A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

SURFRIDER ALUMNI RECEPTION, APRIL 28, 2013

I am pleased to invite you to this year’s Surfrider Alumni Reception. The Surfrider Battalion has been working hard to make a splash this year at the All Gauchos Reunion. Our reception this year is at noon on Sunday, April 28th, 2013. All Alumni and friends of the Battalion are encouraged to attend. We are planning to have a big reception this year; activities include photo displays of our Battalion history, tours of our Battalion facilities, and Round Table sessions with Cadets and Alumni, all under the beautiful Santa Barbara sun.

If you’re interested in coming to our event, please RSVP to our Facebook event (https://www.facebook.com/events/464271510288446/) or look out for our invitation coming through email. The event will be held at the Military Science Department, Building 451, Mesa Road (see below for map). We look forward to seeing you there!

LTC George W. Davis

Surfrider Cadets have been training for the Bataan Memorial Death March, a grueling 26.2 mile march through the desert at White Sands Missile Range, NM

The Surfrider Battalion helped maintain the public shooting range known as the ‘Glass Factory,’ clearing out trash and debris.

Four Cadets were chosen for the CULP program to do summer training overseas. Professor of Military Science, LTC Davis is going to Cape Verde with the CULP program.

Surfriders are busy applying for Project GO to learn a language this summer. Four more Cadets have been contracted this quarter.

Surfriders Clean Up Santa Barbara

Summer Abroad

Project GO This Summer. Cadets Get Contracted

Surfin’ Santa Barbara

The Surfrider Battalion is more than just a name. The battalion is the only ROTC program with its own rack of surfboards.

Each week Cadets and Cadre of the Surfrider Battalion go out and surf in the beautiful waters of Santa Barbara to cultivate espirit de corps and physical fitness.
The Bataan Memorial Death March

Each year in March, the Bataan Memorial Death March is held at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. In order to honor the sacrifices of the Soldiers who were forced on the Bataan Death March during World War II, participants complete a 26.2 mile march through the desert as either a Heavy or Light participant. Bataan Light participants march with a water source on their back, while Bataan Heavy participants carry a 35 pound rucksack. Both Heavy and Light participants complete the march wearing their military uniform and boots. Participants complete the march in teams of five or as individuals.

15 Surfrider Cadets Preparing to March

The Surfrider Battalion has been committed to participating in the Bataan Memorial Death March for the past decade. This year the Surfrider Battalion is planning to send 15 Cadets to the Bataan Memorial Death March. This year’s team consists of a Male Heavy team, six Cadets and a Female Light Team, five Cadets. Additionally, four Cadets are running individually, including Cadet Cody Clark who placed 3rd in Heavy Individual at last year’s Bataan Memorial Death March.

The fifteen Cadets training for the Bataan Memorial Death March this Spring.
Surfriders Clean Up “Glass Factory”

The Surfrider Battalion spent its Saturday helping clean up the “Glass Factory,” a shooting range that is used by many Surfrider Cadets and the public. The site was littered with trash, broken glass and discarded appliances. On January 26th, 20 Cadets of the Surfrider Battalion went to the site and helped Calguns and the US Forest Service clean up the area, picking up trash and disposing of it properly. The Surfrider Battalion has made a commitment to help improve the community through multiple volunteer events this year. While the “Glass Factory” has long been a popular location for Cadets to practice marksmanship in their free time, the shooting range is popular with the community as well. The Surfrider Battalion believes that cleaning up the “Glass Factory” is important to maintain this area for the community and future Cadets.

A Commitment to the Community

For the Surfrider Battalion, volunteering is more than just a one-time event, it’s a way of life. The Surfriders are always looking for good causes to help the community and our Soldiers. To further this goal, the Surfriders have created a Volunteer committee to identify good causes and get Cadets involved. Each week, the Volunteer Committee meets to determine how to help the community; planning and coordinating various events. One of the Volunteer Committee’s upcoming events is a blood drive this April partnered with United Blood Services and Delta Sigma Pi, with the goal of donating the blood to the Armed Forces.
SUMMER ABROAD
Surfriders Spend Their Summer Around the World

Four Surfrider Cadets Selected for the CULP Program This Summer

Each year, Cadets from all over the country apply to the Cultural Understanding and Learning Program (CULP). This competitive program sends 1,400+ Cadets overseas each summer to learn the culture and language of one of over 40 different foreign countries and engage with their local populace. Cadets travel to the host country in groups of between ten and twenty, while supervised by a Cadre member. Once Cadets arrive, they train with the host country’s military, teach English to students or work on humanitarian projects, all while learning the language and customs of the local populace.

This year, four Cadets were selected for the CULP program from the Surfrider Battalion. Cadet Taylor Holliday will be going to Jordan, Cadet Daniel Pavich is going to Macedonia, Cadet Dayquan Julienne is going to Cape Verde, and Cadet Nicholas Brischler, a first year Cadet, is going to Ghana. Each trip will last a month, with Cadets spending their time immersed in the culture of their host country. The goal is for each of these Cadets to improve their cultural awareness to help the US military in global operations and provide their fellow Cadets in the Surfrider Battalion and their future Soldiers with their experiences gained from the CULP program. The Surfrider Battalion is committed to ensuring Cadets broaden their cultural awareness and foreign language skills.

Summer in Cape Verde

Many people would be excited to hear that they will be spending their summer on an all-expense paid trip to a group of tropical islands off the coast of Africa.

LTC George Davis, the Surfrider’s Professor of Military Science, will be spending eighty days in Cape Verde, but it won’t be a vacation. LTC Davis will be the Mission Commander in charge of three CULP trips going to Cape Verde. His job includes planning the logistics, security, and training for every CULP trip, with over 40 Cadets and Cadre members traveling from the United States to the islands of Cape Verde.
NEW CADETS. NEW OPPORTUNITIES.

Summer is a ‘GO’!

As part of the Surfrider Battalion’s efforts to improve the cultural awareness of its Cadets, we are committed to having all available Cadets participate in Project GO (Global Officer). Project GO is an intensive 6-8 week program where Cadets study a critical foreign language during the summer to improve cross-cultural communication skills and cultural awareness. Last year over 800 Cadets from all over the country participated in Project GO. This year, 20 Surfrider Cadets are applying to Project GO programs across the country, and they will find out which program they are selected for by the end of February.

What Project GO Offers

• Project GO teaches Cadets a critical foreign language.
• Cadets can study one of 19 different languages, including Arabic, Chinese, Dari, and Swahili.
• 22 different universities across the United States have Project GO programs.
• Cadets earn up to $1000 in foreign language pay.
• Project GO is the equivalent of 2-4 semesters of language classes.
• Most programs have fully funded language scholarships.
• Credits transfer to UCSB.

NEW CADETS MAINTAIN HIGH QUALITY OF SURFRIDER BATTALION

On January 22nd, 2013, the Surfrider Battalion proudly contracted four more MS1 (freshman) Cadets. Cadets Kevin Lewis, Nadia West, Noah Kersey, and Sarah Shreck are the newest contracted Cadets of the Surfrider Battalion. Each of the four Cadets was awarded a scholarship to pay their choice of tuition or housing. These Cadets come from a variety of backgrounds, with majors varying from Political Science and Economics, to Biology and Mathematics. The Surfrider Battalion is committed to excellence and is looking forward to a bright future with the excellent recruits it has brought into the program.