Spring Commissioning Ceremony

TBD: Final PFT / CFT

Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations

1. **Advanced Standing** – A College program midshipman in his/her junior or senior year who is receiving a stipend and has agreed to serve on active duty in the Navy or Marine Corps.
2. **AMOI** – Assistant Marine Officer Instructor
3. **College Program** – A midshipman who is voluntarily participating in the NROTC program without scholarship benefits.
4. **CORTRAMID** – Career Orientation and Training for Midshipmen: Summer Training for rising sophomores in San Diego. Three weeks long, this opportunity provides a window into the lifestyle and operations of the Navy and Marine Corps. Midshipmen are afforded a better and more well-rounded idea of the opportunities available as a future Naval or Marine Officer.
5. **LOA** – Leave of Absence.
6. **Midshipman** – A student participating in the NROTC Program.
 - a. **First Class (1/C)** – A fourth year midshipmen (usually a senior).
 - b. **Second Class (2/C)** – A third year midshipman (usually a junior).
 - c. **Third Class (3/C)** – A second year midshipman (usually a sophomore).
 - d. **Fourth Class (4/C)** – A first year midshipmen (usually a freshman).
7. **Marine Option** – A midshipman selected for commissioning as an officer in the Marine Corps following graduation.
8. **Mate A** – A midshipman who is qualified in general sailing and has demonstrated basic on-the-water sailing techniques.
9. **MCP** – Meritorious Commissioning Program. This program was canceled by the Marine Corps as of FY 2011.
10. **MECEP** – Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Education Program. These are active duty enlisted Marine Corps personnel that are provided the opportunity to go to college full time while receiving full pay, allowances and benefits. They must, however, pay for school out of their own budget.
11. **MOI** – Marine Officer Instructor
12. **Navy Option** – A midshipman who will be commissioned as a Naval Officer following graduation.

13. **Nurse Option** – A midshipman who pursues a degree in nursing and who agrees to be commissioned as an officer in the Nurse Corps.
14. **Officer Candidate (OC)** – Active duty enlisted Navy personnel that are provided the opportunity to go to college full time while receiving full pay, allowances and benefits. They are authorized a scholarship which in most cases covers their education expenses.
15. **Pass-in-Review** – Annual formal parade of all ROTC participants for presentation to university officials.
16. **PFA** – Physical Fitness Assessment for Navy Option students.
17. **PFT** – Physical Fitness Test for Marine Option students.
18. **PRB** – Performance Review Board.
19. **PT** – Physical Training.
20. **RT** – Remedial Training. Conducted on Saturday mornings for students who miss events or fail to meet standards of academics/uniforms/conduct.
21. **Scholarship Student** – A midshipman whose tuition is being paid for by the NROTC program.
22. **Skipper B** – A midshipman who has an advanced knowledge of sailing after completing all Mate A qualifications.
23. **Third Class Swimmer** – Is a person who can stay afloat and survive without the use of a personal Flotation Device (PFD) in open water long enough to be rescued in a man-overboard situation.
24. **U/A** – Any student who is late or misses a battalion event is considered to be in an unauthorized absence status and may be officially counseled and/or assigned to RT.

25. **Unit Contact Information**

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Executive Officer: CDR Stephen Dickerson

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Navy

LT Andrew J. Long– USD (Freshman OI)

LT Ken Pornpanit - USD (Sophomore OI)

LT Carlton Bayes - USD (Junior OI)

LT Clinton Johnson - USD (Senior OI)

LT Alyson J. Ronald and LT Charles Billhart – SDSU (Freshman/Sophomore OI)

Marine Corps

Major Michael Nelson – USD/SDSU (MOI)

GySgt Cory S. Taylor – USD/SDSU (AMOI)

GySgt Marcos Ortega- SDSU (AMOI)

University Veterans' Affairs Representatives

Contact the respective university's Veterans' Representative or Coordinator for more information regarding the GI Bill and/or any additional benefits you may be allowed because of veteran status. All universities have a veterans outreach or student veterans organization that can be a great source for answers to questions pertaining to funding, early registration, or anything else specifically dealing with that university and veterans' affairs. They are available to help.

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