

9/11, AFGHANISTAN and SECOND IRAQ WAR

1996

Unit midshipmen: 115 (94 Navy, 21 USMC); NROTC Choir performed at MU, Bucks & Admirals games and Mt. Carmel Nursing Home

Fr. Robert J. Wild, S.J. replaced Fr. Albert J. DiUilo, S.J. as MU President, serving through 2011, and again on an interim basis in 2013 and 2014.



Robert A. Wild, S.J. wearing the Chain of Office during inaugural ceremonies, 1996

18 JAN 1996

Trident Honor Society

3 FEB 1996

Drill meet, NWU, Evanston, IL

15-18 FEB 1996

Unit marched in Mardi Gras parade, New Orleans; National drill meet at Tulane

13 APR 1996

Sailing regatta, IIT

25 APR 1996

Physical Readiness Test

26 APR 1996

Spring Naval Services ball; guest speaker VADM Philip M. Quast, USN

4 MAY 1996

Awards day; guest speaker RADM Patricia A. Tracey, USN

14 MAY 1996

Senior Mess Night

18-19 MAY 1996

Commissioning ceremonies

SUMMER 1996

Navy cruises, Marine Corps training programs

29 AUG 1996

Trident Honor Society: 37 honored in spring, 38 in fall: new record

13 SEP 1996 Sailing regatta, Purdue, IN

28 SEP 1996 Unit took part in Al's Run for Milwaukee Children's Hospital; sailing regatta, IIT

10 OCT 1996 Physical Readiness Test

11 OCT 1996 Fall Naval Services ball, Wyndham Hotel

12 OCT 1996 NROTC/AROTC football

26 OCT 1996 Drill meet hosted by MU

9 NOV 1996 Marine Corps Birthday Ball

NOV 1996 President Clinton won re-election over challenger Bob Dole. He resumed office in January 1997, serving through 2001.



President Clinton

10 NOV 1996 Unit marched in Milwaukee Veterans Day parade

7 DEC 1996 Rifle, pistol & drill meet, Iowa State, Ames

14 DEC 1996 Commissioning ceremonies

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1997 Unit midshipmen: 129 (111 Navy, 18 USMC); NROTC Choir performed at MU, Bucks & Admirals games and Mt. Carmel Nursing Home

25 APR 1997 Spring Naval Services ball; guest speaker RADM Kevin P. Green, USN, Cdr. Great Lakes NTC

26 APR 1997 Awards Day

17 MAY 1997 Commissioning: 15 Navy Ensigns, 4 Marine 2d Lts; guest speaker MGEN Jos. A. Scheinkoenig, USMC

SUMMER 1997 Captain Daniel W. McElroy, USN took command of MU NROTC Unit until 2000. Navy cruises, Marine Corps training programs

12-20 AUG 1997 Freshman orientation, Great Lakes NTC

3 OCT 1997 Fall Naval Services Ball

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1998 Unit midshipmen: 120 (103 Navy, 17 USMC)

24 APR 1998 Spring Naval Services ball

16 MAY 1998 Commissioning ceremonies

SUMMER 1998 Navy cruises, Marine Corps training programs

19 JUN 1998 First-ever "Battle Stations" event, Great Lakes NTC, IL, 2 staff and 9 new Ensigns took part

19-26 AUG 1998 Freshman orientation, Great Lakes NTC, IL

31 AUG 1998 1 Navy Ensign commissioned

26 SEP 1998 Unit took part in Al's Run for Milwaukee Children's Hospital

3 OCT 1998 Sailing regatta, U of Illinois, Champaign

9 OCT 1998 Fall Naval Services ball

14 NOV 1998 Basketball tourney, Purdue, IN

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SUMMER 1999 Navy cruises, Marine Corps training programs

31 DEC 1999 Fear of global computer meltdowns entering the 2000 millennium, known as the Y2K crisis, was unfounded. One expected problem was abbreviating four-digit years to two digits; the other was that the year 2000 was a leap year.

