



# Life at the Naval Academy



It would be impossible to predict what four years at the Naval Academy would be like for you personally, but we can describe our philosophy, our curriculum and the daily life you can expect. Only when you experience the exhausting rigors of Plebe Summer, only when you face the responsibility of leading other midshipmen and only when you throw your hat into the air at graduation will you really know what the Naval Academy experience is all about. Make no mistake that the four years at Annapolis are very challenging, tightly structured, and designed to push you beyond what you think are your limits. Within this framework however, there are many ways you can pursue your individual areas of interest. In this section, we will give you a general description of life at the Naval Academy. Later chapters give you the details of the academic, athletic and professional training programs.

*Any healthy organization can survive individual divergencies, and may even profit from them. Compulsory unification of opinion can only achieve the unanimity of the graveyard.*  
—Admiral Hyman Rickover, Class of 1922

## Definitions

Let's start with a few basics. On your first day at the Academy, you begin learning a whole new vocabulary of naval terms. Before long, the floor is 'the deck,' the wall is 'the bulkhead' and the restroom is 'the head.' Likewise, midshipmen seniority is stated in a way different from traditional college terms.

All Naval Academy students, men and women, are called midshipmen, which is a rank between chief warrant officer and ensign in the Navy. A midshipman first class is a senior or "firstie." The student body is the Brigade of Midshipmen, or simply 'the brigade,' and the naval service often is called 'the Fleet.' The brigade is divided into six battalions. Five companies make up each battalion, making a total of 30 companies. The midshipmen command structure is headed by a first class midshipman, chosen for outstanding leadership performance to be brigade commander. He or she is responsible for much of the brigade's day-to-day activities as well as the professional training of midshipmen. Overseeing all brigade activities is the Commandant of Midshipmen, an active-duty Navy or Marine Corps senior officer. Working for the commandant, experienced Navy and Marine Corps officers and senior enlisted lead the companies and battalions.

## Living with Honor

The Honor Concept of the Brigade of Midshipmen was established by midshipmen to urge all hands to carry out their duties with the highest sense of personal integrity and honor. It represents the minimum standard that midshipmen are expected to follow. Honor, integrity, and loyalty to the service, its customs, and its traditions, are fundamental characteristics essential to a successful naval officer. Lying, cheating, and stealing are intolerable in the

*Live and work in a safe, positive and predictable environment. The Naval Academy is among America's safest college campuses.*



*The Naval Academy traditions remind me of the rich history of the Navy and how it is my obligation to do my best in order to honor those who have gone before me.*

—Midshipman John Hayashi, Class of 2008

brigade as in the Fleet, and may be cause for separation from the Naval Academy. The emphasis is on “doing what is right” rather than simply not breaking the rules.

To underscore their commitment to living a life of honor, midshipmen developed and implemented a living document known as the Honor Treatise of the Brigade of Midshipmen. The Treatise is a positive and uplifting statement directly from the midshipmen expressing who they are and what they are striving to achieve. It sets forth the common goals and ideals which midshipmen envision for themselves at the Naval Academy as well as in the Fleet. The Honor Concept and Honor Treatise are the brigade’s way of preparing midshipmen for a life of honorable service to their country. After all, the future of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Naval Academy relies on its men and women, and their dedication to strive to do that which is right.

### **Four-Year Summary**

The pull-out chart on the preceding page provides a diagram showing the highlights of the Naval Academy’s four-year program. Each year at the academy builds on the learning and experience of the previous year. As you complete basic courses and begin advanced studies, you also take on more responsibility in leading underclassmen at Annapolis and acting as a junior officer during summer professional training with the fleet.

### **Life in the Brigade**

No matter what your background, chances are the living arrangements at the Academy are different from anything you have experienced. The day begins with reveille and ends with “lights out.” You stand watches, march to meals and wear uniforms for almost everything you do. You and your roommates must keep your room ready for a military inspection at any time and keep your uniforms in regulation condition. Demerits are awarded for a room or uniform that is not in proper order or “squared away.”

All midshipmen live in Bancroft Hall, a huge dormitory complex. You are assigned to a room with one or more midshipmen and live in close proximity to about 130 other midshipmen in your company. Men and women midshipmen from all four classes make up each company. Each company has its own area called the “wardroom” for meetings and recreation. Midshipmen rooms are wired for Internet access, closed circuit TV and telephones.



