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Special Guests & Visitors

BG Johnny Johnson, Deputy Director of Operations (J3), U.S. Central Command



During this past academic year, **BG Johnny Johnson** has been a special guest and supporter to our ROTC students. A Tampa native who attended Robinson High School, he is a highly decorated Army Armor Officer who has served in multiple overseas tours/

deployments including combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Spartan Shield and in a variety of command assignments. While coordinating a visit to the U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) with **Anna Hancock**, CENTCOM Community Relations, she mentioned that there was a general officer who would very likely be eager to participate in the USF ROTC annual Patriot Day Joint Run if his schedule allowed. That general officer turned out to be BG Johnny Johnson and it all came together! He not only participated in the Joint Run with our ROTC students but expressed interest in other opportunities to engage with them. He said in an email after the Joint Run, **"Time is perhaps the most valuable investment one can make in the development of our future leaders. Count us in for future opportunities."**

This eventually led to him participating in the Fall 2019 Joint Commissioning Ceremony as the guest speaker and speaking to our ROTC students visiting the U.S. Central Command headquarters during the Spring 2020 semester. More details of his part in these events are provided in articles below. BG Johnson proved to be an inspiration to

our students as he invested much of his personal time and energy in sharing his experiences, professional knowledge and wisdom from his highly successful career serving our country. Thank you, General Johnson!

Army ROTC Alumnus Visit



Major John Vanbuskirk, U.S. Army (Ret.) and his wife visited the Army ROTC and JMLC during the Fall 2019 semester just prior to Veterans Day. Major Vanbuskirk was in the very first group of ROTC students commissioned as officers in the U.S. Army at USF and was a Distinguished Military Graduate. Initially, ROTC classes had to be

taken at the University of Tampa. Major Vanbuskirk spearheaded the drive to have ROTC classes on the USF Tampa campus which was eventually approved by the USF Faculty Senate. During their recent visit, **Major Richard Harrelson** guided them on a tour of the CWY building and provided them an update on the current status of ROTC. Major Vanbuskirk was very excited to see how much ROTC had grown at USF since his student days with all branches of service and a dedicated building for ROTC. He was very impressed with the training facilities and overall support provided by the university. Major Vanbuskirk started his military career by enlisting in the Air Force, served a tour in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive and subsequently attended USF and commissioned an officer in the Army. After retiring from the Army in 1993, he was recalled to active duty in 2006 to serve as Operations Officer at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany and the Medical Processing Center at Fort Hood, Texas. He retired from the Army a second time in 2009. It was wonderful to have one of USF's first ROTC graduates visit and connect with us!

COVID-19

Impact of COVID-19 on the Spring 2020 Semester

Just prior to Spring Break in mid-March, the university essentially began its present lockdown. Students were informed not to return to campus and all university courses transitioned to “remote” delivery. All USF employees with the exception of essential personnel were to work from home and all university events and large gatherings including commencement were cancelled. As a result, many ROTC end of year activities including military balls, the annual ROTC Senior Celebration, awards ceremonies and change of commands were cancelled or conducted remotely. The important thing was that the Spring Class of 2020 graduating ROTC students were still able to graduate and commission as officers on time. The individual ROTC commissioning ceremonies were held the weekend of 8 to 10 May remotely using Zoom, Blackboard Collaborate, Facebook Live or some combination. Each were performed without any problems and with the proper dignity and recognition the new officers deserved with their families and friends participating on line.



Air Force ROTC Det 158 Change of Command



Spring Commissioning Ceremony

ROTC Living Learning Community (LLC)

Overview

It's been another exciting year for the ROTC LLC. To start the Fall 2019 Semester, we welcomed 28 ROTC residents to the ROTC Living Learning Community (LLC) including 3 returners, Army Cadets **Ronald Aytona**, **Jeilah Pabon** and **Nick Trimble**. Here is a breakdown of the LLC residents who initially entered the LLC for this past year: Army – 11; Naval – 6 Navy option, 1 Marine option; Air Force – 7 consisting of 16 males and 9 female ROTC students.

This year's Resident Advisor (RA) was Air Force Cadet **Raymond Cordova** who served as an RA for another community last year but was involved with many of the LLC activities. Cadet Cordova did a great job in leading the LLC. He was highly respected by his residents throughout the year and was directly responsible for the residents' enthusiastic and strong participation in all LLC and Maple community events.

