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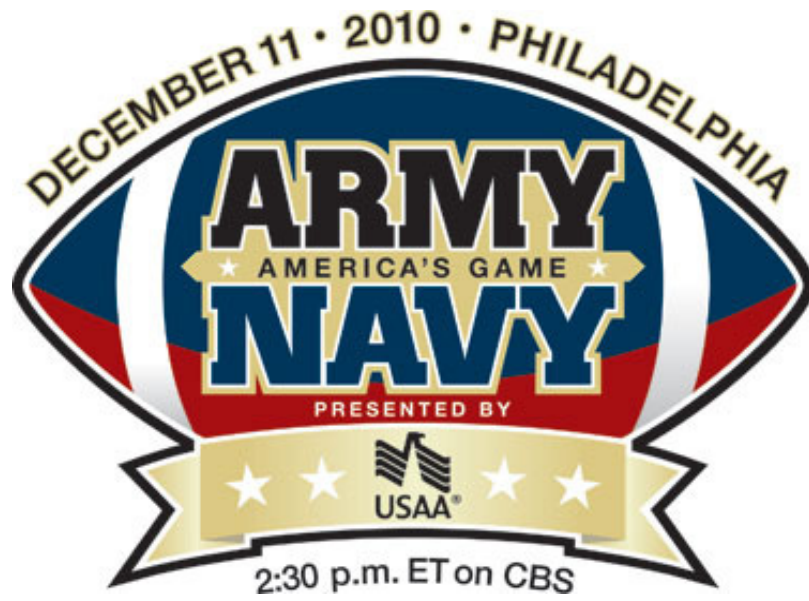
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Neptune's Feast

By Midshipman 4/C Richard Nolan

The Army-Navy game is one of the most spirited annual inter-service competitions. The game is always watched throughout the Fleet, and RPI is no exception. Midshipmen and officers alike were discussing the game long before the awaited day. In an effort to promote unit cohesion, Alpha Company came up with a game day MWR event. The concept was simple: serve the sea's finest food and enjoy a few hours of Annapolis midshipmen heaping abuse upon unsuspecting West Pointers.

The appointed day came, and the event went off superbly. The 15 midshipmen who attended came to Mother's around 1400. The food was delivered shortly after the game began, and was rapidly devoured. Three different kinds of fish, mussels, and various snacks and sodas whetted the appetites of the midshipmen present. The initial feasting soon slowed down, and the group settled down in the leather couches to enjoy the game. Emotions in the room ran high, and everyone was overjoyed at the speed with which Navy dominated the game.

By the end of the game, everyone present was content and spirits were high with the final score being 31-17 Navy. Several positive comments were made about the quality of the event and how much everyone enjoyed the food and the game. Special thanks to MIDN Kunz, Gregory, and Simons for providing MIDN Nolan with help in setting up the event.

Fast Facts:

- The first Army-Navy Game was played in 1890
- Navy has won 55 games to the Army's 49 games won
- Navy has won the last 8 Army-Navy games
- Midshipman Joseph Reeves is credited with wearing the first football helmet in the 1893 Army-Navy game after a doctor warned him another head injury would be life threatening. The helmet was made of leather by a shoemaker in Annapolis.
- Instant replay made its debut during coverage of the 1963 Army-Navy game
- The Navy goat mascot made its first appearance during the 4th Army-Navy game in 1893.

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Navy/Marine Corps Birthday Ball

By Midshipman 3/C Kathleen McDowell

On the evening of November 12, 2010, midshipmen from the Naval ROTC Unit at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute joined their friends and families in celebrating the birth of the Navy and Marine Corps through their 5th annual Navy and Marine Corps Birthday Ball. They celebrated in true Naval style, floating down the Hudson in a boat from the Captain J. P. Cruise Lines.

The evening included dinner, dancing, and a wonderful ceremony that honored Naval traditions. Many midshipmen, especially the seniors, were accompanied by their parents and dates. Some, like Midshipman Jolley, had their future spouses with them to help celebrate this momentous event.