## COMMANDANT OF MIDSHIPMEN

*Captain Margaret Klein, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Commandant of Midshipmen, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science degree. She is an accomplished Naval Flight Officer who has served as Commanding Officer of Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron THREE and Wing Commander of Task Force 124 and Strategic Communications Wing ONE. Captain Klein holds a Master's degree in Education from the University of Southern Maine and was a Brookings Legislative Fellow for Senator Olympia Snowe. As Commandant of Midshipmen, she oversees the professional development and day-to-day lives of the Brigade of Midshipmen.*



“An appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy is an extraordinary gift from the American people, and is the first step in joining a proud tradition of leadership and honorable service to our great nation. The U. S. Naval Academy will provide you with a top notch academic education, superior athletic opportunities and an unparalleled character and leadership development experience—an experience that will provide you the foundation necessary to lead the men and women of our Navy and Marine Corps team.

As a midshipman you will be held to a higher standard than that of your peers. You will be expected to conduct yourself as an officer at all times. Honor and integrity will be paramount in every aspect of your life. You will participate in sports year round and be exposed to myriad of unique leadership opportunities that only the U. S. Naval Academy can provide. Your summers will be spent around the world operating in the fleet with the Navy and Marine Corps team. Whether you are flying off of an aircraft carrier, sailing the seven seas, transversing the ocean depths or serving in the field with our Marines, you will experience first hand the exciting opportunities that await you upon graduation and commissioning.

The Naval Academy is an experience unlike any other. Successful completion will require your undivided Honor, Courage, and Commitment. The challenge is great but the opportunities are limitless. Will you accept the challenge?”

The company is the most important unit of the more than 4,000-member Brigade of Midshipmen. Many of your most rewarding experiences at the Naval Academy are those you share with members of your company. You eat, sleep, study, drill, play and compete as teams with your company mates. You learn to trust and rely on each other. The company experience also gives you an idea of how things work in the Navy and Marine Corps, where small-unit cohesion, teamwork and morale are as important in peacetime operations as in combat. Each year, companies compete for the title, ‘Color Company,’ the best in the brigade. The year-long color competition among the 30 companies is one way company spirit is built. Companies accumulate points for academic, professional and intramural excellence. The company with the most points is recognized at the Color Parade during Commissioning Week and then enjoys special privileges for the next year, including the honor of representing the Naval Academy at official functions such as presidential inaugurations.





## Plebe Summer

All midshipmen begin the four-year program with Plebe Summer, a period designed to turn civilians into midshipmen. Plebe Summer is no gentle easing into the military routine. Soon after entering the gate on Induction Day, you are put into uniform and taught how to salute by the first class midshipmen who lead the plebe indoctrination program. For the next seven weeks, you start your days at dawn with an hour of rigorous exercise and end them long after sunset, wondering how you will make it through the next day. Forget television, leisure time or movies. You will have barely enough hours in the day to finish your assigned plebe tasks!

The frantic, exhausting pace of Plebe Summer leads you somewhere. It gets you ready for your responsibilities when the brigade returns from summer training and the academic year begins. The summer also builds the foundation for the tangible and intangible qualities that make an outstanding naval officer. You learn self-discipline. You learn to organize your time and decide which things are most important. You reach top physical condition. You develop your ability to think clearly under stress and to react quickly when the unexpected comes your way. Any officer who has stood the watch on the bridge of a ship in a storm or landed a jet on the deck of an aircraft carrier at night can tell you the importance of these qualities.

Plebe Summer introduces you to the basic how-to's of the Navy as well. Aboard Naval Academy sailboats, you learn to respect the power of wind and current. You learn the basics of seamanship, navigation and boat handling. On the weapons range, you learn how to fire small arms safely and accurately. You also learn why we have high standards of honor, character and conduct. And, you begin to develop your own ideas about leadership and the techniques that will make you an effective leader.

## Academic Year

When the upperclassmen return to the academy in late August to begin the academic year, you begin a routine that becomes very familiar during your four years. A typical weekday schedule looks something like this:

5:30 a.m.	Arise for personal fitness workout (optional)
6:30 a.m.	Reveille (all hands out of bed)
6:30 - 7:00 a.m.	Special instruction period for plebes
7:00 a.m.	Morning meal formation
7:15 a.m.	Breakfast
7:55 - 11:45 a.m.	Four class periods, 50 minutes each
12:05 p.m.	Noon meal formation
12:10 p.m.	Noon meal for all midshipmen
12:50 - 1:20 p.m.	Company training time
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Fifth and sixth class periods
3:45 - 6:00 p.m.	Varsity and intramural athletics, extracurricular and personal activities; drill and parades twice weekly in the fall and spring
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Supper
8:00 - 11:00 p.m.	Study period
Midnight	Taps for all midshipmen

When you add to this schedule the time required for military duties, inspection preparation and extra academic instruction, you can see the demands on your time are considerable.



