

# THE SURF REPORT

## UCSB ARMY ROTC SURFRIDERS

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## **Cadets Plan and Host a Successful Spring Military Ball**

On May 17, 2014, the hard work of a half dozen Cadets on the Military Ball Committee, led by fourth year Cadet Matthew Tweed, paid off. The Ball was held at Glen Annie Golf Course in Goleta, California. The Spring Military Ball is always a highlight of the Surfrider Battalion and this year was no exception. The Spring Military Ball is planned and hosted almost entirely by Cadets. It serves not only as an occasion for Cadets, Cadre, and friends of the Battalion to reflect back on the previous year and have some fun, but also has training value for the Cadets. It is an opportunity for them to learn and practice the many rich traditions of the United States Army, as well as to further develop their planning and supervising skills in a situation that will apply to their future Army careers.

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# Commissioning

## Surfrider Cadets Commission as Second Lieutenants

On June 13, 2014, ten MSIV Cadets took the Oath of Office and became Second Lieutenants in the United States Army. Cadets Paul Kim, Braulio Martinez, Brooke (Smith) Clark, and Matthew B. Tweed branched Transportation Corps. Cadets Alexander C. Moore and Alexandria Schmidt branched Military Intelligence, Cadet Dimitri C. Serrano branched Ordnance Corps, and Cadets Manuel E. Soriano, Sergio A. Vergara and Barron H. Yamron branched Armor.

These ten Cadets have worked and trained tirelessly in preparation of becoming Army Officers and are excited to have achieved their goal. The new 2LTs will report to their Basic Officer Leader Course (BOLC) at various times throughout the year before going to their duty stations or Reserve units

The guest speaker at the Commissioning ceremony was Brigadier General Clarence D. Turner, who has held a wide variety of command and staff positions during his time in service at various posts, here in the United States as well as Korea, Germany, Bosnia and the Middle East.

Approximately 150 friends, family, alumni and local supporters in the community attended the Commissioning ceremony, held at Goleta Beach. Special guests in attendance included Congresswoman Lois Capps, District Representative Wendy Motta, UC Santa Barbara Chancellor Henry Yang, and Santa Barbara City College President Lori Gaskin.

Lieutenant Colonel George W. Davis, Department Chairman and Professor of Military Science, addressed the Cadets inspiring greatness in their future Army careers. "This is a lot bigger than just graduating college, this is about taking the next step in your lives. It's a service to the country, it's a service to you."



# Leadership Development and Assessment Course

## Third Year Cadets (MS III) Excel at Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) This Summer

Third year Cadets spent all year preparing for the Leadership Development and Assessment Course, or LDAC for short, held for the first time in Fort Knox, Kentucky. LDAC is the Army's intensive 28-day development and assessment period for third year Cadets and its passage is a requirement for commissioning. This year the biggest change has been the location as the exercise has moved from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, to Fort Knox, Kentucky. Besides the relocation, a number of smaller changes have occurred in the 28-day "final exam" for Cadets.

LDAC evolves a little every year so the fourth year Cadets as well as Cadre provide the participating Cadets headed to LDAC with the foundational skills necessary for success, and attempt to mimic as closely as possible in the training environment at UCSB/Ellwood what they might face at LDAC.

Cadet Taylor Holliday, a third year attending LDAC this summer, said when asked about her readiness, "We've had so much thrown at us here at school that I feel confident we can succeed at LDAC." Cadet Holliday received The Engility Warrior Ethos Award during the graduation ceremony on 21 July, 2014. This award is presented to the Cadet who best displays innovation, resiliency, courage, integrity and honor.

Sixteen Surfrider Cadets completed LDAC with seven (7) "E'S" (exceeding the standard) and nine (9) "S's" (meeting the standard) in overall evaluations.



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LDAC Photos Courtesy of US Army ROTC



# Volunteering

## UC Santa Barbara Army ROTC Surfrider Cadets Assist with USS Ronald Reagan Visit in Santa Barbara

UCSB Surfrider Cadets assisted the Santa Barbara Navy League in hosting the USS Ronald Reagan and its Sailors in Santa Barbara. The nuclear powered aircraft carrier arrived in port Friday, May 30, 2014 and stayed the entire weekend providing an opportunity for the Sailors aboard to visit Santa Barbara and for Santa Barbara residents to visit an active duty aircraft carrier.

Cadets focused on helping out at the launch site and providing directions for Sailors on liberty leave and civilians visiting the ship. They worked closely with the Santa Barbara Navy League, who are local supporters of the Surfrider Battalion. Cadets volunteered Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and in return were given an opportunity to tour the ship. Cadet Paul Kim, a fourth year student who led a volunteer shift, said of the experience, "It was great to be able to see an active carrier up close like that. It's not every day we get an opportunity to do that."



USS Ronald Reagan in Santa Barbara, California



USS Ronald Reagan Flight Deck

### ***USS Ronald Reagan Facts:***

- The ship is powered by two nuclear reactors
- The ship carries 90 fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft
- The ship carries over 5,000 Sailors whose work is split between supporting the ship and supporting the air wing
- The ship is 1,092 feet long overall
- Four gold stars represent President Reagan's 40th presidency and his four pillars of freedom: individual liberty; economic opportunity; global democracy; and national pride.
- *Ronald Reagan* conducted her maiden port visit in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, from 11–14 November 2003.

# Surfrider Alumni Reception

## Surfrider Alumni Connect With Current Cadets

The Surfrider Battalion has commissioned 1,059 Lieutenants since its inception in 1947. Every year during the “All Gaucho Reunion” in late Spring, the battalion hosts an Alumni Reception to bring together past and current Cadets. This is an opportunity for the current Cadets to learn from their predecessors about what Army life is like and how to be a successful Officer.

The Surfrider Alumni bring valuable insight to our current Cadets and share their experiences when they were a Cadet at UCSB. Additionally, they teach the current Cadets how to be successful in life after their Army career is over. We have many successful Alumni living in the community who share their knowledge and



time by supporting the UCSB Army ROTC program at various events. Several alumni are generous enough to donate to the program which assists our Cadets with scholarships and the tools needed to be a successful student and earn their degree, while learning how to become an excellent Officer upon commissioning. We value our Alumni greatly.



Cadets Interact with Surfrider Alumni



# UCSB Army ROTC Military Ball (Continued)

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Cadets wear their Army Service uniform (ASU) at the Military Ball after passing an inspection by one of the fourth year Cadet mentors. Cadets practice going through a receiving line and introducing their date. They also learn about traditions like the prisoner of war table and the Army Song. This helps keep Cadets in touch with the US Army's rich heritage and also serves the purpose of introducing civilian students and community members to that heritage as Cadet's dates and guests of the program.

This year one highlight of the ball was the multiple skits performed by every class. This is a unique opportunity for the Cadets to recount some of the humorous moments of the year and to get away with poking fun at their superiors. No one was spared by the skits as almost the entire fourth year class and every Cadre member was the subject of elaborate impressions often including costumes.

Cadet Tweed who led the Military Ball Committee this year said of the event, "The Military Ball was a challenge to plan with a small budget but I couldn't have hoped for it to go better." He added, "It wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of the community at our fundraisers and the donations from our alumni and long time friends of the program."