In his third year as a LLC resident, Cadet Aytona is an outstanding role model and mentor to the new ROTC students. This past year he served as the President of the Maple Hall Council which plans and organizes various events throughout the year for the residents of the Maple residence community. Of note, the **Maple Hall Council was awarded Council of the Year** and the **Maple residence community received the Community of the Year award** at the annual end of year USF Housing Awards. (Photo #12)



Cadet Ronald Aytona

LLC Alumni Social

Cadet Raymond Cordova invited a group of former ROTC LLC residents who are still at USF from each ROTC for an Alumni Social. This took place early in the semester to provide the new LLC residents an opportunity to hear firsthand about life in the LLC, the opportunities it presented and some sage advice on how best to take advantage of the LLC experience. Air Force **Cadet Broc Fischer** and 2dLt **Daniel Rogan**, who were both seniors at the time and outstanding performers in their respective units, participated in talking with the current residents while enjoying some ice cream with various toppings.

Hiking & Swimming at Rainbow Springs



The LLC took advantage of a Campus Recreation Outdoor Adventure with a trip to Rainbow Springs. About half of all the LLC residents participated in the trip and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to enjoy a break away from the campus at one of Florida's natural attractions. Students were able to hike through the nature trail at Rainbow Springs and enjoy a cool swim in the spring. The trip was free for the participants which included transportation, lunch and guides to facilitate the activities. It also provided an opportunity for the residents to get to know each other outside of ROTC training and the campus environment.

LLC Residents visit an Assisted Living Facility on Veterans Day

The Tessera Westchase Assisted Living Facility requested the assistance of some ROTC students to participate in a brief ceremony to be held at their facility to honor veteran residents and their spouses on Veterans Day, 11 November. Cadet Raymond Cordova led a team of LLC residents



and joined another group of ROTC students to participate. The ROTC students took part in the ceremony which included a flag folding and individual recognition of each veteran and their spouse. The students then met and talked with the veterans and spouses at a reception following the ceremony. Both the veterans/spouses and the ROTC students thoroughly enjoyed the event. The veterans welcomed the opportunity to meet the next generation of military service members while the students enjoyed hearing the many stories of the older veterans and acknowledging the older veterans' service with gratitude. We hope that this will become a regular event for future years!

Second Annual Dinner with the Dean



An event that is part of the USF Residential Education curriculum, the purpose of the dinner is to provide an opportunity for the LLC residents to meet with college faculty and USF administrators in a semi-formal setting. The Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Paul Atchley, eagerly accepted the invitation to dine with the residents. Also attending were the commanders of the ROTC units, **CAPT John Schmidt**, Naval ROTC; **Col Timothy Sites**, Air Force ROTC; and **LTC Ryan Atkins**, Army ROTC. After enjoying a delicious dinner catered by Mission BBQ, Dr. Atchley, an Army ROTC graduate himself, talked about his career both in the U.S. Army and in academia with a positive message to the residents about their own future potential.

ROTC Instructor visits to the LLC

Campus Wide House Calls: **CAPT John Schmidt**, Professor of Naval Science, participated in this year's Campus Wide House Calls at the start of the academic year along with the Director, John Sarao and other university faculty/staff. The purpose of Campus Wide House Calls is for university faculty & staff to engage campus residents in their communities early in the semester to inform them about campus resources and answer their questions on a variety of topics. Serving in his third year as the Commanding Officer of the USF Naval ROTC unit, CAPT Schmidt provided a valuable perspective to the residents on a wide range of issues related to ROTC but also life as a USF student in general. Capt Schmidt is a nuclear trained Surface Warfare Officer who has served over 28 years active service in the Navy that included multiple tours in command at sea.



Joint Officer Panel: This is a very popular event for the LLC residents which provides the opportunity to hear from junior officers with recent leadership of enlisted troops and forward deployed experience. This year's panel was comprised of the following ROTC instructors: **CPT Warren Wilson**, Army ROTC; **LT Jason Bradley**, Naval ROTC; and, **Lt Col Kelley Jeter**, Air Force ROTC. A majority of the LLC residents were present to ask questions and hear the different perspectives of each officer. CPT Warren Wilson served as a Field Artillery Officer and then transitioned to the Finance Corps where he most recently completed a tour in Honduras. LT Bradley initially enlisted in the USMC and after his obligated service, pursued a commission in the Navy via Officer Candidate School as a Surface Warfare Officer and was most recently forward deployed in Sasebo, Japan. LT Col Jeter is a prior enlisted Airman, was commissioned into the Air Force via Auburn University ROTC and recently completed a joint assignment tour in South Korea.

Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Panel: A large gathering of ROTC residents sat down with **MSG Jaime Castro**, Army ROTC; **GySgt Timothy Peterson**, Naval ROTC; and **SSgt Christopher Cobb**, Air Force ROTC, to learn about the proper working relationships between junior officers and their Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs). The three NCOs provided a vital insight into how to make this relationship work effectively based on their own personal experiences and different perspectives. The students were thoroughly engaged and attentive with many good questions while sharing pizza with their special guests.

Global Connection

The Coalition at U.S. Central Command

BG Henrik Larsen, Senior National Representative (SNR) of Denmark and Chairman of the Coalition at U.S. Central Command extended an invitation to several JMLC and ROTC staff to attend International Night at MacDill AFB. Held annually in December, this event, held in one of the huge hangars at the base, is a unique multi-cultural and culinary experience. The Coalition consists of over 40 nations that provide support and contribute in some form to U.S. military operations throughout the Middle East. Each nation's team is comprised of an SNR and supporting staff of various sizes, who serve anywhere from several months to years. Many are also accompanied by their dependent

families. International Night is sponsored by the entire Coalition with each nation serving ethnic foods and drinks representative of their country and culture. It is Disney's EPCOT World Showcase on steroids. It is a very festive event and literally brings people from around the world together to enjoy good food, drink and companionship.

During the spring semester, the JMLC coordinated the visit of a naval officer from the Coalition to speak at a Naval ROTC Leadership Lab. Though an actual visit had to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus, CDR Mogens Christens of Denmark kept his commitment to speak to the students

and spoke to them via Blackboard Collaborate on Canvas, an on-line instructional platform used by the university for its academic classes. The presentation was very informative for the Buccaneer Battalion students. This provided them a unique opportunity to hear from a foreign military officer with a very diverse naval background as he shared a non-U.S. perspective on various common issues such as leadership and global security concerns.



Scholarship Recipients

CPT Jason Holbrook Memorial Scholarships

Another very impressive group of ROTC students were selected for this year's CPT Jason Holbrook Memorial Scholarship. The recipients are: Army ROTC – Cadet Antonio Roman; Naval ROTC – **Ensign Alex Birchler and Midshipman Kris Ribecky**; and, Air Force ROTC – **Cadet Garrett Sheehan**. Each were selected by their respective ROTC instructors based on their superior performance, demonstrated leadership abilities and potential for assuming positions of greater responsibility. The students were recognized on the football field at Raymond James Stadium during a break at the USF Football's Salute to Service Football Game in November. Accompanying them were **John and Cindy Harper**, both USF Alumni, who set up the CPT Jason Holbrook Memorial Scholarship in memory of their son-in-law, CPT Jason Holbrook, who was KIA in Afghanistan on July 29, 2010. The scholarship was initially awarded in the spring of 2011. This brings to 44 the total number of scholarships awarded to date.

- Cadet Roman was selected from more than 200 Army cadets. Physically, he leads from the front by consistently achieving outstanding scores on the Army Physical Fitness Test and continually encourages others to exceed their own physical limitations. Professionally, he is far ahead of his peers as he relentlessly works to become more proficient, both tactically and technically, and serves as an example for all to follow. Cadet Roman attended the National Conference on Ethics in America (NCEA) at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in October.
- Ensign Birchler graduated from USF with a Mechanical Engineering degree and earned a spot on the Dean's list for four semesters. As a leader, he consistently sought to develop his fellow students academically, professionally and physically. He spent over 30 hours

tutoring fellow ROTC students in Physics and regularly volunteered for community service events. He attended the annual Naval Academy Leadership Conference at Annapolis, MD in January.

- Midshipman Ribecky is ranked at the top of his class and held various Battalion leadership positions where he excelled. He also distinguished himself at the 2019 Tulane University Mardi Gras Drill meet where he received high marks in the color guard, personnel inspection and individual exhibition. Midshipman Ribecky also attended the annual Naval Academy Leadership Conference at Annapolis, MD.
- Cadet Sheehan was ranked a Top Flight Commander for his outstanding leadership and was honored as a Distinguished Graduate for his performance at Summer Field Training. He also served as the Honor Guard Commander where he flawlessly represented the Air Force at over 25 major events. Cadet Sheehan attended the U.S. Air Force Academy National Character and Leadership Symposium (NCLS) in Colorado Springs in February.