2000 Unit midshipmen: 112 (97 Navy, 14 Marine Corps.) Unit's "Midshipman Handbook" was posted on the internet for convenience.

NOV 2000

George W. Bush defeated Al Gore in the presidential election, taking office in January 2001.



President Bush

31 MAR 2000

Drill meet, Miami, OH

28 APR 2000

Spring Naval Services ball

29 APR 2000

Tri-Service Awards day

6 MAY 2000

Senior Mess Night

15 MAY 2000

Armed Forces dinner

18 MAY 2000

Unit visit by VADM John W. Craine, USN, Chief, Naval Training & Education

20 MAY 2000

Unit commissioned 22 Navy Ensigns, 5 Marine Corps 2d Lts.

SUMMER 2000

Captain Dale Kaser, USN took command of MU NROTC Unit until 2003. Navy cruises, Marine Corps training programs.

16-23 AUG 2000

Freshman orientation, Great Lakes NTC, IL

23 SEP 2000

Unit took part in Al's Run for Milwaukee Children's Hospital

13 OCT 2000

Fall Naval Services ball

16 DEC 2000

Unit commissioned two Navy Ensigns

2001

Unit midshipmen: 106 (87 Navy, 19 Marine Corps)

16 MAR 2001

Unit drill team and band marched in Milwaukee St. Patrick's Day parade

30 MAR 2001

Seniors and staff attended Milwaukee Brewers Game

27 APR 2001

Spring Naval Services ball

28 APR 2001

Tri-ROTC Awards day

20 MAY 2001

Tri-ROTC Spring commissioning

SUMMER 2001

Navy cruises, Marine Corps training programs

15-23 AUG 2001

Freshman orientation, Great Lakes NTC, IL

11 SEP 2001

Islamic suicide pilots inspired by Osama bin Laden, wealthy global leader of al-Qaeda terrorists, flew hijacked passenger planes into and destroyed the World Trade Center in NYC, struck the Pentagon and crashed on a Pennsylvania field, killing 3,000 innocent people, mostly Americans. The world watched the live telecasts in horror.



7 OCT 2001

U.S. launched “Operation Enduring Freedom” in Afghanistan, in the wake of the “9/11” attacks. President Bush called on the Taliban to hand over Osama bin Laden, in order to dismantle the al-Qaeda terrorist network. The Taliban naively demanded proof of his guilt.



The U.S. and U.K. refused to negotiate, and sent forces to find bin Laden, and end the Afghanistan civil war. Other NATO allies later joined the U.S. and U.K.

A number of MU NROTC Marine officers have served, sometimes heroically, in this difficult ongoing conflict.



LtCol Mike Targos (CO, 1st Bn, 1st Marines - MUNROTC '92) and Capt Luke Balke (Alpha Co CO - MUNROTC '03) during Operation HELMAND VIPER III in Agha Ahmed, Kajaki District, Afghanistan.



Thomas Milroy and Rob Christensen show MU pride while deployed in Afghanistan.

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| 29 SEP 2001 | Unit competed in drill meet, U. Nebraska, Lincoln |
| 5 OCT 2001 | Tri-ROTC picnic, Milwaukee War Memorial Center |
| 12 OCT 2001 | Fall Naval Services ball |
| 20 OCT 2001 | Drill meet, UW - Madison |
| 15 DEC 2001 | Tri-ROTC commissioning ceremonies |
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| 2002 | Unit midshipmen: 104 (84 Navy, 20 Marine Corps) |
| 4-7 APR 2002 | Four Unit midshipmen to Leadership Weekend, Notre Dame, IN |
| 26-27 APR 2002 | Spring Naval Services Ball & Tri-ROTC Awards day: guest, RADM Paul F. Sullivan, USN |
| 17-18 MAY 2002 | Tri-ROTC Commissioning (19 Navy Ensigns, 3 Marine 2d Lt's.); guest speaker VADM Alfred G. Harms, USN, Chief, Naval Education & Training |
| SUMMER 2002 | Navy cruises, Marine Corps training programs |
| 26 JUL 2002 | Tri-ROTC Alumni Weekend |
| 16-21 AUG 2002 | Freshman orientation, Great Lakes NTC, IL |

