

13 July 2009

MEMORANDUM

From: [REDACTED]
To: Deputy Director of Research and Scholarship
Via: (1) CDR Gregg Garbesi, USN, Faculty advisor and Division Internship Coordinator
(2) Professor Eloise Malone, Chair, Department of Political Science

Subj: AFTER-ACTION REPORT FOR INTERNSHIP, SUMMER 2009

Ref: (a) COMDTMIDN/ACDEANINST 1531.73A

1. Per reference (a), this after-action report is provided following an internship at the Joint Warfare Analysis Center (JWAC) during the period 22JUN09 to 17JUL09. My point of contact at JWAC was Carrie-Ann Slattery, phone (540) 653-3964.

A. Technical

1. *Title of Project:* Assessing the Effects of United States Aid to a Country of Interest
2. *Objective:* The goal was to compile information on United States foreign aid to a country of interest and determine its effect using statistical techniques.
3. *Approach:* Initially I gathered a basic understanding of United States foreign aid and compiled a list of databases documenting aid disbursements. Next, I used statistical methods to determine the efficiency of the aid. Finally after reviewing the background research and the statistical results, I made policy implications.
4. *Accomplishments:* At the end of the internship, I came away with a good understanding of the country of interest and I produced quantitative implications about it.
5. *Publications and/or Presentations:* At the end of the internship period, I prepared and presented a power-point presentation to my project team and other members of the JWAC community.

B. Administrative

Lodging was provided at the BOQ on base. The rooms were clean and provided WiFi access. As far as the base and the surrounding town are concerned, there really is not much to do. A car is essential because JWAC itself is 4 miles from the BOQ. The base gym is small, but it has everything one would need. My typical workday started at 8:00 and ended around 4-4:30. The uniform for Navy personnel is either khakis or camouflage utilities.

C. Evaluation

1. Relevance

The project directly relates to my interests and was tailored to my skill set. The information and work that I did will prove beneficial while working on my Trident Project this year mainly because of the statistical approaches that I took.

2. Impact

It was interesting to see the huge amount of thinking that goes into military operations. I would definitely consider working at a place like JWAC on a shore tour.

3. Level of interest/challenge:

I enjoyed doing this project because it allowed me to really think about some of the things I had learned during the school year, and apply them to a real life situation. I definitely had to put in a lot of hours in front of the computer sifting through both information and data, but the subject was interesting, and my sponsor was happy to let my interests guide me as far as the project was concerned.

D. Recommendation(s)

The Naval Academy should definitely continue this internship. It is very beneficial and the sponsors are very knowledgeable and happy to help. However, I would make changes with regards to the internship application process itself. While I understand that there were funding issues this year, the delayed response to applications really made it difficult to make summer plans. The whole summer training system needs to be reworked, and the Political Science Department needs to communicate with ProDev and the LSAP programs. Furthermore there are only three (possibly four blocks) during the summer. Many midshipmen will apply to multiple training programs because we don't hear back until the very last minute on our acceptance to most programs, and no one wants to get stuck doing training they don't enjoy. Plus the summer offers some of the greatest opportunities at the Naval Academy. For this reason, scheduling issues often come up. Many people are very happy to do three training blocks and sacrifice leave for training, but when issues come up in training schedules it is essential that the Political Science Department, ProDev, and LSAP will communicate with the midshipmen and work through the problem.


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Service Academy Student Internship Performance Evaluation						
Name (Last, First, MI) Creasey, Elynn	Internship Year 2009					
Period of Report Year 2009 <input type="checkbox"/> Fall	Primary Rater: <u>Carrie-Ann Slattery</u>	Signature: <i>Carrie-Ann Slattery</i>	Date: <u>7/17/09</u>			
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Job Description MIDN Creasey was given a large, strategic problem set and asked to research the topic, determine the necessary data, derive a method for analysis, execute analysis and depict / explain her results. Tasking in support of current operations. Additional details available at higher classification.						
Student's Signature <i>Elynn Creasey</i>	Date <u>7/17/09</u>					
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Comments MIDN Creasey was given a vague and challenging task as is often the situation faced by military leadership. MIDN Creasey was asked to evaluate the problem and to determine the best course of action for analysis. MIDN Creasey has proven to be very self sufficient and self motivated, she is proactive and innovative which are highly desirable leadership qualities. I am very pleased with MIDN Creasey's contributions to the Joint Warfare Analysis Center and she has made great progress towards tackling a large strategic issue for the warfighter. MIDN Creasey demonstrated exceptional initiative and ability while interning at JWAC. She is organized, disciplined and a very hard worker. She integrated easily with the team and the command at large. MIDN Creasey was a pleasure to work with and will certainly continue to be an asset to the Navy.						
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