USF Foundation Scholarships

- The 495th Legends Scholarship:

This year's recipients of the 495th Legends Scholarship in the amount of \$500 are **2dLt Mitchell O'Brien** (Army ROTC), **Midshipman Zachary Myers** (Naval ROTC) and **Cadet Samuel Owens** (Air Force ROTC). Each recipient was selected by their respective ROTC instructors for outstanding performance in academics, physical training, and professional development. The **495th Legends** is a volunteer organization created in 2004 as a not-for-profit company by members of the 495th Transportation Company based in Lakeland, Florida, who served together in Operation DESERT SHIELD/ DESERT STORM. The 495th Legends hosts several golf tournaments each year as their main fundraising effort including a Veterans Day Golf Tournament in Zephyrhills. Lt O'Brien graduated and was commissioned with the Spring 2020 commissioning class. He had previously served as the Suncoast Battalion Commander during the Spring 2020 Semester. Midshipman Myers served as the unit Color Guard Commander for a semester and boasted a 3.97 cumulative GPA. Cadet Owens recently served as the Field Training

Preparation Flight Commander and has maintained a 3.56 GPA as a mechanical engineering major.

- JMLC Selfless Service Award:

The 2020 recipients of the JMLC Selfless Service Award are **2d Lt Darian Meng** (Army ROTC), Sgt Trevor Pace (Naval ROTC) and **Cadet Alyssa Sanchez** (Air Force ROTC). This award recognizes one ROTC student from each service ROTC program for demonstrating outstanding leadership and exemplifying self to the highest standards of conduct and the respective service's core values. Lt Meng stood out amongst her peers as one who continually stepped up to volunteer her time for others. Sgt Pace recently served as the Battalion Executive Officer or "second in command" of the Buccaneer Battalion. In this position, he put the Naval Service's Core Values of Honor, Courage and Commitment into visible action making a lasting impact on the battalion. Cadet Sanchez consistently volunteered for ROTC and community service activities having led the Detachment in volunteer hours all while demonstrating excellence in academics.

Special Recognitions



Tampa Bay Lightning "Hero of the Game" –

The following ROTC cadre and students were individually honored as the Tampa Bay Lightning "Hero of the Game" during the 2019-2020 hockey season at the Amalie Arena. **SFC Sean Ward**, Army ROTC, a Bronze Star and Purple Heart recipient who made multiple deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan; **SSgt Christopher Cobb**, Air Force ROTC who

deployed to Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM; and, **2ndLt Jerod Hassell**, Naval ROTC, who deployed as a Recon Marine to Afghanistan and a deployment to the Arabian Gulf with a Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). This was a wonderful experience and well deserved recognition for these "Heroes" by the Lightning organization. Each honoree and family members are recognized during the 2nd period of play and get VIP treatment at the game. We greatly appreciate the entire Tampa Bay Lightning organization for their commitment to honor and appropriately salute veterans and their families at every home game!

Air Force ROTC Administrative Specialist Recognized

Brenda Faulk, the first and only Administrative Specialist the Air Force ROTC has ever had, was recently recognized for her 40 years of service as a USF employee at this year's Length of Service Awards Luncheon. When the U.S. Air Force stood up its 158th Detachment at USF in 1982,

Brenda, a Navy veteran, jumped at the opportunity and the rest is history. She has seen and come to know every single Air Force officer that has been commissioned through the USF Air Force ROTC program. When asked if she remembers a particular graduate, she may hesitate but soon will recall the individual and some details about them. She stays in contact with many Air Force alumni and now even some of their children are coming to USF to join the Air Force. One alumnus, BGen Doug "Scot" Martin, personally invited Brenda to attend his promotion ceremony to Brigadier General at Wright Patterson AFB, Detachment 158's first General Officer. Congratulations, Brenda, for your commitment and service to USF and Detachment 158!



