

SEXTANT SOCIETY

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To all who shall see these presents greetings. The Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit located at the University of Missouri-Columbia and the University of Missouri-Columbia Battalion of Midshipman hereby charter **The Sextant Society**.

Said Society is an organization comprised of members of the NROTC battalion whom have demonstrated superior academic performance, maintain a high regard for physical fitness, and display a propensity for mentoring and motivating fellow Battalion members. Society members mentor new Midshipmen, Officer Candidates and MECEP students, facilitate assigned battalion functions, and perform community service.

To qualify for membership in the Sextant Society, a student must be a member of the NROTC battalion in good standing who may apply for admission to the Society provided s/he meets the following criteria:

- 1) Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better. Those with GPA of at least 3.2 may submit a letter, via their Naval Science Advisor, expressing their desire to join the Society.
- 2) Meet physical standards of a Good Medium PRT score or 225 PFT score and at a minimum no FEP requirements for one semester prior to application.
- 3) Exceed military conduct standards in personal presentation and volunteering for duties.

In addition, personal qualifications, awards, leadership billets, and community service add to credibility of moral character and will be taken into consideration during the selection process.

Upon selection, new candidates will have a two-week indoctrination period. The candidate will craft a personal sextant, obtain signatures from both the Unit Staff and members of the Sextant Society, and conduct an experiment of the Sextant Society's choosing in order to prove worthiness of induction.

Upon induction, members must maintain eligibility of their status within the Sextant Society by the following means:

- 1) Maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA cumulative for the duration of their stay in the NROTC Battalion.
- 2) Maintain a high level of physical fitness.
- 3) Remain in good standing in the Battalion.
- 4) Attend all meetings and functions approved by elected officials within the organization, unless prior approval is granted for excused absences.

Failure to comply with these criteria will result in removal from the Sextant Society.

Offices for members of the Sextant Society will be nominated and elected and held for a minimum of one semester and a maximum of one year. The offices are as follows:

- a. President: Assigns duties throughout the year for specified functions, directs when and where meetings will be held and represents the Sextant Society in all matters with both the Unit Staff and Battalion Staff.
- b. Vice-President: Organizes volunteer work within the community, assists the President with duties in order to facilitate good organization and group cohesiveness.
- c. Mentoring Coordinator: Maintains and directs the Mentoring program concerning the freshman class and other personnel requiring assistance and direction. Meets directly with Unit staff Military Academic Advisors, mentors and mentees in order to facilitate students maintaining minimum academic, fitness and military standards within the NROTC battalion.
- d. Treasurer: Maintains monetary funds for the Sextant Society, manages the Wardroom Refrigerator fundraiser throughout the semester, and makes necessary purchases for the Sextant Society with prior approval.
- e. Secretary: Maintains and handles paperwork for the organization and for meetings when conducted. Assists offices with organization and promotes smooth transitions through meetings and functions. Also maintains and updates the Sextant Society Wall in the Wardroom.

Once elected to a specified office, members cannot be re-elected to the same office to ensure proper rotation of billets that will foster continued growth and training within the Sextant Society.

Every member within the Sextant Society is responsible for compliance with maintaining his or her eligibility. Further responsibilities include:

- 1) Mandatory attendance to all Sextant Society functions and meetings unless previously excused.
- 2) Contributing a sum of \$50 to the Sextant Society "Fun" fund no later than their senior year that is designated to fund meetings at eating locations and other designated Sextant Society functions.
- 3) Be an exemplary role model to all battalion members in order to provide leadership and mentoring for the betterment of both the NROTC battalion and the Sextant Society.

Group responsibilities will include:

- 1) Minimum of 1 community project per semester to exclude summer semester, which will be designated by the Vice-President.
- 2) Coordination and execution of the Battalion Dining In during the Winter/Spring semester.
- 3) Maintain Wardroom fundraising year round in support of the Dining In and Community Service projects.

Members holding offices that fail to maintain eligibility requirements will be removed from the specified office and elections will be held at the group's earliest convenience.

Any member who requests dismissal from the Sextant Society may do so by written request to the Sextant Society and may require a formal meeting with the Commanding Officer.

J. Basil Read, III
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

John W. Parks
Midshipman 1/C, USNR
Battalion Commander

Current Sextant Society Roster for Winter Semester 2007:

Bellassai, Matthew - Midn.
Berosky, John - Midn.
Eason, Danny - Midn.
Hartline, Michael - OC - Mentoring Coordinator
Hofheins, Michael - OC
McGriff, Samuel - Midn. - Vice-President
McGuire, Michael - SSgt.
Parks, John - Midn.
Rea, Joel - Midn. - Treasurer
Russell, Amy - Midn. - President
Wellman, Brandon - Midn. - Secretary
White, Denver - Midn.