

THE SURF REPORT

UCSB Army ROTC Surfrider
NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR MILITARY INSTRUCTOR

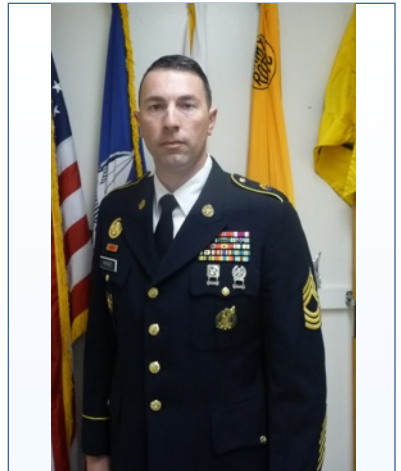
The Surfrider Battalion has been busy this Spring conducting training, volunteering, and planning events in order to reach out to the community, prepare Cadets for LDAC and BOLC, and celebrate our military heritage.

I would like to congratulate the 15 Cadets who gave up their mornings and weekends to train, and took their finals early in order to participate in the 26.2 mile Bataan Memorial Death March this year. Their hard work, excellent training and dedication led to great success. Cadet Cody Clark placed second in the Men's ROTC Heavy category, while Cadet Michael Dzwoniarek placed third in the same event. The ROTC Heavy category requires participants to complete the marathon in full military uniform while carrying a 35 pound rucksack.

The Spring Quarter has been one of the busiest quarters for our Battalion. We started out with our Spring Field Training Exercise (FTX) with Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and California State University, Fresno. The Battalion conducted four days of training in tactics and leadership to prepare our Cadets for the Leadership Development and Assessment Course. For the first time ever, we went to Fort Hunter Liggett to have Cadets qualify with M16's. We had 17 Cadets qualify.

The Surfrider Battalion hosted our Alumni Reception on April 20th. We had an excellent turnout and a positive response from the Alumni. Alumni were able to tour the building, learn about training and meet current Cadets. Our annual Military Ball was held downtown at the Santa Barbara Historical Museum and was a very enjoyable evening. We are looking forward to a successful summer of training and another great year!

Very Respectfully,
MSG Todd Manes



MSG Todd Manes is the Senior Military Instructor at the University of California, Santa Barbara. While LTC George Davis is in Cape Verde leading a CULP Mission, MSG Manes is in command of the Surfrider Battalion.

SPRING FTX

MSIII Cadets Prepare for LDAC this Summer

Surfriders Conduct Field Training

The Surfrider Battalion went to Camp San Luis Obispo from April 11-14 2013. The Cadets spent the weekend conducting Day and Night Land Navigation, Situational Training Exercise (STX), lanes including Squad Attack, Recon, and Ambush, Patrol Base operations, and platoon level Patrolling. Eleven MSIII Cadets of the Surfrider Battalion took on leadership roles as Squad Leaders, Platoon Leaders, and Platoon Sergeants. They were evaluated on their ability to lead their fellow Cadets through tactical scenarios and garrison operations.

The goal of this training is to prepare the MSIII Cadets for success at the 29-day Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) at Joint-Base Lewis-McChord, WA. MSI and MSII Cadets learned about the Army and what would be expected of them as MSIII Cadets and as future Officers in the United States Army.

The first day of the FTX was spent integrating the Cadets of the Surfrider Battalion with Cadets from Cal Poly's Mustang Battalion and Fresno's Bulldog Battalion, and familiarizing Cadets with the knowledge they would need to conduct Patrol Base operations. Cadets were taught classes on the occupation and setup of a patrol base, the operation of the M249 SAW and the M240B, how to create sector sketches and the priorities of work in a patrol base.

