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UCSB ARMY ROTC SURFRIDERS

A MESSAGE FROM THE PROFESSOR OF MILITARY SCIENCE:



Fellow Soldiers, Cadets, Family Members, and Friends of the UCSB Army ROTC's Surfrider Battalion, we thank you for all of your continued support, dedication, and hard work towards this program's outstanding Cadets. This past year, the Cadets have undergone rigorous training in order to improve their leadership skills, technical and professional expertise, and critical thinking. They have withstood and successfully completed a multitude of training events consisting of: land navigation, Platoon and Squad level Situational Training Exercises, Leadership Development Exercises, Leadership Labs and many more. Throughout the year each Cadet was given a variety of different leadership roles, giving them vast opportunities in which to develop their command ability, and give them hands on experience on what it means to lead a team. Our primary focus this past year was to prepare the cadets for their Cadet Summer Training requirement, which is held at Fort Knox, KY, between June and August.

It has been a pleasure to work with and guide the Cadets of this program. They have an unlimited potential to become some of the best future officers of the United States Army.

CADRE



LTC Travis Rayfield is the Professor of Military Science and Department Chairman. He is a native of Sedro-Woolley, Washington. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and commissioned in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He earned a Bachelors of Science in Environmental Engineering, a Master of Science in Engineering Management from the Missouri University of Science and Technology, and a Master of Engineering in Environmental Engineering Sciences from the University of Florida. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Missouri.



CPT Jose Hernandez is the Training Officer and Assistant Professor of Military Science. He is a native of Adjuntas, Puerto Rico. He graduated from the Metropolitan University in Puerto Rico and commissioned in the U.S. Army Aviation Corps. He served as a volleyball player for the All Army volleyball team in 2012, leading the team to a gold medal and an undefeated tournament. He was the number one selection for the U.S. All Armed Forces team. He has a Bachelors Degree in Management and a Masters in Finance.



MSG Renaldo Armstrong is the Senior Military Science Instructor. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on 10 October 1999, attended Basic Training at Fort Bliss, TX, and attended Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, OK. His education includes Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Course, Advanced Individual Training Course, SHARP Course and Master Resiliency Trainer Course. He is currently completing his Associate's Degree with the American Military University.



Mr. Joshua Nieratko is the Recruitment Operations Officer. He enlisted on 1 March 1994 as a Military Policeman. Mr. Nieratko has held numerous leadership positions including First Sergeant, Provost Marshall's Operation Sergeant, Drill Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Squad Leader, and Team Leader. He retired from the U.S. Army in 2014. He was most recently the Senior Military Instructor at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.



Ms. Patricia Dent has served as the Business Manager since 2011. She was born and raised in Santa Barbara. She has held various positions at UCSB since 2001, including Financial Affairs Assistant in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Financial Specialist in the Department of Physics, and Financial Coordinator in the Department of the History of Art and Architecture. She has a degree in Administration of Justice and is fluent in French.



Mr. Efrain Galvin is the Supply Technician. He is a California Native and a retired U.S. Army Non-Commissioned Officer. He has held numerous leadership positions including Platoon Sergeant, Squad Leader, Team Leader and Unit Movement Officer. His military education includes Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course, and holds an Associate Degree in Business Management.

FALL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EXERCISE

CAMP SAN LUIS OBISPO

Every year the Surfriders train with neighboring colleges on training exercises in the field. This academic year from 20NOV2015-22NOV2015, Surfrider Battalion traveled to Camp San Luis Obispo to participate in a Leadership Development Exercise with Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. During this weekend, cadets were able to bond and learn about valuable skills within the Army. Cadets participated in Field Leaders Reaction Courses (FLRCs), Day and Night Land Navigation, and First Aid and Key Leader Engagement Leadership Lanes.