## Leadership Responsibility

As you progress through the years at the academy, leadership responsibilities grow. Each year, you and your classmates assume more important roles in running your company, your battalion and the brigade. By the time you are a first class midshipman, you are making daily decisions affecting the morale and performance of other midshipmen. You are teaching them the fundamentals of the naval profession and helping them through difficulties. You are leading through personal example, ability, authority and techniques you learned in the classroom and through three years experience. Your leadership responsibilities also increase in summer professional training, culminating as a junior officer during your first class summer cruise.

You build your leadership skills in these and other settings, where you can learn from mistakes and benefit from the guidance of seasoned officers and senior enlisted. By the time you take your position as a naval officer responsible for leading Sailors and Marines, you have had practical leadership experience and in developing teamwork to accomplish goals and objectives.

## Spiritual Fitness

The copper-green dome of the Chapel towers over the other buildings in the Yard at the Naval Academy and, in a sense, serves as a symbol of the academy to the outside world. This is more than a coincidence. Over the decades of our history, fighting Americans have learned by experience that there is a dimension to military leadership — both in and out of combat — that is essential to real effectiveness. This is the spiritual factor, the intangible quality we call moral courage.

It is this aspect of the academy's mission that the Religious Ministries Program strives to fulfill: to foster spiritual fitness and promote the moral development of the midshipmen within the tenets of an individual's personal faith or belief. The Chaplain Center serves the religious and spiritual needs of the brigade by ministering to the midshipmen through pastoral care, spiritual and religious mentoring, ritual and sacramental obligations and by providing pastoral care for all, regardless of their faith background.

The academy embraces freedom of religion in all that we do. This means allowing our midshipmen to worship or not as they desire while placing no requirements on midshipmen to embrace specific beliefs or participate in specific religious events. At the same time we provide support for a wide variety of religious beliefs so those midshipmen who desire to worship are free and able to do so for their own personal moral development.

While attendance at religious services is voluntary, midshipmen are reminded that as officers of the naval service, their personal beliefs will often be tested, and that in time of stress their subordinates will look to them for spiritual, as well as professional guidance. The Naval Academy has long believed that future officers owe it to themselves and to those they will lead to gain insights into moral, ethical and spiritual dimensions of military leadership. Further, we want to make sure our midshipmen understand the responsibilities they will have as officers in ensuring religious support for their Sailors and Marines no matter the nature of their beliefs. Not only do we want our midshipmen and young officers to respect the beliefs and practices of those who follow a different religion or hold beliefs different from their own, we want them to understand and embrace their need as officers to ensure their Sailors and Marines can attend services and receive religious support aboard ship or on the battlefield. From the first day of Plebe Summer until the day of commissioning four years later, the academy's chaplains serve and minister to the spiritual needs of the Brigade of Midshipmen. Chaplains are actively involved in a host of Brigade activities, provide personal counseling, ranging from faith-centered issues through crises of life and death, to future marriage plans.



*The Naval Academy provides all the ingredients necessary to become a Naval Officer . . . Everyone here will make great leaders.*  
—Ensign Jared Schmitt, USN, Class of 2007





## Recreation

All midshipmen are encouraged to take part in one of the academy's many clubs and extracurricular activities. For plebes especially, these activities help to relieve the stress of academics and the tough military routine. After plebe year, your free time increases. You may relax, pursue personal interests, date and explore the local area. There's much to see and do in Annapolis, Baltimore and Washington, D.C. There also are many cultural, social and sports activities sponsored by the Academy.

### *Spectator Sports*

On autumn weekends, the excitement and color of Navy football sweeps the brigade. All midshipmen attend home games in the nearby Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. The football season ends with the entire brigade cheering on the team in the traditional Army-Navy game. There are 30 other varsity Navy teams to cheer on as well. Outstanding spectator facilities bring out enthusiastic Navy supporters for almost every rivalry from wrestling and swimming to lacrosse, basketball, soccer and baseball.