Day two began at 0500 as Cadets packed up their equipment and prepared to leave the patrol base. After a quick breakfast, each Squad moved out to begin a day of STX Lanes. MSIII Cadets led their squads, which consisted of MSIs, MSIIIs, and other MSIIIs through six 90-minute lanes. After given time to plan, Squad Leaders issued their OPORDs (Operations Orders) and led their squads in conducting tactical operations. After returning for dinner, Cadets set out to begin Night Land Navigation. MSIII Cadets went out by themselves, while MSI and MSII Cadets traveled in groups with an MSIV Cadet, who ensured they understood the proper concepts as they set out to find five points in three hours.

The following day consisted of platoon-level patrolling. Cadets broke into 4 platoons and each platoon conducted two 3-hour long patrolling lanes, which included raids, ambushes and recons. By the afternoon, Cadets had covered about 6 miles of terrain while carrying 35 pound rucksacks. After returning to the patrol base, Cadets began Day Land Navigation, and after a short break for dinner, they conducted another Night Land Navigation. The final day was devoted to Weapons Maintenance. The Surfrider Battalion ensured that the rifles and crew-served weapons were cleaned and ready for turn in, completing the most important training event of the year.



ALUMNI RECEPTION

Surfrider Alumni Reconnect During All Gaucho Reunion

Surfriders Welcome Alumni Back to UCSB

The Surfrider Battalion has commissioned over 1000 Lieutenants since it was established in 1947. To help Surfrider alumni reconnect with each other and allow Cadets to interact with and learn from current and past Army officers, the Surfrider Battalion hosted its Alumni Reception on the 20th of April.

Twenty Cadets from the Surfrider Battalion helped set up the event and attended to meet alumni and learn about their experiences. The event took place outside the ROTC building and provided guests with tours of the Battalion facilities, a look at the equipment and training of current Cadets, and provided refreshments for guests while they interacted with Cadets, Cadre, and other alumni.

This year, we had twelve alumni return to our reception. The experience was great for the Surfrider Cadets, who were able to talk with them about their experiences in the Army and alumni were able to learn about how our ROTC program has changed since they were a Cadet. We are very happy with the turnout this year, but we are hoping to increase the turnout for future Alumni Receptions. It is our goal to provide a way for past Alumni to reconnect and to allow Cadets to learn from Army Officers. More information about future receptions will be provided in future newsletters and on our website.



MILITARY BALL

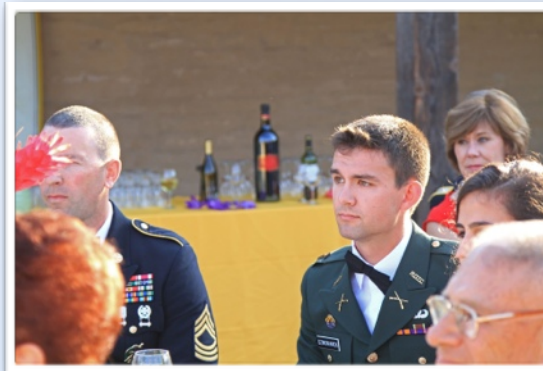
Surfriders Celebrate a Successful Year



Surfriders Celebrate Successful Year of Training

Early in May, the Surfrider Battalion held their annual

Military Ball in downtown Santa Barbara, at the Santa Barbara Historical Museum. Organized by a committee of seven Cadets from all classes, the ball is an opportunity for Cadets and Cadre alike to come together and enjoy an evening of food, laughter, and dancing. The tradition of the class skits allowed Cadets to blow off a little steam and poke fun at both their fellow Cadets, as well as the Cadre members, and was the highlight of the night. MSIVs and Cadre also had the opportunity to partake in the traditional drinking of the grog, with newly commissioned 2LT Tyler Bray having to literally choke down an extra helping of protein powder, courtesy of LTC George Davis. The ball was a resounding success, and is the highlight of many Cadets' last quarter of the year. Photos of this year's ball can be found on the Surfrider Webpage, courtesy of Dana Anderson.