VETERANS DAY WEEKEND



Veterans Day Parade – The Surfrider Battalion marched in the Veterans Day Parade down State Street, Santa Barbara on November 8, 2015. The cadets marched in formation through the parade while second, third, and fourth year cadets called cadences. On the same weekend, the Surfrider Battalion was invited to the 20th Annual Military Ball hosted by the Pierre Claeysens Veterans Foundation. The theme of this year's ball was the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War and featured keynote speaker, and recipient of the 1967 Medal of Honor, SGT Sammy L. Davis (U.S Army). Cadets and their dates were able to take part in this military tradition and had the opportunity to meet and talk to Active military members and Veterans in all branches of the military.



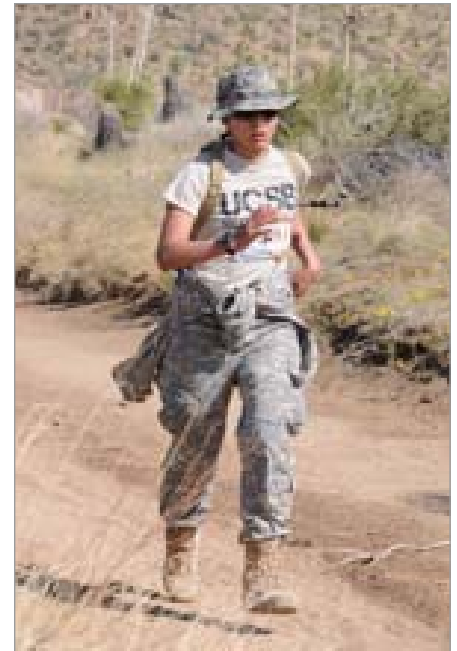
THE BATAAN MEMORIAL DEATH MARCH



After the April 9, 1942, U.S. surrender of the Bataan Peninsula on the main Philippine island of Luzon to the Japanese during World War II (1939-45), the approximately 75,000 Filipino and American troops on Bataan were forced to make an arduous 65-mile march to prison camps. The marchers made the trek in intense heat and were subjected to harsh treatment by Japanese guards. Thousands perished in what became known as the Bataan Death March. In honor of this special group of World War II heroes, cadets from the Surfrider Battalion, as well as thousands of other participants across the country, both military and civilian, participated in the annual Bataan Memorial Death March marathon. This event takes place in White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, and consists of a 26.2 marathon on a grueling course where military participants can either run light

(Full Army Combat Uniform) or heavy (Full Army Combat Uniform with the addition of a 35+ pound ruck sack). This year, the UCSB Surfrider Battalion sent 14 cadets comprising of one heavy team, one light team, and a number of cadets running the event individually. These cadets trained throughout Winter Quarter, running every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday along with regularly scheduled Physical Training on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The hard work paid off, as every cadet was able to finish the marathon. Additionally, Cadet Dominique Chan completed the marathon with the fastest time in her age group finishing in 5 hours and 10 minutes, while Cadet Declan Harris finished with the heaviest weighing ruck at 68 lbs.

Way to go Surfriders!



MENTORSHIP

BROTHERHOOD AND SISTERHOOD



The Surfrider Battalion continued to utilize mentorship groups in order to create a family-like atmosphere within the ROTC program. Each MSIV is assigned three to four cadets from the MSI-MSIII class at the beginning of the school year to provide guidance and support. Cadets are able to build personal relationships within each mentor group, while senior cadets are able to assist incoming freshmen transition into college and ROTC life. This year, MSIV cadets also assisted their MSIII mentees with their Talent Assessment packets, which are used during the accessions process. Aside from professional development, mentor groups also took the opportunity to go out on adventurous trips to form tight-knit bonds.



PHYSICAL TRAINING

ENDURANCE TRAINING

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THE SURFRIDER BATTALION CONTINUED ITS TRADITIONALLY EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE IN PHYSICAL TRAINING THAT RESULTED IN HIGH ARMY PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST SCORES IN EACH MILITARY SCIENCE CLASS. CADETS WENT THROUGH INTENSE PHYSICAL TRAINING EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY MORNINGS FROM 0630-0730. PHYSICAL TRAINING CONSISTS OF DISTANCE RUNNING, HIGH INTENSITY INTERVAL TRAINING, AB-BLASTERS WITH PLANK COMPETITIONS, COMBAT WATER SURVIVAL TRAINING, AND THE CADET-FAVORITE BEACH WORKOUTS.



