

# THE SURF REPORT

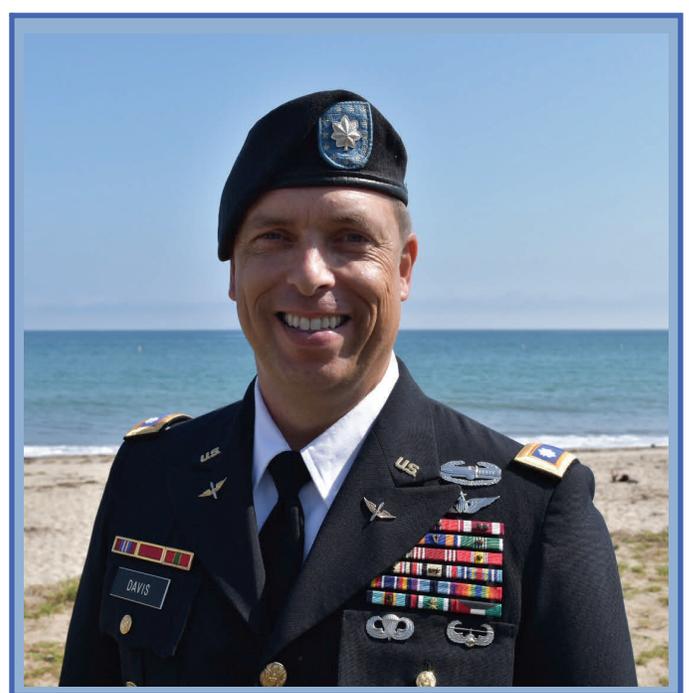
## UCSB ARMY ROTC SURFRIDERS

### NEWSLETTER

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### A Farewell from LTC George W. Davis

It is with a heavy heart that I must bid the Surfrider Battalion farewell. I am retiring after 23 years in the Army, and I can not think of a better way I could have spent the last four years of my career than in sunny Santa Barbara as the Professor of Military Science. My time with the Surfrider Battalion has been memorable to say the least. I have no doubts that each of the thirty-one Second Lieutenants that I have commissioned are well prepared to excel as leaders in the Army. Each of the Cadre members that have spent time with the Surfrider Cadets have made valuable contributions to their development. Although most of my time as Professor of Military Science has been spent short-staffed, it was through much hard work and support of the past and current Cadre members that the Surfrider Battalion has become one of the top Army ROTC programs in the nation. The Cadets of this program have strived for excellence, placing above the national average on the Order of Merit List for the commissioning class. The benefit of a smaller sized program is that we are able to be selective for quality. Although I will miss being able to develop the leaders of tomorrow's Army, I have no doubts that the incoming Professor of Military Science, MAJ (P) Travis Rayfield, will continue to create quality leaders out of the Surfrider Cadets. Keep up the great work.



“Surfriders!” LTC George W. Davis

## Commissioning

On the afternoon of June 12, 2015, fourteen MSIV cadets from the Surfrider Battalion took the Oath of Office and commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army in a ceremony that took place at Goleta Beach. In attendance were the commissionees' family and friends who have supported them in the years of hard work that have allowed them to reach this important milestone in their lives.

For these fourteen Cadets, commissioning into the Army has been a goal they have been training for and actively working towards throughout the last several years, while also being successful students at the university. Many of them consider commissioning an equally satisfying achievement, if not more so, than graduating from the university. The next step for the new Second Lieutenants will be attending the Basic Officer Leader's Course in the following months before reporting to their Active Duty stations or Reserve Units.

The commissioning ceremony marked the end of the commissionees' years as university students and ROTC Cadets, and the beginning of their Army careers as Second Lieutenants. In a speech that referred to this graduating class as the best of his four years with the Surfrider Battalion, Lieutenant Colonel George W. Davis, Professor of Military Science and Department Chairman, expressed his confidence in their future success while advising them to make the most of the important and humble profession awaiting them. "I watched you grow into the fine young men and women that sit before me. I know without a doubt that you are well prepared to take the next step in your journey."



2LT Jessica Ma received her oath of office from LTC Davis.

### Soon-to-be Commissionees

CDT Joshua Pennell will be commissioning at a separate ceremony at the end of August once he completes his last class necessary to complete his Physics degree. CDT Esther Yoon is an end of camp commissionee.

