From: Commanding Officer, NROTC Unit Arizona State University
To: Prospective Midshipman

Subj: NROTCU Arizona State University Welcome Aboard Package

Encl: (1) New Student Orientation

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Overview. NSO is a voluntary program but is strongly encouraged for all new midshipmen, on scholarship or not. NSO is six days in length, is of minimal to no cost (when possible), and is designed to give you a tailored indoctrination to the unit, military good order and discipline, and the Navy and Marine Corps team. NSO will occur 10-15 Aug 17 and will commence on the Arizona State University, Tempe Campus and culminate with a 3-university program at the Camp Navajo National Guard Base in Flagstaff AZ. NSO is a tremendous opportunity that will provide you with valuable information about your life as a student and midshipman as well as give us the opportunity to indoctrinate you in the military culture as well as complete several administrative requirements before you start school. It is not boot camp, an initiation, or rite of passage, but it is a rigorous training and indoctrination program designed to help you place your best foot forward as a military indoctrinated midshipman on your first day in class. We think you will find NSO both memorable and beneficial, and over the course of just a few days, you will form a lasting bond with your fellow midshipmen as well as a deep appreciation for the opportunities that await you as an Arizona State midshipman.

RSVP. Remember, NSO is voluntary but highly encouraged. Please email Lieutenant Coslick at Robert.Coslick@asu.edu no later than 07 July 2017 to let us know if you will or will not be attending. Additionally, please indicate if you have any allergies and if you have already requested early arrival for your dorm.

Arrival. When planning your travel and participating in NSO, please arrive at the unit on the Arizona State Tempe Campus, Social Sciences Building, Room 105 no later than 0700 on Thursday, 10 August 2017. Check-in wearing appropriate civilian
attire, such as khaki pants, a belt and a collared shirt or appropriate blouse for females. No shorts, jeans, open toe sandals, or clothing with holes or tears.

**Lodging.** Provided at no cost throughout New Student Orientation.

**Arizona State University.** Early move in will be from 0800 to 1500 on 07 August 2017. To view which dorm you have been assigned to, look under the campus services page on your MyASU account. **In order to obtain early move in status, you must apply for it.** To apply, go to your MyASU, click on “Campus Services”, the on the right side of the next page under On-Campus Living click on “University Housing Portal”. Select Early Arrival Request and fill in the required information. For reason, make sure you write in Navy ROTC. If you have any difficulties figuring out how to apply for early move in status, call University Housing at 480-965-3515. On move-in day, check in at the front desk of your dorm to obtain the key to your room. Please note that there will be no movers to help you so plan to move in yourself.

**Camp Navajo.** Prospective midshipmen will be provided lodging in military style open bay barracks rooms with bunk beds.

**Food**

**Arizona State University.** From 10-15 August 2017, food will not be provided and the dining halls will not be opened. It is recommended that you either bring food with you to keep in your room or bring enough money for meals. There are dozens of dining options on and around campus that are within walking distance. After you get back from Camp Navajo, the dining halls will be open and any meal plans that you made with the university will be in effect.

**Camp Navajo.** During your time at Camp Navajo, meals will be provided throughout the entire trip. Bringing your own food is not permitted.

**Items to Bring.** Bring the following items in a duffel bag or backpack (no suitcases).

- 3 white crew-neck t-shirts
- 3 pairs of black athletic shorts
- 6 pairs of white athletic socks
- 6 pairs of underwear
• 1 pair broken-in running shoes
• 1 pair shower shoes/flip-flops
• 1 swim suit (women: conservative black/blue 1 piece; men: black/blue swim trunks)
• Sunscreen
• Contact lenses/solution/storage case/glasses (if required)
• 2 bath towels
• 1 bar of soap and holder
• Toiletry kit containing:
  o 1 small travel sized shampoo and conditioner
  o Razor and shaving cream (males only)
  o Toothbrush and toothpaste
  o Fingernail clippers
  o Deodorant
• Required medicines (with prescription documentation)
• Black, brown or gold hairpins/barrettes/elastics (females only)
• 1 combination lock
• 1 white sheet and pillow for a twin-size bed
• 1 sleeping bag
• Food or money for food during 10-11 August 2017 period.
• Cellphone. While at Camp Navajo, your phone will be secured and locked for safe keeping.
• Lysol wipes/spray
• Note taking gear
• Bug spray

**Items NOT to bring**

• Knives or weapons of any kind
• Tobacco or alcohol products
• Jewelry
• Expensive electronics or valuables

**Typical Day.** On most days, students will fall into formation at 6:00 a.m. and conclude with orientation activities at 9:00 p.m. Activities will include physical training, military drill, training classes, and lectures from active duty and midshipman staff personnel to orient new students to the NROTC environment. Expect that training will be intensive, fast-paced, but always constructive and led by the most experienced and qualified training personnel.
**Uniforms.** During NSO, you will be issued Navy or Marine Corps Physical Training (PT) gear consisting of shorts, a t-shirt, and sweats. You will be issued your remaining uniforms, such as service, working and dress uniforms, at a later date.

**Physical Training.** PT is not the primary focus of NSO, but we will indoctrinate you on how we conduct PT and assess your readiness to join the program. You can also expect to participate in physically challenging leadership and team building exercises and events.

**Safety.** Your safety is our primary concern at NSO and we will ensure that all events to include PT, drill, transportation, and other activities are safe. Additionally, each staff member is CPR/AED trained and certified. If you feel at any time that your personal safety or the personal safety of others is at risk, you MUST call a “TRAINING TIME OUT” to alert us to the issue. We will thoroughly brief you on “Training Time Out” procedures at the beginning of every activity in order to remind the students that safety is priority number ONE, and that EVERYONE is a safety observer during training.

**Phone Access/Availability.** You are encouraged to bring your cell phones but routine cellphone at Camp Navajo will not be permitted. During the transit to Camp Navajo by bus, you will place your cell phone in a marked bag and it will be kept in a secure location for the duration of the event. At the end of training during the transit back to Tempe, your phones will be given back to you. If your family needs to reach you in an emergency, they can call the staff at: (480)338-2436.

**Family Attendance.** Families are highly encouraged to attend two key events during NSO located in the Social Science Building, Rm 105 (Tempe Campus):

- Welcome Aboard briefing  August 11th, 8:00 am
- Oath of Office Ceremony  August 16th, 11:00 am

Note: Public parking is readily available in the area for both events and make sure you remind them to bring a camera for your Oath of Office!

**Departure.** You will be dismissed at roughly 1:00pm on Tuesday 15 August 2017, so if you plan on leaving the campus, arrange personal transportation for that time. Directly after the Oath of Office, a picnic style lunch will be provided, where we encourage everyone to stay and enjoy some food and refreshments.
**ASU Orientation Events.** Besides NSO, there are a variety of different orientation events at ASU. These events are put on by the different Arizona State academic colleges and are designed to introduce you to your major and school. We strongly encourage you to attend these events on a not-to-interfere basis with NSO and meet the other people within your major. To view a list of these events, check your MyASU homepage under the Welcome Week tab.

**Point of Contact Information.** If you need to reach us for any reason whatsoever, but especially for coordinating your participation, arrival, or for any questions about the program beforehand, please contact:

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