LEADERSHIP LAB

LEADERSHIP TRAINING



The Surfrider Battalion developed their tactical and technical skills during leadership labs that were held every Thursday. These labs consisted of a variety of soldier and leadership skills ranging from Drill and Ceremony, Land Navigation, Virtual Battlefield Simulation (VBS) system familiarization, Squad level Tactical Exercises, and Patrol Operations. Third year cadets typically led tactical missions as a Squad Leader or Patrol Leader, while first and second year cadets gained a familiarization with these tasks.



SPRING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EXERCISE

CAMP ROBERTS

The Spring Quarter Leadership Development Exercise is an all-encompassing training event that took place from April 1-3, 2016. The Surfrider Battalion coordinated with Fresno State and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to conduct the weekend long training at Camp Roberts, CA. Surfriders arrived in style, as contracted cadets boarded CH-47 Chinooks to travel to Camp Roberts. The Assistant Professor of Military Science, CPT Jose Hernandez, who is an Aviation officer, coordinated the movement. Upon arrival to the training site, cadets underwent intense tactical exercises that tested the ability of MSIII cadets from all three universities. All cadets experienced sleeping out in the field in Patrol Bases, and lived off of MREs and the contents of their rucks. This year, cadets had the unique experience of clearing buildings, taught by MSG Armstrong and Mr. Nieratko, who is a 20 year Military Police Veteran.



ROTC 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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5K FUN RUN

2016 marked the 100th year anniversary of JROTC and ROTC. To celebrate this event, ROTC programs across the nation participated in 5k Fun Runs at each host university. Surfriders enjoyed the luxury of running on the beach with friends and fellow alumni. The weather was perfect and the ending featured a photo finish between MSIV Cadet Nicholas Brischler and MSII Cadet Andrew Ripley. All in all, it was a great experience for everyone who participated in this celebratory event.



ALUMNI RECEPTION

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UCSB ALUMNI WEEKEND

As part of this year's Alumni Reception, Surfriders, both present and past, participated in the 9th annual UCSB All Gaucho Gallop and Challenge. Cadets helped to set up the event, while a select few ran in the All Gaucho Gallop. 2LT Julienne, 2LT Paychev, and 2LT Yoon, whom all commissioned from our program in 2015, also made the trip to Santa Barbara to compete in the Gaucho Challenge. Surfriders represented our program well by supporting the event and winning the Gaucho Challenge with the team consisting of MSIV Cadet Declan Harris and 2LT Dayquan Julienne.

Surfriders lead the way!





AWARDS CEREMONY

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On May 20, 2016, Surfrider Cadets and guests gathered at the Mosher Alumni House at UCSB to recognize individuals that have performed exceptionally well throughout the school year. Cadets were presented awards for various achievements by special guests that includes representatives from the Pierre Claeysens Veterans Foundation, the families of the late CPT Dion J. Burmaz and cpt. christopher walter, and many more. The awardees have worked extremely hard for their accomplishments and represent what being a Surfrider is all about. This year, four MSIV Cadets, received Distinguished Military Graduate honors, which means that they ranked in the top 20% of Army ROTC graduates nationwide.



DINING OUT



This year's Surfider Battalion Dining Out (Military Ball) took place on May 21, 2016 at the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, which is located in the Santa Barbara Harbor. Our cadet-run military ball committee planned the event throughout the course of the school year and did an excellent job hosting a fun-filled night. The night featured a buffet for dinner, legendary skits performed by each military science class, and the infamous grog ceremony where senior cadets drank a concoction created by ingredients from cadre and each military science class. Overall, the night was a huge success and was an extraordinary way to celebrate the end of the year.