### *Plebe Sponsor Program*

During Plebe Summer, every midshipman is introduced to an Annapolis-area family that has volunteered to host midshipmen for dinners, local sightseeing, recreation and simple relaxation away from the demands of the Yard. Many sponsor relationships last long beyond the academy years.



### *Social Events*

The Brigade Activities Committee plans several special weekends during the year, including events like the annual International Ball with young guests from foreign embassies in Washington, D.C. Midshipmen groups also plan and participate in theatrical events, concerts and dinners. Senior naval officers join midshipmen regularly for traditional mess nights featuring formal rules of order, formal toasts, skits and good-natured fines. Individual companies of midshipmen often organize their own special activities on weekends. Certainly the highlight of our social calendar is Commissioning Week in May—five days of dances, garden parties, parades, concerts and a Blue Angels flight demonstration all culminating in graduation and commissioning of the first class midshipmen.

### *Cultural Affairs Program*

We take advantage of our proximity to Washington, D.C. and Baltimore to arrange tickets and transportation to cultural events in those metropolitan areas. Plays, symphonies, operas and ballets at Washington's Kennedy Center and other theatres are open to midshipmen from all classes.

With the Bob Hope Performing Arts Center at Alumni Hall, the Naval Academy is able to provide a wide variety of theatrical and concert events to midshipmen. The Distinguished Artists Series, which presents performers of international renown, is the centerpiece of the program. Masqueraders productions, musicals, glee club concerts, chapel organ recitals, music concerts, Naval Academy Band concerts and chamber music recitals round out the action-packed year of events on the Yard. Many other cultural activities, including poetry readings and lectures by leading American authors, are offered at the academy.

*I found that my priorities were changing as I was discovering more and more opportunities.*

*I found myself looking at activities I had always wanted to try and this was the perfect time and place to give it a go.*

*Each activity taught me something new and valuable so I figured I couldn't go wrong.*

—Midshipman  
Genevieve Studer,  
Class of 2008



## Extracurricular Activities

Even with a midshipman's demanding academic and athletic schedule, you will have time for extracurricular activities (ECAs). The following are some of the Naval Academy's current ECAs.

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| Amateur Radio Club                               | Gospel Choir                                     | Paintball  |
| American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics | Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers | Phi Alpha Theta                                  |
| American Nuclear Society                         | International Midshipmen                         | Phi Kappa Phi                                    |
| American Society of Mechanical Engineers         | Japanese American Club                           | Physics Club                                     |
| Art Club   | Jewish Midshipmen Club                           | Pi Sigma Alpha                                   |
| Association of Computing Machinery               | Joy Bright Hancock Group                         | Pi Tau Sigma                                     |
| Astronomy Club                                   | Judo   | Pipes & Drums                                    |
| Baptist Student Union                            | Jui Jitsu  | Protestant Choir                                 |
| Black Studies Club                               | Korean Midshipmen Club                           | Protestant Midshipmen Club                       |
| Campus Crusade for Christ                        | Labyrinth  | Semper Fidelis Society                           |
| Campus Girl Scouts                               | Latin American Studies Club                      | Sigma Tau Delta                                  |
| Cannoneers                                       | Latter Day Saints                                | Silent Drill Team                                |
| Catholic Choir                                   | <i>Lucky Bag</i> (yearbook)                      | Socratic Society                                 |
| Catholic Midshipmen Club                         | Marine Technology                                | Society of American Military Engineers           |
| Cheerleaders                                     | Masqueraders                                     | Society of Automotive Engineers                  |
| Chemistry Club                                   | Math Club  | Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers       |
| Chess Club                                       | Midshipman Action Group                          | Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers |
| Chinese American Club                            | Men's Glee Club                                  | Society of Naval Engineers                       |
| Churchill Society                                | Midshipmen Symphony Orchestra                    | Society of Women Engineers                       |
| Color Guard                                      | Model United Nations                             | Surface Navy Association                         |
| Debate   | National Eagle Scout Association                 | Tau Beta Pi                                      |
| Dolphin Club                                     | National Society of Black Engineers              | Team Bill  |
| Drum & Bugle Corps                               | National Society of Collegiate Scholars          | Team Philo                                       |
| Fellowship of Christian Athletes                 | Naval Academy Aviation Society                   | Trident Brass                                    |
| Fencing Club                                     | Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference         | Upsilon Pi Epsilon                               |
| Filipino American Club                           | Navigators                                       | Women's Glee Club                                |
| French Club                                      | Oceanography Club                                | WRNV (Radio Station)                             |
| German Club                                      | Officers' Christian Fellowship                   | YP Squadron                                      |
| Glee Club Musical                                | Omicron Delta Epsilon                            |  |
| Golden Key National Honor Society                |  |  |

