

THE SURF REPORT

UCSB ARMY ROTC SURFRIDERS

NEWSLETTER

Surfrider Cadre <i>Surfrider Battalion is once again fully staffed!</i>	Fall LTX <i>Surfrider Battalion partners within Cal Poly SLO in order to put on their Fall Leadership Training Exercises.</i>	Surfrider MS4 Accessions <i>MS4s receive their accessions and branch results.</i>	Project Go/ CULP <i>Cadets travel around the world to foreign countries in order to experience new cultures.</i>	Ranger Challenge <i>The Ranger Challenge team took first place in Task Force South and prepare for the Brigade Competition in Ft. Lewis, WA.</i>
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PROFESSOR OF MILITARY SCIENCE

Fellow Soldiers, Cadets, Family Members, and Friends of UCSB Army ROTC's Surfrider Battalion, thank you all for your continued dedication, support and hard work. Because of you, the Surfrider Battalion is no longer closing nor on the probation list of ROTC Programs that are in jeopardy of closing. Our primary focus this fall was to welcome back the sixteen Cadets who had an outstanding performance at this year's Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) held at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Four Cadets followed their rigorous "Summer Camp" with Cadet Troop Leadership Training (CTLT), where they shadowed and trained with active duty Lieutenants. One other highly motivated Cadet is now Air Assault qualified and another is Airborne qualified. Finally, we welcome home four Cadets from the Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency (CULP) Program and two Cadets from Project GO (Global Officers) who deployed overseas with promises to provide future Army officers the foundation of cultural skills required to support global operations in the 21st Century. Our Cadets performed exceptionally at LDAC. Seven Cadets received an overall excellent with the remainder overall satisfactory, placing the Surfrider Battalion highest in our brigade for LDAC scores. Every Cadet competing for Active Duty received it, nine of which received their first branch choice.

This year commenced with our Fall Leadership Training Exercise (LTX) where we conducted Land Navigation, Patrol Base Operations, Rappelling, and the Field Leaders Reaction Course; for many it was their first experience in Army training. This Veterans Day we participated in community outreach and honored our Veterans by marching in the Santa Barbara Veterans Day Parade.

I am proud to be a part of this historic battalion. To all Surfriders past and present I thank you. Keep up the great work. "SURFRIDERS!"

LTC George W. Davis

Surfrider Cadre

Cadre of the 2014-2015 School Year

LTC George Davis



Lieutenant Colonel George W. Davis is the Professor of Military Science. LTC Davis enlisted in the U.S. Army as an Armor crewman. He commissioned in 1996 from Missouri Western State University as an Aviation 2LT. He served in Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

CPT Justine Sacco



Captain Justine Sacco is the Assistant Professor of Military Science. She is a native of Buffalo, NY. She was commissioned as a Quartermaster Officer in 2008 and holds a Bachelors of Arts degree in Political Science and International Relations from Niagara University.

MSG Justin Roff



MSG Roff joined us this last fall and is the current Senior Military Instructor. In April of 1997, he enlisted in the United States Army as a 14R, Bradley Linebacker Crewmember. He reclassified in March 2005 to 14J, Air Defense C4I Tactical Operations Center Enhanced Operator/Maintainer.

Ms. Patricia Dent



Ms. Patricia Dent has served as the Business Manager for the Department of Military Science since 2011. She was born and raised in Santa Barbara. She has held various positions at UCSB since 2001. She has a degree in Administration of Justice and is fluent in French.

Ms. Stephanie Kim



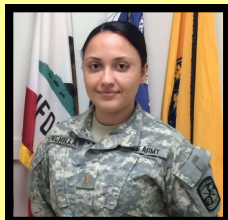
Ms. Kim is the current Human Resources Administrator and has been in Human Resources for 10 years. She has a BA in Psychology with a concentration in Clinical Psychology and another in Theories and Methodologies, an AA in Social Science, and an AS in Business Administration with a minor in Mathematics.

Mr. Efrain Galvin



Mr. Efrain Galvin is our Supply Technician. He is a California native and retired Army NCO. He served two deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2006 and 2009 with the 502nd Military Intelligence Battalion and Fort Drum, New York.

2LT Kathy Chinchilla



2LT Kathy Chinchilla is our Gold Bar Recruiter. She commissioned as an Active Duty Ordnance Officer in 2014 out of UCSB with a Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Anthropology. She will attend the Ordnance Basic Officer Leadership Course in Fort Lee, VA in March 2015.

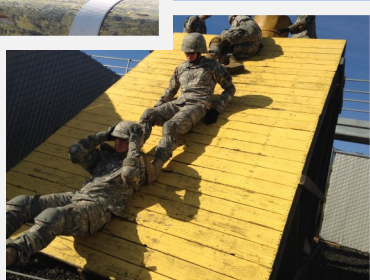
Mr. Marco Acevedo



Mr. Marco Acevedo is the Recruiting Officer. He was commissioned as an Aviation Officer in 2004 and holds a Bachelors of Science degree from the University of California, Davis. He is a captain in the ARNG and trained as a Medevac pilot.