VISIT FROM AN ALUMNI

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On May 26, 2016, First Lieutenant Eric Chu, a 2013 graduate from the UCSB ROTC program, came to UCSB to talk to MSIVs about his experiences as a lieutenant. 1LT Chu briefed the senior cadets what he would typically teach new lieutenants that arrive at Joint Base Lewis-McChord near Tacoma, Washington. 1LT Chu has been doing great things in the Army and will take the position of General's Aide in the upcoming year. The soon-to-be commissioning Surfriders were fortunate to learn from a successful Surfrider Alum.

2016 COMMISSIONEES

FUTURE ARMY OFFICERS



SECOND LIEUTENANT NICHOLAS GRAHAM BRISCHLER GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE WITH AN EMPHASIS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. SECOND LIEUTENANT BRISCHLER WILL SERVE AS AN ACTIVE DUTY AVIATION OFFICER AND WILL ATTEND AVIATION BASIC OFFICER LEADERS COURSE AT FORT RUCKER, ALABAMA IN JULY 2016. NEAR THE END OF HIS TRAINING, SECOND LIEUTENANT BRISCHLER WILL BE ASSIGNED AN AIRFRAME AND RECEIVE HIS FIRST DUTY ASSIGNMENT.



SECOND LIEUTENANT MIGUEL ANGEL DELGADO GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE. SECOND LIEUTENANT DELGADO WILL SERVE AS A SIGNAL CORP OFFICER IN THE ARMY RESERVES AND WILL ATTEND THE SIGNAL BASIC OFFICER LEADERS COURSE AT FORT GORDON, GEORGIA IN SEPTEMBER 2016. AFTERWARD, HE WILL REPORT TO HIS RESERVE UNIT IN KAISERSLAUTERN, GERMANY.



SECOND LIEUTENANT DAN WILLIAM GARCIA GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN CHEMISTRY. SECOND LIEUTENANT GARCIA WILL SERVE AS AN ENGINEER OFFICER IN THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND WILL ATTEND THE BASIC OFFICER LEADERS COURSE AT FORT LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI IN MARCH 2017. HE WILL BE SERVING WITH THE 216TH EN MOBILITY AUGMENTATION COMPANY (MAC) LOCATED IN POMONA, CA.



SECOND LIEUTENANT NICOLAS HERNANDEZ HARNISH GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE WITH A DISTINCTION IN THE MAJOR. SECOND LIEUTENANT HERNANDEZ BRANCHED DETAILED ARMOR FROM THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BRANCH IN THE ACTIVE ARMY. HE WILL ATTEND THE ARMOR BASIC OFFICER LEADERS COURSE AT FORT BENNING, GEORGIA IN OCTOBER 2016. HE IS CURRENTLY AWAITING ORDERS FOR HIS DUTY STATION.



SECOND LIEUTENANT DECLAN NEAL HARRIS GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN EARTH SCIENCE. SECOND LIEUTENANT HARRIS WILL SERVE AS AN ACTIVE DUTY ENGINEER OFFICER AND WILL ATTEND THE BASIC OFFICER LEADERS COURSE (BOLC) AT FORT LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI IN JUNE 2016. AFTER TRAINING HE WILL REPORT TO THE 2ND AIR ASSAULT BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION AT FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY.



SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSHUA DEMETRIUS JOSEPH GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY. SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSEPH WILL SERVE AS AN ACTIVE DUTY QUARTERMASTER OFFICER AND WILL ATTEND THE QUARTERMASTER BASIC OFFICER LEADERS COURSE AT FORT LEE, VIRGINIA IN JULY 2016. UPON COMPLETION OF THIS TRAINING, SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSEPH WILL BE STATIONED AT JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, WASHINGTON.