*With service work you may not always see immediate results, but you know what you are doing will have an impact over time. It is one of those times where a few people, even one, can make a difference.*

—Ensign  
Dan Misch,  
Class of 2007







*Keeping my experiences in the context of broader, less immediate goals helps me remain focused and excited about my future. Few environments will facilitate and require as much teamwork among friends. At the end of the day most experiences are really about the people.*  
—Midshipman Dave Parker, Class of 2008

### **Local and Area Attractions**

The Naval Academy adjoins historic downtown Annapolis, which is famous for its state capitol, colonial homes and waterfront. The city dock is the focal point of the Annapolis waterfront. Workboats outfitted for harvesting crabs and oysters berth next to million-dollar sailing yachts and power boats. During mild weather, the dock is the scene of concerts, boat shows and festivals mixing midshipmen and local citizens with thousands of tourists. For a small city of 40,000, Annapolis is very sophisticated, offering many fine restaurants, boutiques, art galleries, museums, a repertory theater and a symphony orchestra. Several large shopping centers and malls are located in the suburbs.

Maryland's largest city, Baltimore, is approximately 30 miles from Annapolis and the Naval Academy. Baltimore's Inner Harbor offers a wide variety of specialty shops, eateries and entertainment. The Maryland Science Center and the National Aquarium are also there. Greater Baltimore also has theatres, galleries, museums and a zoo. For sports enthusiasts, a professional indoor soccer team, a minor league hockey team, the Orioles baseball team and the Ravens football team provide sports excitement.

Due west of Annapolis lies Washington, D.C., our nation's capital. Washington is home to the Smithsonian Institution with its museums of Natural History, National Gallery of Art, American History and Air and Space. There are hundreds of other attractions ranging from art galleries, symphonies, opera, ballet and off-Broadway theatre to rock and jazz concerts, ethnic festivals and scenic parks. Washington also has its share of professional sports teams including the Redskins in football, the Nationals in baseball, the Wizards in basketball and the Capitals in ice hockey.

## Midshipmen Pay and Benefits

The Navy pays for the tuition, room and board, medical and dental care of Naval Academy midshipmen. You also enjoy regular active-duty benefits including access to military commissaries and exchanges, commercial transportation and lodging discounts and the ability to fly space-available in military aircraft around the world. Midshipmen pay is \$845.70 monthly, from which laundry, barber, cobbler, activities fees, yearbook and other service charges are deducted. Actual cash pay is \$100 per month your first year, increasing each year to \$400 per month in your fourth year.

## Leave and Privileges

The Naval Academy's combined academic, military and physical development programs demand a lot of effort, requiring you to spend more time on campus than the typical civilian college student. But midshipmen enjoy Christmas and summer vacations (leave) plus shorter periods of time off (liberty). Free time to be away from the Academy is based in large part on assigned military responsibilities, performance in academic and military endeavors and class seniority. All midshipmen generally are granted leave during these periods:

- Thanksgiving leave;
- an end-of-semester leave;
- mid-term leave during spring semester;
- a short liberty period at the end of spring semester and before Commissioning Week;
- three weeks of summer vacation

During semesters of the academic year, off-campus privileges fall into two categories: town liberty and weekend liberty. Weekend liberty permits you to leave the Academy after your last military obligation on Saturday morning and return Sunday evening. Liberty curfews differ according to seniority. You are not eligible for liberty if you are assigned a military duty/watch (rotated responsibilities) or if you are having serious difficulty in academics, conduct or military performance. Generally, town and weekend liberty is authorized for midshipmen as follows:

- Plebes have town liberty on Saturdays (noon to 10 p.m.) and yard liberty within the Naval Academy complex on Sundays.



- Town liberty is granted for upperclass midshipmen in accordance with class year on the weekends.
- Overnight weekend liberty is granted to upperclass midshipmen based upon class, color company standings, and individual performance.