Although she will officially be commissioned once she completes Cadet Leader Course (CLC), she will return to UCSB to be a part of the commissioning ceremony in August.

# Commissioning

The fourteen newly commissioned Second Lieutenants have a wide range of career paths ahead of them as listed below:

## Second Lieutenants with Active Duty

**Gabriel J. Albertson**, Ordnance, will follow on orders for Explosive Ordnance Disposal and will receive his duty assignment upon completion of training;

**Isaac A. Flores II**, Ordnance, will be stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA with the 201st Battlefield Surveillance Brigade;

**Nicole L. Frazier**, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, will receive her duty assignment upon completion of training;

**Kathleen Guzman**, Engineer Corps, will be stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA;

**Taylor Holliday**, Engineer Corps, will be stationed in Baumholder, Germany;

**Dayquan A. Julienne**, Engineer Corps, will receive his duty assignment upon completion of training;

**Joanna Martinez**, Medical Service Corps, will be stationed at Fort Campbell, KY with the 1st BCT, 101st ABN DIV;

**Phillip S. Minott**, Signal Corps, will be stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA with the 201st Battlefield Surveillance Brigade;

**Daniel J. Pavich**, Ordnance, will be stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA with the 555th Engineer Brigade;

**Jose C. Perez**, Engineer Corps, will receive his duty assignment upon completion of training;

**Joseph Potter**, Infantry, will be stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA with the 2nd Infantry Division 2nd Stryker Brigade;

## Second Lieutenants in the Reserves

**Jay J. Kim**, Military Intelligence;

**Jamie M. Paychev**, Medical Service Corps, is awaiting admittance to the University of the Pacific Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco, CA;

## Second Lieutenant with Educational Delay

**Jessica Ma**, will attend law school at UC Hastings in San Francisco, CA and will branch Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG) upon receiving her Juris Doctorate;

# Spring LTX

Cadets plot points for night land navigation using only red lenses.

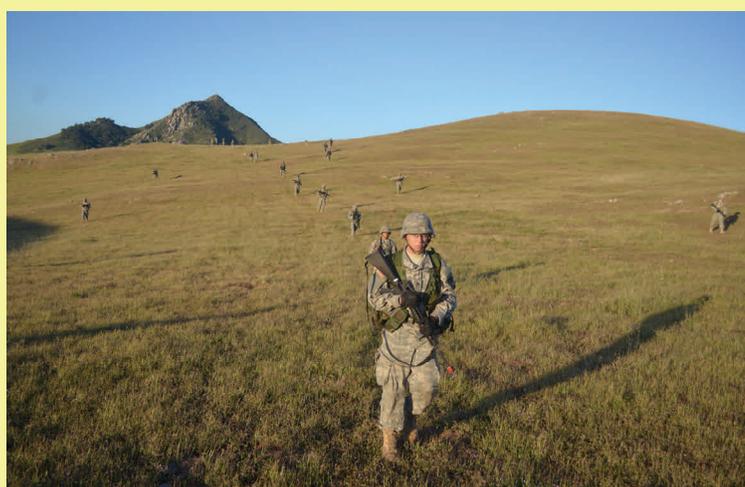


Every Spring Surfrider Cadets join forces with Cadets from California Polytechnic State University and Fresno State University to conduct joint Leadership Training Exercises (LTX). The purpose of the training is to prepare the MSIII Cadets for Cadet Leaders Course in the summer and to expose the MSI and MSII Cadets to the type of leadership that will be expected of them in the years to come.

The training began with basic instruction and weapon familiarization classes. For some Cadets it was their first time handling an M240B or M249. This was followed by an extensive land navigation course through the hills of Camp San Luis Obispo. The first night was concluded with Patrol Base Operations and night land navigation.

The second day of training began with an obstacle course, followed by force-on-force operations led by the MSIII Cadets. The mission ended when their new Patrol Base was set up. The MSIIIs then had to exercise their withdrawal plan when they were ambushed in the middle of the night. The last day included another force-on-force mission and a multi-program group picture to conclude the training.

Surfriders appreciate the opportunity to work with Cadets from other schools, which prepares them for the relationships they will build throughout their careers as Officers.