SECOND LIEUTENANT KERRY CHANG HUN KANG GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY. SECOND LIEUTENANT KANG WILL SERVE AS AN ACTIVE DUTY ORDNANCE OFFICER AND WILL ATTEND THE BASIC OFFICER LEADERS COURSE AT FORT LEE, VIRGINIA IN OCTOBER 2016. AFTER TRAINING HE WILL REPORT TO THE 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION, 2ND INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM AT FORT DRUM, NEW YORK.



SECOND LIEUTENANT NOAH PAUL KERSEY GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE WITH AN EMPHASIS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. SECOND LIEUTENANT KERSEY WILL SERVE AS A RESERVE ORDNANCE OFFICER AND WILL ATTEND THE ORDNANCE BASIC OFFICER LEADERSHIP COURSE AT FORT LEE, VIRGINIA FROM AUGUST 2016 UNTIL DECEMBER 2016. HE WILL THEN REPORT TO HIS RESERVE UNIT IN LOS ALAMITOS, CA TO ACT AS A PLATOON LEADER FOR AN M1 ABRAMS TANK MAINTENANCE UNIT.



SECOND LIEUTENANT KEVIN ORION LEWIS GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY. SECOND LIEUTENANT LEWIS WILL SERVE AS AN ACTIVE DUTY ORDNANCE OFFICER WITH FOLLOW-ON ORDERS FOR EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL. HE WILL ATTEND ORDNANCE BASIC OFFICER LEADERS COURSE AT FORT LEE, VIRGINIA IN SEPTEMBER 2016. HE WILL RECEIVE HIS FIRST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AFTER HIS SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL TRAINING.



SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSEPH DAVID MACDONALD GRADUATES WITH A BACHELORS OF ARTS DEGREE IN COMMUNICATIONS. SECOND LIEUTENANT MACDONALD WILL SERVE AS AN ACTIVE DUTY MEDICAL SERVICE OFFICER AND WILL ATTEND THE BASIC OFFICER LEADERS COURSE (BOLC) AT FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS IN AUGUST 2016. AFTER TRAINING, HE WILL REPORT TO THE 3RD BRIGADE 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION AT SCHOFIELD BARRACKS IN HAWAII.



SECOND LIEUTENANT VINCENT JAMES MONREAL GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN ANTHROPOLOGY WITH A BIOLOGICAL EMPHASIS. SECOND LIEUTENANT MONREAL WILL SERVE AS AN ACTIVE DUTY TRANSPORTATION OFFICER AND WILL ATTEND BASIC OFFICER LEADERS COURSE (BOLC) AT FORT LEE, VIRGINIA IN JULY OF 2016. AFTERWARD HE WILL SERVE IN THE 1ST STRYKER BRIGADE, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION AT FORT WAINWRIGHT, ALASKA.



SECOND LIEUTENANT SARAH ELIZABETH SCHRECK GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION, AND A MINOR IN PROFESSIONAL WRITING. SHE COMPETED ALL FOUR YEARS ON UCSB'S CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK AND FIELD TEAM. SHE WILL SERVE AS AN ACTIVE DUTY ENGINEER OFFICER AND WILL ATTEND BASIC OFFICER LEADERS COURSE (BOLC) AT FORT LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI, IN JUNE 2016. AFTERWARD, SECOND LIEUTENANT SCHRECK WILL REPORT TO 555TH ENGINEER BRIGADE AT JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, WASHINGTON.



SECOND LIEUTENANT NADIA BRIANNA WEST GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY. SECOND LIEUTENANT WEST WILL SERVE AS AN ACTIVE DUTY QUARTERMASTER OFFICER AND WILL ATTEND THE BASIC OFFICER LEADERS COURSE (BOLC) AT FORT LEE, VIRGINIA IN AUGUST 2016. PRIOR TO BOLC SHE WILL BE AT FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY AS A PLATOON LEADER FOR CADET INITIAL ENTRY TRAINING (CIET). AFTER TRAINING SHE WILL REPORT TO THE 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION AT FORT RILEY, KANSAS.