LTX / MG Wendt

Fall Leadership Training Exercise (LTX)



Every year the Surfriders train with neighboring colleges on training exercises in the field. This year from 14NOV2014-16NOV2014, the Surfrider Battalion traveled to Camp San Luis Obispo to participate in a Leadership Training Exercise with Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. The first and second year Cadets were able to use this time to bond and learn about valuable skills within the Army while third year Cadets spent the weekend refining their skills in order to prepare for Cadet Leader Course (CLC).

LTX Events:

- Rappelling
- Field Leaders Reaction Courses (FLRCs)
- Physical Training Event
- Land Navigation
- Patrol Base Operations
- Round Robin Training
 - Terrain Features
 - Aid & Litter Carries

Surfrider Alumni — MG Wendt



Earlier this year Brigadier General Eric P. Wendt departed command of the Special Operations Command - Korea (SOCKOR), and took command as Commanding General, US Army JFK Special Warfare Center and School (USAJFKSWCS) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and was promoted to Major General. MG Wendt is a UCSB alumni from the class of 1986.

MG Wendt's promotion ceremony took place with USSOCOM Commander, Admiral William McRaven, who officiated the promotion ceremony.



UCSB Surfrider Battalion Senior Cadets

Fourth Year Cadets (MSIV) Excel at Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) This Summer



Cadets Holliday, Julianne, Perez, and Guzman all branched Corps of Engineers (Left to right)

Congratulations to the MS4 class of 2015 for their outstanding performance in their accessions board. All Cadets competing for active duty received it and a branch within their top choices.

Cadets were ranked on a number of criteria, including grade point averages, athletic performance in the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), performance during college ROTC training and at the Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) at Fort Knox, KY.

Four of the MS4s were ranked within the top 20% of all ROTC seniors in the nation. This earned them the Distinguished Military Graduate (DMG) award. The Cadets that received this honor were Taylor Holliday, Joseph Potter, Joshua Pennell and Joanna Martinez.



2LT Chinchilla with Ordnance branched MS4s Frazier, Pavich, and Flores (From left to right)

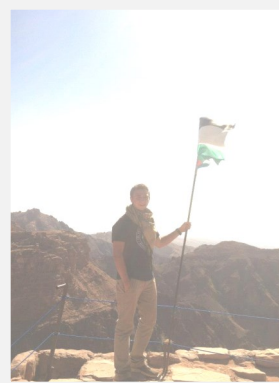
MS4	Accessed
Albertson, Gabriel	Active Duty Ordnance
Flores, Isaac	Active Duty Ordnance
Frazier, Nicole	Active Duty Ordnance
Guzman, Kathleen	Active Duty Engineer
Holliday, Taylor	Active Duty Engineer
Julienne, Dayquan	Active Duty Engineer
Kim, Jay	Reserves Military Intelligence
Ma, Jessica	Education Delay Judge Adjutant General
Martinez, Joanna	Active Duty Medical Service
Minott, Phillip	Active Duty Signal
Pavich, Daniel	Active Duty Ordnance
Paychev, Jamie	Reserves Medical Service
Perez, Jose	Active Duty Engineer
Pennell, Joshua	Active Duty Infantry
Potter, Joseph	Active Duty Infantry

Project Go (Global Officers)

Cadets Travel Around the World and Experience New Cultures

Cadet Nicolas Hernandez

Cadet Hernandez had the opportunity to travel to Jordan to be immersed in and learn the Arabic language. He spent 8 weeks studying both colloquial and modern standard Arabic, embracing the culture and traditions, and traveling to historic places such as the city of Petra and Wadi Rum. He was fortunate to live with a kind and understanding host family and even participated in Ramadan and other religious festivities in the region. His experiences during Project GO expanded his cross-cultural communication skills and how to engage properly with the Muslim community.



Project GO (Global Officers) is a collaborative initiative that promotes critical language education, study abroad, and intercultural dialogue opportunities for ROTC students. Project GO programs focus exclusively on the languages and countries of the Middle East, Asia, Central Asia, and Africa.



Cadet Nadia West

Cadet West studied Arabic in Irbid, Jordan. Her interest in the language sparked from her Project GO trip last year where she was introduced to the language, and she has been learning Arabic ever since. It was her first experience outside of the US and it was a quite a culture shock living in her own apartment immersed in a completely different culture. Experiencing the call to prayer, Ramadan, and even grocery shopping at the souk are all memories that Cadet West will cherish for the rest of her life.



Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency (CULP) Program

Cadets Travel Around the World and Experience New Cultures

The Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency (CULP) Program

CULP is a program that allows Cadets to travel and interact in foreign countries. The idea is to expose cadets to other cultures, languages, and socio-economic views around the world through various missions. This year four Cadets were able to participate in the program.

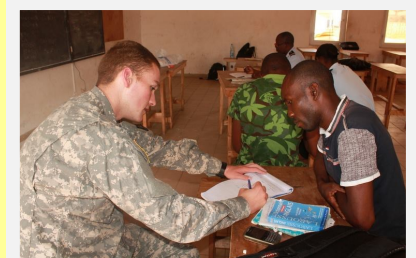
Cadet Isaac Flores

Cadet Flores had the opportunity to travel to the island country of Cape Verde off the west coast of Africa. He taught English to Cape Verdean soldiers on a daily basis and helped a local music school paint their building. His team also had the freedom to visit various parts of Santiago Island to hike and relax at the many beaches.