Cadets trek over the slopes of Camp San Luis Obispo, maintaining spacing on their way to the objective.

Cadets are receiving an OPORD from their MSIII leadership as they prepare to conduct a force-on-force mission.



## Summer Training

### Cadet Leaders Course (CLC)

Sixteen Surfrider Cadets will attend the Cadet Leaders Course, previously known as LDAC, this summer at Fort Knox, KY. Although the training has dramatically changed from previous years, MSIIIs continued to prepare throughout the school year for camp. Despite not being entirely sure of what to expect, Cadets look forward to the opportunity to meet other Cadets from across the nation and continue their professional development. Most MSIIIs attending the course are also attending follow-on training this summer. CDT Esther Yoon will attend CLC this summer as an end-of-camp commissionee, pinning her gold bar following the completion of the course.

### Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT) & Drill Cadet Leader Training (DCLT)

CDT Garcia, CDT Harris, CDT Hernandez, CDT Joseph, CDT Kersey, and CDT Monreal will attend Cadet Troop Leader Training following CLC this summer. CTLT provides Cadets the opportunity to shadow Platoon Leaders in active-duty units for a three to four week period. CDT West will be attending DCLT following CLC, which is a four week program that allows Cadets to apply leadership skills and interact with Drill Sergeants and other NCOs during Basic Combat training. CDT Harris and CDT Joseph will be at Fort Bragg, CDT Hernandez will be at Fort Benning, CDT Kersey and CDT Garcia will be at Fort Bliss, CDT Monreal will be at Fort Sill, and CDT West will be at Fort Jackson.

### Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency (CULP) Program

Every summer ROTC sends 1,400+ Cadets overseas to learn the culture and language of one of over 40 different countries and engage with their local population. Two Surfriders were selected to participate in the program this year: CDT Joseph MacDonald will go to Turkey following CLC and CDT Francisco Perez will spend a month in Macedonia. The two Cadets have never visited these parts of the world before and look forward to training with the military of the country and doing community service.

### Cadet Initial Entry Training (CIET)

Seven Cadets will attend Cadet Initial Entry Training this summer. This training is for incoming MSII Cadets who are interested in the program. The training is held at Fort Knox, KY. The purpose is to familiarize and prepare incoming Cadets for the responsibilities and expectations of a leader and Army Officer.

### Airborne and Air Assault School

CDT Nicholas Brischler will attend Air Assault School and CDT Sarah Schreck will attend Airborne School in Fort Benning, GA in addition to attending CLC this summer.

# Spring Military Ball and Alumni Reception

## Spring Military Ball

On April 18, the Surfrider Battalion held their annual Military Ball in downtown Santa Barbara, at the Cabrillo Pavilion Arts Center. Organized by a committee of fourteen 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 poke fun at their fellow Cadets, as well as the Cadre members, and was the highlight of the night. MSIVs and Cadre also partook in the traditional drinking of the grog. The ball was a resounding success, and is the highlight of many Cadets' last quarter of the year.



## Alumni Reception

The alumni committee hosted a pleasant meet and greet during UCSB's alumni weekend. Several UCSB alumni from years past came to meet and interact with the current Cadets and shared stories, knowledge, and wisdom over cold beverages and tasty hors d'oeuvres. Old scrapbooks with pictures taken from trainings in the past were on display.

## A New Approach to Training

### Paintball Training Exercises

On May 1, the third and fourth year Surfrider Cadets travelled to “The Shack” in Santa Maria, CA, for tactical paintballing exercises. The training emphasized many combat-related lessons, such as the importance of team and buddy level movements, what sprinting from covered area to covered area actually feels like, and the added stresses that come from adrenaline that rushes communication and thought processes. The extra motivation to move with a purpose on the training field added a valuable dimension to the usual tactics training environment. Cadets look forward to making more use of the paintball gear in future training events to come.