The ceremony would not have been such a memorable experience without the help of some motivated midshipmen. Midshipman Church organized the event, and Midshipman Watson narrated the ceremony, which began with an eloquent benediction given by Midshipman Holmes. The color guard for the evening consisted of Midshipmen Maiwald, Johnston, Hosea, Gregory and Gonzaga. Other members of the ceremony included Midshipmen Barnes, Maloney, Nolan, Heinzl, Kastner, Perry, Fulton and Merek.

Many important traditions were followed that evening, including the symbolic passing of a piece of cake from the oldest Marine and sailor present to the youngest. With help from the cake escorts, Midshipmen Castello, Kane, Lameroux and Yager, Captain Hughes and Lt. Col Larson passed their pieces on to Midshipman Mazzuca and Midshipman Traver, respectively, in an act that symbolizes the passing on of knowledge and experience to the next generation.

A very special guest also attended Rensselaer's Navy and Marine Corps Birthday Ball. Rear Admiral Michael J. Conner, the Director of the Submarine Warfare Division (N87), joined the unit and their guests for the evening. He said a few words to the midshipmen and his presence and knowledge were appreciated by all present.

The formal part of the evening was concluded with a short speech from Captain Hughes, and then everyone finished eating and music started. By the end of the night, everyone had seen the senior midshipmen take a group photograph to commemorate the event, and many people present, including Captain Hughes, had taken off their jackets to dance.

The night was an overwhelming success, celebrating a long and important tradition of service to the United States of America through the Navy and Marine Corps. The midshipmen, their families, and their friends all left satisfied after an evening of camaraderie and observing Naval traditions.



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ROTC Appreciation Night

By Midshipman 3/C Katie Stone

An endless sea of people dressed and painted in prideful colors, red and white stood in anticipation. The intensity filled the air along with the roaring sound of cowbells and whistles they produced as the RPI Women's Hockey team raced against the clock in order to win their biggest game of the semester.

On December 4, 2010 the RPI Women's Hockey game against Union ended in a tie in overtime. Although the main event was the sport's entertainment itself, the night was a special night for several of the game's spectators. The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Appreciation Night offers all of the RPI service men and women a chance to be recognized by their peers. Celebrating their team spirit for RPI athletics brings the student body and the ROTC service members together for a night of respect and reflection.

The fun filled night was made possible with the help of RPI Athletics Department and the ROTC Units' Joint Service Representatives who put in copious amounts of time and effort. Their collaboration produced many events during the night including photos with Santa, a Chuck-A-Puck contest, and a ROTC concessions stand. All of these events produced a fun, exciting atmosphere for the hockey fans attending. This event created opportunities for the ROTC members to offer their leadership and team skills.

Overall the night was a success in inspiring an atmosphere of team spirit in the RPI student body. The ROTC Appreciation Night will be a long standing tradition for this school and its participating ROTC units who value its camaraderie.





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Military Appreciation Night

By Midshipman 4/C John Page

Military appreciation night saw a spectacular display of competition and energy during the men's hockey game against Colgate, the night brought a full crowd and the support of fans from both schools. Joined by the Army and Air Force ROTC units, our midshipmen cheered on RPI through to the end of the game and into overtime with the score tied one to one.

The colour guard, composed of Midshipmen and Army and Air Force Cadets, put on a proud display of our nation's ensign and the flags of the represented military branches. The three units' collaboration brought cheers and applause that filled the icehouse.

From the beginning of the match, the fighting Engineers put up a strong game, taking the first goal to a thunderous roar from the crowd. Holding fast, the Engineers kept the score for the first two thirds of the game, letting no goal pass their defences.