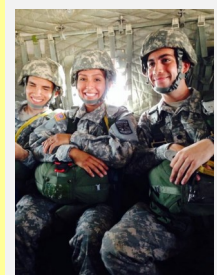
Cadet Declan Harris

Cadet Harris went to Gabon in Africa and taught English at an Air Force Base in Libreville, the capital, for three weeks. Their class had about thirty students who came from all branches of the Army and military. On a free weekend, they were able to visit a national park and see the African flora.



Cadet Joanna Martinez

Cadet Martinez went to Murcia, Spain for her CULP mission where she worked to improve Spanish Soldiers' understanding of the English language. She was able to shadow a 1LT Spanish Officer, practice on their weapons system and participate in a 3 day Field Training Exercise in the mountains of Spain. The most exciting part was being able to jump alongside the Spanish soldiers and obtain her Spanish Jump Wings.



Cadet Sarah Schreck

Cadet Schreck went to Burundi, Africa for her CULP assignment. Her mission was to teach English to the Burundian military. She also spent time doing humanitarian work in the mountains at an orphanage where they built fences, painted signs, and helped to clear the area for a future maternity clinic. They played soccer against the women's team from this town, as well as multiple baseball games with people from the US Embassy.



Ranger Challenge

UCSB Surfriders train hard to earn 1st place at the Ranger Challenge Competition!

The Ranger Challenge team trained hard 6 days a week under team captains, Cadet Nicholas Brischler (MS3) and Cadet Declan Harris (MS3). They trained before battalion PT on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for an hour and also on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for two hours. The training regiment was a mix of physical conditioning and tactical drills. Tactically, they trained on one rope bridge, casualty evacuation (CASEVAC), grenade throwing, and first aid. For the physical aspect of training, the Ranger Challenge Cadets conducted ruck marches, slowly increasing the weight in their packs.

At the competition, the team placed first out of all ten schools in Task Force South finishing with 1051 points, (over 100 points more than the team in second place, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo). The competition was held at Miramar Marine Air Station in Miramar, CA. UCSB won numerous events such as the first aid sprint, MEDEVAC event, one rope bridge, and the ruck march. The physical fitness in the competition consisted of 2 minutes of burpees, 2 minutes of air squats, and a 2-mile run. Cadet Graham McAlpine managed to set a new record in the competition for the most air squats of 121.

The Ranger Challenge team is now training for the Brigade Competition in Ft. Lewis, WA in winter quarter. They will compete against the other two task force champions and the winner of the Brigade Competition will compete in the National Sandhurst competition at Westpoint.



Veterans Day Weekend

ROTC Veterans Day Weekend

Veterans Day Military Ball

The 19th Annual Military Ball hosted by the Pierre Claeysens Veterans Museum was on November 8, 2014. The Ball celebrated Santa Barbara Veterans in all branches of the military. Cadets were invited to take part in the military tradition and allowed the opportunity to meet and talk to Active military members and Veterans. It was a night full of rich history, delicious food, and dancing along to the music of a live band.



Veterans Day Parade

The Surfrider Battalion marched in the Veterans Day Parade down State Street, Santa Barbara on November 9, 2014. The Cadets marched in a formation through the parade while MSIIIs and MSIVs called cadence. At one point, an old military vehicle broke down in the middle of the parade, but a few Cadets ran in to help push it off to the side of the road to allow the parade to continue. Although it was the first time marching for some, all Cadets represented UCSB Army ROTC very well.

Color Guard

The Surfrider Battalion Color Guard had a very busy Veterans Weekend. On November 7, 2014 the Color Guard team presented the colors at the Enrobing Ceremony for Judge Michael J. Carrozzo of the Superior Court of Santa Barbara.

The Color Guard had a second appearance on November 11 to present the colors at the Veterans Day Ceremony at Raytheon in Goleta, CA.



Upcoming Events

Things to Look for This School Year

Bataan Memorial Death March Marathon

For the past several years the Surfrider Battalion has participated in the Bataan Memorial Death March Marathon. The marathon is held to commemorate the Filipino and American veterans who were forced to make an arduous 65-mile march to prison camps during WWII.



This year's competition is at the end of Winter Quarter. The number of Surfriders interested in participating in the competition this year surpasses past year's numbers at a total of 28 Cadets. The Surfriders are training for this event during winter quarter.



Alumni Reception

Our annual Alumni Reception will be held in April. The Surfriders have put this on every year with increasing numbers. We look forward to all Alumni, friends, and supporters who are interested in coming and hope to have a successful reception.



Ranger Challenge

With the Ranger Challenge team winning the competition in Miramar, California they are eligible to move onto the next level of the competition.

Our next Ranger Challenge Competition will be in Winter Quarter. It will be between two of our neighboring task forces.