### Chinook Familiarization Flight

On May 21, the Cadets of the Surfrider Battalion had the unique experience to take off in a CH-47F, “Chinook Fox,” for helicopter orientation. The training required hours of coordination from the battalion Recruitment Operations



Officer, Mr. Acevedo and Col. Carmona from the Stockton Based B Company, 1st Battalion, 126th Aviation Regiment, known as the Delta Schooners. However, all of this was worth it given the valuable learning experience. Cadets were able to engage in a crash course in helicopter loading and emergence procedures, experience the power of air mobility operations, and gain a greater appreciation for the air power of the Army. Most of all though, the Surfriders thoroughly enjoyed the adrenaline rush of rotary wing flight, resulting in boosted morale and even greater motivation to push themselves to train in preparation for their futures as Army Officers.

## Awards Ceremony and MOWW Dinner

### LTC Sam Cathcart Memorial

On May 31, Surfriders had the honor of attending and participating in the memorial ceremony for one of the first three Surfriders to commission out of UCSB Army ROTC. After being drafted into the 291st Regimental Combat Team of the 75th Division during WWII, LTC Sam Cathcart commissioned out of UCSB in 1949 and eventually served as the commander of the 425th Civil Affairs Unit out of Santa Barbara before retiring in 1975. While at UCSB he earned honors while also competing on the UCSB football team, boxing team, and track and field. He even was invited to play for the San Francisco 49ers as a free agent for three seasons before being recalled into active duty during the Korean War. He taught and coached football at Santa Barbara High School for 35 years and achieved a record of 143-34-9. He accrued many honors throughout his lifetime, including the Purple Heart and Silver Star, and has been inducted into multiple halls of fame of schools and organizations in Southern California. He passed away at the age of 90 on April 3, 2015 surrounded by family.

### Awards Ceremony

On May 15, Surfrider Cadets and guests gathered at the Mosher Alumni House to recognize Cadets that have performed exceptionally well throughout the school year. Cadets were awarded for various achievements in the form of a certificate, medal, trophy, and/or check. The awardees have worked very hard for their accomplishments and will continue to set the example for future leaders.



Cadet  
Joanna  
Martinez at  
the MOWW  
dinner at the  
Santa  
Barbara  
Yacht Club.

Cadet  
Nicholas  
Brischler  
received the  
CPT Dion J.  
Burmaz  
Memorial  
Award  
Scholarship  
presented by  
the Burmaz  
family.



Photo courtesy of EMI Photography

### MOWW Dinner

Nine Cadets were invited for a delicious dinner and the Change of Command of the MOWW Santa Barbara Chapter and Awards Ceremony at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club. The Military Order of the World Wars is an organization founded in 1919 as a way for retired military personnel to continue serving others. The Santa Barbara chapter has supported the UCSB Army ROTC Program by providing various awards and scholarships at the annual Awards Ceremony. They also award students and citizens in the Santa Barbara county for their support of Veterans and other military personnel in the community.

## Cadre Departure

Captain Justine Sacco served as the Assistant Professor of Military Science of the Surfrider Battalion for one year before leaving to Washington D.C. to serve as a fellow for the Chief of Staff's Strategic Studies Group (SSG).



### Captain Justine Sacco

CPT Sacco served as the Assistant Professor of Military Science for the Surfrider Battalion for one year. She instructed Military Science for the MSII and MSIII class. CPT Sacco worked very hard to ensure training was conducted appropriately and would be found regularly conducting Physical Training and attending Leadership Lab with the Cadets. Although her time was short lived, she was able to make a lasting and positive influence on Surfrider Cadets before being assigned to work as a fellow for the Chief of Staff's Strategic Studies Group (SSG). CPT Sacco was selected for this position in February and the assignment begins in July 2015. The Surfrider Battalion is sad to see her go but wish her the best in Washington D.C.



Ms. Stephanie Kim who was the Human Resource Administrator for two years before leaving the Surfrider Battalion to get her PhD in Clinical Psychology.

### Ms. Stephanie Kim

Ms. Stephanie Kim served as the Human Resource Administrator for the Surfrider Battalion for two years. Each Cadet who came to her office knew Ms. Kim was always pleasant and proficient. She left on May 19, 2015 to Fort Knox, KY to do human resource work for Cadet Summer Training (CST) and returned for the month of July. However, she will be leaving a month later to get her PhD in Clinical Psychology. Presently, there is no incoming Human Resource Administrator to replace Ms. Kim. It will be difficult to lose such a valuable asset, but we wish the best for Ms. Stephanie Kim in all her future endeavors.