Joint Events

Joint Run , 11 September – In Honor of Patriot Day 9/11

A special guest joined the JMLC and the ROTC units for the annual Patriot Day Joint Run to honor and remember those who were killed on 9/11 in 2001. **BG Johnnie Johnson**, Deputy Director, J3 (Operations) at U.S. Central Command, took time out of his busy schedule to run with us after hearing about the annual run. He was accompanied by his Senior Enlisted Advisor, **MGySgt Blaine Jones**. Subsequent to the very spirited run on campus, both BG Johnson and MGySgt Jones gave a very motivational talk to the joint assembly of over 300 ROTC students. Later they both joined a group of the Army ROTC cadre and students for breakfast and conversation at the Champs cafeteria. It was an honor to have BG Johnson spend a significant amount of his morning with our ROTC students. This year's run was led by the Air Force ROTC and organized by Air Force **Cadet Israel Perrillo**. Our Dean of Undergraduate Studies, **Dr. Paul Atchley** once again participated in the run.



Joint Commissioning Ceremony – December 2019



The Fall 2019 Joint Commissioning Ceremony was held on the morning of December 14. Family and friends packed the Kokolakakis Auditorium in the CWY building at USF to witness the commissioning of the new officers into the armed forces. Members of the Fall Commissioning Class of 2019 are: **2LT Eric Berland** (Army), BS in Marketing; **2LT Max Lucas** (Army), BA in Psychology; **2LT Victoria Morris** (Army), BS in Restaurant and Hotel Management from the University of Central Florida; **2LT My Tran Nguyen** (Army), BS in Computer Science; **ENS David Collins-Hahn** (Navy), BS in Psychology; **2ndLt Jerod Hassell** (Marine Corps), BS in Economics; **2ndLt Delone Manns** (Marine Corps), BA in Film & Media Arts from the University of Tampa; **2ndLt Joseph Perez** (Marine Corps), BA in History; **ENS Theodore Sandoval** (Navy), BS in Marine Biology and, **2nd Lt Fernando Tavarezpena** (Marine Corps), BS in Mechanical Engineering. Having expressed a sincere personal interest

in participating in the ceremony, we were honored to have BG Johnnie Johnson, Deputy Director, J3 (Operations) at U.S. Central Command return to USF to be our guest speaker who gave the brand new officers and their guests some very inspirational words.

(Note: The Joint Commissioning photo is courtesy of www.dakotasmithvisuals.com Instagram: @dakotasmithvisuals)

FBI Interagency Presentation

The Army ROTC hosted members of the local FBI office in an event open to all ROTC students and cadre on January 22 in the CWY building. The FBI agents conducted an Interagency brief and discussed the FBI's missions and priorities with special emphasis on activities in the Tampa Bay area. All the FBI agents were military veterans with experience in operations between the military and national security/law enforcement elements of the interagency. They also talked about job opportunities available in the FBI to ROTC students after their military service.

Visit to U.S. Central Command



On 28 February, a group of 16 ROTC students of all services visited U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) headquarters at MacDill AFB. Upon our arrival, Anna Hancock and her Community Relations team escorted us to the Joint Operations Center (JOC) which is manned 24/7 to monitor and collect information on all operations and status of forces in the USCENTCOM area of responsibility (AOR). BG Johnson gave a brief introduction followed by the JOC Watch Captain who provided an overview of the JOC organization and how it functions to keep the Commander

informed. He along with other JOC personnel consisting of members of all military services and civilians answered many questions posed by our students. We were then escorted into the Main Conference Room where the students were seated at the "big" table where the Commander and his senior leaders hold meetings. After other presentations were given including one on the Coalition, BG Johnson returned and spoke about each of the countries within the USCENTCOM AOR, the challenges being faced in each and an overview of the Commander's priorities. He answered many of the student's questions and shared some words of wisdom for starting a career as a junior officer in the military.

Overall, the experience was a memorable one for the students. It provided them a glimpse of what a Unified Combatant Command does and its relationship at the strategic level for what they will do at the lower operational level as junior officers. We are very fortunate to have such a good relationship with both USCENTCOM and USSOCOM to accommodate visits such as this.

2019-2020 Commanders' Cup Champions— Army Suncoast Battalion

The Army's Suncoast Battalion makes it two years in a row and retains ownership of the Commanders' Cup. This year's Commanders' Cup series came down to the last event of the year as all three ROTC units were in contention! A total of six team sport events were played



between the three ROTC units during the academic year. Dodgeball was added as a scheduled team sport event this year. Fortunately all events were completed prior to the COVID-19 lockdown. The Suncoast Battalion are this year's champs in four of the six events: flag football,



Farewell presentation to LTC Ryan Atkins

dodgeball, soccer and ultimate frisbee. Meanwhile, the Naval ROTC Buccaneer Battalion are this year's champs in basketball and volleyball. Though the Air Force 158th Wing Detachment did not win an individual event championship, they consistently placed 2nd in each sport and were always a contender. Once again well done to all ROTC participants in an exciting year of friendly rivalry and competition!

