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"A TRUE LEADER HAS THE CONFIDENCE TO STAND ALONE, THE COURAGE TO MAKE TOUGH DECISIONS, AND THE COMPASSION TO LISTEN TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS. HE DOES NOT SET OUT TO BE A LEADER, BUT BECOMES ONE BY THE EQUALITY OF HIS ACTIONS AND THE INTEGRITY OF HIS INTENT."

Douglas MacArthur



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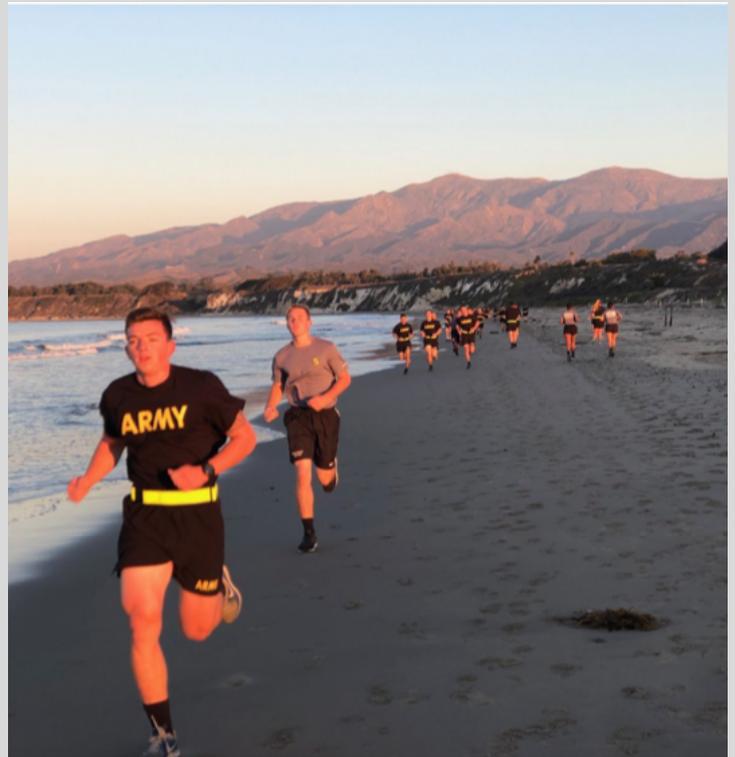
CADET: PHYSICAL TRAINING & MSIII OPAT

by Kyle Nicklaw

A basic attribute known to all that come to the ROTC program or know of it is that the cadets in the program are held at a very high standard for physical fitness. Cadets, enrolled students, and participating individuals in the program report every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 0615, at the designated location, for mandatory physical training (PT). This training always beginning promptly at 0630 with gaining accountability, then directly into the warm up of preparation drills (PD) and either military movement drill 1 or 2. (MMD1 or MMD2) After everyone is

properly stretched and warmed up, the two platoons split up to conduct the PT plan for that day. The plans for the workouts are made by the cadet command sergeant major and usually consist of bodyweight exercises. There is also regular distance runs instead of workouts in which cadets separate into ability groups and are given the opportunity to push themselves in a group or individual run.

The MSIII class conducted their annual Occupation Physical Assessment Test (OPAT) this quarter which is used to assess their physical fitness for military occupational specialities. The OPAT is measured with four different physical tests. The "standing long jump" and "strength deadlift" are the exercises that are used to assess the cadets lower body power. The third exercise is the "seated power throw" which assess upper body power. The last exercise used in this physical assessment test is the "interval aerobic run" which is designed to assess aerobic capacity of the cadets. These are all scored on a gender neutral scale as to ensure those who intend on obtaining the more physically demanding MOS's are capable physically for the task. The three levels of passing in order from lowest to highest for this test are gray (moderate), gold (significant), and black (heavy). Depending on the level you test into decides physically what level of work you are cut to do within the army. If you are unable to pass the minimum standards for the OPAT then you fall into the white category which is "unqualified". The Surf rider battalion performed strongly this year by setting a high standard that is held by all of our MSIII cadets qualifying in this physical assessment test.