SUMMER TRAINING

Cadets Going to LDAC, CTLT, CULP, Air Assault School

MSIII Cadets Prepare for the Leadership Development and Assessment Course

Eleven MSIII Cadets of the Surfrider Battalion will be traveling to Joint-Base Lewis-McChord, WA to attend the Leadership Development and Assessment Course. This course is designed to test Cadets on everything they have learned in their first three years as Cadets from tactical operations to land navigation skills, just to name a few.

LDAC is designed to place Cadets in a high stress environment and evaluate them as they lead their peers. Last year, the Surfrider Battalion exceeded all National and 8th Brigade averages and we expect excellence again this year.

12 Cadets Receive Additional Summer Training

- Four Cadets have been chosen to participate in CULP. These selected Cadets spend approximately three weeks immersed in the foreign culture of the selected countries and are exposed to different languages and ways of life. They are able to give back to the local communities by teaching English to the locals, painting schools or other humanitarian work. Cadet Daniel Pavich will spend his time in Romania, Cadet Dayquan Julienne will be in Cape Verde, Cadet Nicholas Brischler will be in Ghana, and Cadet Taylor Holliday will be part of the program in Thailand.
- Five MSIII Cadets have been selected for CTLT. Cadet Alexandria Schmidt will be in Fort Sill, OK, Cadets Dimitri Serrano and Matthew Tweed will participate in Fort Bragg, NC, Cadet Manuel Soriano will be at Fort Irwin, CA, and Cadet Sergio Vergara will train in Korea.
- Cadet Alexander Moore has been selected to attend Air Assault School, and Cadets Gabriel Albertson and Joanna Martinez will be attending Airborne School, all at Fort Benning, GA.

Air Assault School

The purpose of this school is to train Soldiers in Air Assault operations, sling-load operations, and rappelling. Upon graduation of the course each Soldier will be able to perform skills required to make maximum use of helicopter assets in training and in combat to support their unit operations.

Summer Training

Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC)

MSIII Cadets participate in a 29 day course at Joint-Base Lewis-McChord, WA. Cadets are evaluated on their physical fitness, land navigation skills, tactics and leadership ability.

Cultural Understanding and Language Program (CULP)

Each year, Cadets from all over the country apply to the Cultural Understanding and Language Program (CULP). This program sends 1,400+ Cadets overseas each summer to learn the culture and language of one of over 40 different countries and engage with their local populace.

Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT)

The Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT) provides Cadets the opportunity to experience leadership in the Army Table of Organization and equipment (TO&E) units over a three to four week period. Cadets serve in Lieutenant-level leadership positions in active-duty units. Platoon Leader positions have a 3-4 week duration.

Airborne School

A three week long course that teaches Cadets the techniques involved in parachuting from airplanes and landing safely. Cadets conduct five jumps, including 3 jumps with gear, and one jump at night.

COMMISSIONING

MSIV Cadets become Second Lieutenants

On June 14th, seven MSIV Cadets took the oath of office to become Second Lieutenants in the United States Army. Cadets Andrew Armstrong, Cody Clark and Michael Dzwoniarek branched Infantry, Cadet Eric Chu branched Engineer, Cadet Russell Aldinger branched Ordnance, Cadet Dominic Shehtanian branched Signal Corps, and Cadet Ameya Ganpule branched Quartermaster. Cadet Tyler Bray commissioned earlier this year on May 4, 2013 when he graduated from Westmont College. He assessed into the California National Guard as an Infantry Officer.

These eight Cadets have spent their time at UCSB training and preparing to become Army officers and are excited to finally achieve their goal. Next up, these new 2LTs will report to their Basic Officer Leader Course (BOLC), which are at Fort Benning, GA (Infantry), Fort Leonard Wood, MO (Engineer), Fort Lee, VA (Quartermaster and Ordnance), and Fort Gordon, GA (Signal Corps). 2LT Aldinger, Clark, Dzwoniarek, Ganpule, and Shehtanian begin their BOLC on July 8th. 2LT Armstrong begins on November 17th, 2LT Chu starts on August 12th, and 2LT Bray begins his BOLC on January 20th, 2014.