### *Motor Vehicles*

Restrictions apply to your use of motor vehicles as a midshipman. This is necessary because parking space is very limited at the Academy and in Annapolis. Also, you have limited time off in the first years to make use of a private vehicle. These are the current rules:

- Third-class midshipmen and plebes are not permitted to operate motor vehicles except when authorized leave, such as during Christmas vacation.
- Second-class midshipmen may have a car but must maintain and operate it beyond Academy grounds.
- First-class midshipmen may drive a car in Annapolis and on the Naval Academy.
- No midshipman is allowed to maintain or operate a motorcycle within town liberty limits.



### *Alcohol and Drugs*

As a future naval officer, you are expected to not abuse alcohol and to shun illegal drugs entirely. Normally, plebes are not allowed to consume alcoholic beverages. As an upperclass midshipman, you may drink if you are the minimum legal age for drinking (21 in Maryland). If you choose to drink alcohol, the Naval Academy will provide social occasions where responsible use of alcohol is permitted, such as at an official reception. The use of illegal drugs is strictly forbidden and results in expulsion from the Academy. As a midshipman, you are subject to random drug testing through urinalysis, consistent with Navy-wide policies and procedures.

### *Prevention and Deterrence of Sexual Harassment and Assault*

The Naval Academy does not tolerate sexual harassment or assault. Our goal is to prevent sexual assault from occurring through comprehensive education and awareness training. Academy staff and faculty seek to provide the safest possible learning environment for midshipmen by maintaining a professional command climate that promotes dignity and respect and by implementing a dynamic, proactive training program. The Academy programs are consistent with those in the Fleet and Marine Corps.

The Sexual Assault Victim Intervention program provides training to the Brigade of Midshipmen through an extensive four-year curriculum that covers a broad range of topics such as date rape awareness, prevention and intervention. Midshipmen are also educated on victim support, victim's rights, and the medical and legal aspects of sexual assault cases. Various guest lecturers, specializing in the topic of sexual assault awareness and deterrence, provide further education throughout each year. Midshipmen are expected to exercise responsibility in preventing and deterring unacceptable behavior from occurring, and to conduct themselves as officers with character.

In the rare event that an incident does occur, the Academy has created an environment that encourages victims to come forward by providing multiple paths of reporting, twenty-four hour on-call support, prompt response to allegations, and immediate protection for the victim. All victims of sexual assault are treated with fairness and respect. Key members of the Naval Academy's staff ensure the sensitive, coordinated and effective handling of sexual assault cases involving midshipmen, including referral to a victim

advocate, counseling, and medical services. All allegations are thoroughly investigated and perpetrators are held accountable, under due process afforded by the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

### **Services**

Almost everything you need as a midshipman is available on the Academy grounds. There's a bookstore, uniform and tailor shop, cobbler shop, snack bar, barber/beauty shop, post office and recreation rooms. We also provide the following services:

#### *Dining*

The entire brigade eats at one time in a 55,000-square-foot dining area or wardroom, King Hall. Companies sit together, and food is served family style during the week. Other meals are served buffet style. King Hall offers a wide variety of healthy choices to ensure midshipmen have the proper sustenance for their high metabolisms. All of the food for the 12,000 meals served daily is prepared by our food service staff in the kitchens adjacent to King Hall.

#### *Medical Care*

Modern facilities for medical treatment are conveniently located at the Naval Academy. Besides routine medical treatment, orthopedics/sports medicine, podiatry, physical therapy, preventive medicine and optometry services are available. Specialists in gynecology, dermatology, neurology, cardiology and urology schedule visits to the Academy. Consultation and treatment including inpatient care, in all major medical and surgical specialties are available at several military treatment facilities, such as Bethesda and Walter Reed Medical Hospitals. Most emergency conditions are handled at nearby Anne Arundel Medical Center, a fully accredited civilian facility in Annapolis.

#### *Dental Care*

Comprehensive oral health care is provided by the Dental Clinic conveniently located in Bancroft Hall. The professional staff provides the full range of dental hygiene and general dentistry treatment. The specialties of Oral Surgery, Orthodontics (limited), Endodontics, Periodontics and Prosthodontics are also available.

#### *Midshipmen Development Center*

A wide variety of training, educational and clinical services are provided to promote and enhance the adjustment, well-being, and professional development of midshipmen, including confidential individual and group counseling.

#### *Legal Assistance*

The Office of Legal Counsel is available to assist midshipmen with personal and military legal questions.

#### *Financial Advice*

Regular seminars offer information on savings, loans, insurance programs, investment opportunities and tax returns. Individual financial counseling is available from a Navy Supply Corps officer who serves as midshipmen financial advisor.