29-30 AUG 2002 Unit rated “Outstanding” after CNET command inspection

21 SEP 2002 Unit took part in Al’s Run for Milwaukee Children’s Hospital

25 OCT 2002 Fall Naval Services Ball; guest speaker VADM Richard Mayo, USN

26 OCT 2002 Unit sent 36 midshipmen to drill meet & sailing regatta, UW - Madison

31 OCT 2002 RADM Ralph E. Suggs, USN (Ret), general manager, Harley Owners Group and Rider Services, visited unit and addressed Battalion

2-3 NOV 2002 Biennial Navy Nursing Symposium

9 NOV 2002 Unit marched in Milwaukee Veterans Day parade

14 DEC 2002 Unit commissioned one Navy Ensign (2002 total 20 Navy Ensigns, 3 USMC 2d Lts.)

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20 MAR 2003 U.S.-led Allied Coalition invaded Iraq on suspicion of “weapons of mass destruction.” The invasion led to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein being deposed.



Statue of Saddam Hussein being toppled in Firdaus Square, downtown Baghdad, on 9 April 2003

JUN 2003 Lt. Kevin O. Moller, USN selected as the Naval Education and Training Command's (NETC) Officer Instructor of the Year for 2002. He teaches naval weapons system classes to seniors, naval engineering classes to sophomores, and advises sophomores in the NROTC program at Marquette University on academics and military professional development.

SUMMER 2003

Captain Robert L. Wilde, USN took command of MU NROTC Unit until 2005.

NOV 2004

President George W. Bush defeated John Kerry, serving from January 2005 – 2008.



President Bush

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4-6 FEB 2005

Basketball tourney, Notre Dame, IN; Chicagoland drill meet, Wheeling

26 FEB 2005

Drill meet, U - Illinois, Champaign

5 MAR 2005

Naval engineering class: Damage Control Trainer at Naval Reserve Center, Green Bay

31 MAR-2 APR 2005

Six midshipmen attended Naval Leadership Weekend, Notre Dame, IN

7-11 APR 2005

Unit competed in drill meet & sailing regatta, U - Colorado, Boulder

22 APR 2005

Spring Naval Services Ball

23 APR 2005

Tri-ROTC Awards day

21 MAY 2005

Unit Commissioned 13 Navy Ensigns, 2 USMC 2d Lts.

SUMMER 2005

Captain J. M. Smith, USN, took command of MU NROTC Unit until 2007.

Navy cruises, Marine Corps training: CORTRAMID East 26 MAY – 25 JUN; West 7 JUL – 5 AUG; Marine OCS 29 MAY – 8 JUL; Two-phase summer training

13 JUL 2005	Unit commissioned 2 USMC 2d Lts following OCS
15 AUG 2005	Unit commissioned 1 Navy Ensign
18-24 AUG 2005	Freshman orientation, Great Lakes NTC, IL
24 SEP 2005	Unit took part in Al's Run for Milwaukee Children's Hospital
14 OCT 2005	Fall Naval Services Ball
29 OCT 2005	Drill and sailing competitions, UW - Madison
5 NOV 2005	Naval weapons class visited Wisconsin Maritime Museum & former WWII submarine USS Cobia (SS 245), Manitowoc, WI
17 DEC 2005	Tri-ROTC Commissioning: NROTC commissioned five Navy ensigns
8 DEC 2006	Deposed Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was executed by hanging after being found guilty by an Iraqi Special Tribunal of murdering Iraqi Shi'ites in 1982. Hussein instigated the Gulf War of 1990-91 by attacking Kuwait.
2006	Marquette University 125th anniversary