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Ranger Challenge

Over Spring Quarter the Surfrider Ranger Challenge team began their training and selection period for the upcoming competition that happens during the fall quarter of next school year. The competition that is going to be run by California State University Fullerton as an Army ROTC varsity sport that is typically completed over the span of two days. The mission is to challenge Cadets' mental and physical toughness and to develop leadership while fostering teamwork and esprit-de-corps. This is executed through the various mentally and physically challenging events that each team will conduct throughout the entire challenge. Some of the events they will see include; written land navigation test, basic rifle marksmanship, grenade assault course, leadership reaction courses, and obstacle course to name a few. Throughout the spring quarter of the 2018-2019 year, followed by the fall quarter of the 2019-2020 academic year those cadets that choose to push themselves a little harder will be trained by this years Ranger Challenge Captain Nicholas Christensen. Under the supervision and help of Jake Lazich, the team has high hopes and chances of going further than previous years in the competition.



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ARMY ROTC MILITARY BALL



A week after cadets spent two cold nights out at Fort Hunter-Liggett, which was the location of the Springfield training exercise (FTX), they found themselves surrounded by lavish decor, great food, and honored guests at the Music Academy of the West for the 2019 Military Ball. The night served as a time for friends and family to look back on the year's accomplishments and to look ahead towards many more great memories to come, while also paying homage to time-honored traditions like the Grog ceremony. There was also time for each class to come up with their own skits that poked fun at others (cadre included) in the battalion.

The night opened with a cocktail hour in the garden and moved its way inside, past the receiving line where members and guests introduced themselves to each other before taking their seats inside where they would make their toasts and of course, eat.

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Annual Surfrider Battalion Awards Ceremony

At the UCSB Surfrider Battalion's annual awards ceremony, that took place at the Mosher Alumni house, 33 cadets were honored with the presentation of awards acknowledging their accomplishments over the year. The outstanding performance from cadets at each grade level were recognized with awards such as the Military Order of the World Wars, Daughters of the American Revolution Award, COL Ken Lamb Advanced Camp Achievement Award, and the ROTC Academic Achievement Award amongst others. Each of the awards handed out were given to Cadre elected or well deserved cadets that have displayed the quality of character, backed by their actions that aligned with what it was created for.

Along with the awards given to all the MSI through MSIV cadets that earned them, the ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate Award is particularly notable because it is the only ROTC granted award that is transferable over to the active army when the cadet becomes a commissioned officer. This award was given to Theo Vance and Michelle Dobler (pictured in the bottom right) for displaying outstanding qualities of leadership, high moral character, noteworthy academic achievement and exceptional aptitude for Military Service.

Lastly, a special recognition to our cadets that were honored awarding them scholarships. The first awardee cadet John Cullen received the The Sons of the American Revolution Scholarship Award for his high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, soldierly bearing, and excellent military and academic standing. Our second awardee cadet Nicholas Christensen received The Captain Dion J. Burmaz Memorial Scholarship Award. This scholarship is awarded to an academically aligned and contracted cadet who has demonstrated excellence academically, volunteered in community service or on-campus activities, participated in ROTC extracurricular activities, and adhered to the Army's seven values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage. Our third awardee cadet Jake Lazich received The Captain Christopher C. Walter Memorial Scholarship Award. This scholarship is awarded for achieving the highest standards of excellence in leadership and physical fitness and has exhibited outstanding strength of character.

We are so proud of all our cadets have done in and for our program, out in the community, and all of their personal academic and physical achievements through out the year. The Surfrider Battalion looks forward to see these amazing individuals develop and grow as leaders.



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FUTURE 2ND LIEUTENANTS

CLASS OF
2019

On June 14, 2019 the UCSB Surfrider Battalion held their commissioning ceremony of the 4th year cadets with the Pacific Ocean as the backdrop. During this ceremony each of them have chosen a commissioned officer to administer the “Oath of the Commissioned Officer”, which is a rite of passage. Reciting this oath swears your allegiance to the Constitution of this great nation; not to any person or government entity. Secondly, an enlisted member of their choosing is asked to perform the “Silver Dollar Salute” which is a tradition that dates back to the early 19th century. The coin given to the enlisted member that performs the officers first salute symbolically acknowledges the receipt of respect due the new rank and position.

Upon the final commissioning of all our cadets we proudly introduce new Second Lieutenants into the branches of Medical Services, Ordinance, Military Intelligence, and Signal Corps amongst others. We were honored to have COL Kevin J. Williams as our commissioning guest speaker. COL Williams is currently the commander of the 2d Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. He is a native of Carmel, California and an Alumni of our ROTC program. He graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a BA in Political Science and commissioned in the Infantry branch in 1997. He was accompanied by his spouse who was also an alumni of the program. At the conclusion of the ceremony he presented our Second Lieutenants with leis from Hawaii! We appreciate all those that came out to support our graduates and look forward to watching our 2nd Lieutenants develop and grow as they assume their roles in the United States Army.