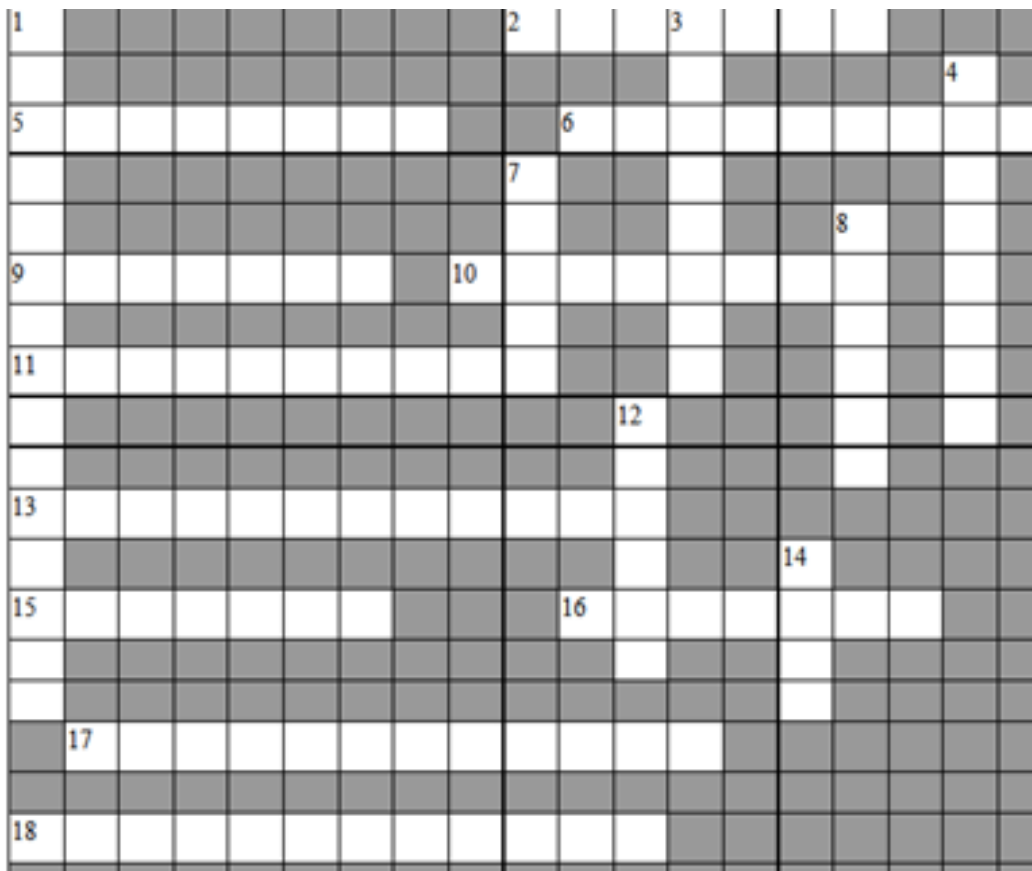
During the first intermission, Midshipmen Kane and Castello competed on the ice with the Army and Air Force, taking a victory for the Navy in a tricycle pedalling shootout. Gaining the lead from the start, Midshipman Kane steered his tricycle to the half court line and brought three pucks back to Midshipman Castello, who scored in the last shot, the first of all three units to do so. The Army and Air Force could not keep up the pace, and scored a combined total of one goal, leaving the Navy to its well-earned victory.

Deep into a heated third period, Colgate breeched RPI's defences, bringing the score to a tie. As the clock ticked down, the competition grew fiercer, glass quaking from pucks, sticks, and checking; but it was to no avail. In a stalemate, the game was forced into overtime, pushing both teams to their limits to bring victory to their school.

Two minutes in, there was still no score on either side to break the tie, but in the remaining seconds leading to an impasse, Colgate pulled ahead and defeated RPI. Through no small effort did they win, motivation holding the Engineers true to their team and to the game.

The event was attended by midshipmen and cadets as well as active and retired military members. The combined effort of RPI Athletics and the Joint Service Representatives created a fun and eventful night for all that attended.

Navy Ships Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. LPD built partially from steel salvaged from the Twin Towers
5. World's first nuclear submarine
6. A huge fire onboard drastically changed the way ships approach firefighting
9. First ironclad ship, famous for its battle with the CSS Virginia
10. Site of Japanese surrender, officially ending WW2
11. The Big E
13. Old Ironsides
15. Pear Harbor Memorial
16. Rumored to be quieter underway at 25 knots than a Los Angeles class in port
17. Current class of guided missile destroyers
18. The LCS with a trimaran built by General Dynamics

DOWN

1. "Sir, I have not yet begun to fight!"
3. American carrier sunk at Midway
4. Cruiser credited with shooting down a satellite with an SM3 in 2008
7. Her sinking in Havana harbor started the Spanish-American War
8. Famous WW2 admiral with a class of carriers named after him
12. Frist submarine to successfully sink a ship
14. Destroyer attacked by suicide bombers in Yemen in 2000