A special thanks to **2Lt Cody Mann**, Army ROTC; **2nd Lt Dakota Smith**, Naval ROTC; and **Cadet Israel Parrilla**, Air Force ROTC who planned and executed the fall semester events. Also to **2Lt Darian Meng**, Army ROTC; **MIDN Mason**

Mihm, Naval ROTC and **Cadet Broc Fischer**, Air Force ROTC for the spring semester Cup events. Each did a great job in planning, forming the teams and ensuring the events went smoothly with a lot of excitement!

Joint Picnic at USF Riverfront Park – Friday, March 6

It was a perfect sunny day as we gathered for this year's annual Joint Picnic, a week prior to Spring Break and just before the university's lockdown due to COVID-19. This also turned out to be the last big, social event of the 2019-2020 academic year! USF Riverfront Park was the venue. This was a great way to start the weekend, enjoy some classic cookout food and spend time with fellow ROTC students and their instructors/staff of all branches in a relaxing environment away from the main campus. The timing was just right for perfect Florida winter weather and before the frenzy and packed schedule of the last half of the spring semester. During the picnic, the Commanders' Cup and final event, ultimate frisbee, was played which provided some extra excitement and spirit for everyone. To conclude the event, John Sarao and special guest, Dr. Paul Atchley, presented the Commanders' Cup to **2Lt Mitchell O'Brien** the Suncoast Battalion Commander. John Sarao also presented a farewell memento to **LTC Ryan Atkins**, the outgoing Army ROTC Professor of Military Science, on his last day on campus before proceeding to Battalion Command at Fort Riley, KS. In all, everyone enjoyed the great outdoor weather, camaraderie and food prepared by our grill masters, **GySgt Nathan Miller** and **SSgt Travis Lindsay** of the Buccaneer Battalion.

Campus & Community Engagement



Family & Friends Weekend

The JMLC and the ROTC programs participated in Family and Friends Weekend with an Open House in the CWY building on Saturday, 12 October, from 10 AM to Noon. The main features of the Open House were rappelling on

the south side of the CWY building, the EST2000 small arms weapons simulator and promotional tables with information and swag items provided by each ROTC program. A steady stream of interested USF students and their family members were able to rappel and/or test their marksmanship skills while experiencing firsthand some of the training ROTC students undergo. The Open House is one of the highlights of the USF Family & Friends Weekend.

Salute to Service Football Game

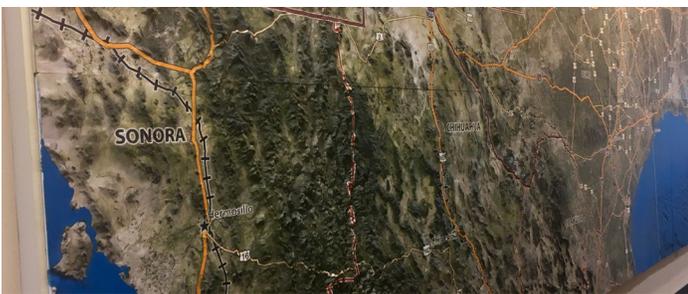
The 2019 Salute to Service Football game saw USF take on University Cincinnati on Saturday, 16 November. The ROTC units marched on the field and joined the Herd of Thunder



(HOT) and the USF Spirit Squads for the National Anthem prior to the game. The Fall 2019 Semester commanders who led their ROTC units on the field were **2LT Coylan Velez** of North Bergen, New Jersey of the Army Suncoast Battalion, **ENS Christian Shaffer of Frederick**, Maryland of the Naval Buccaneer Battalion and **2d Lt Claire Swanson** of Cheyenne, Wyoming of the Air Force 158th Cadet Wing. Throughout the game, a number of ROTC students participated on the field with the USF Spirit Squads to celebrate points scored by the Bulls football team.



Special Addition to C.W. Bill Young Hall (CWY)



These maps were manufactured by Solid Terrain Modeling, Inc. of Fillmore, CA at the request of USSOCOM for two specific planning exercises. Each map panel is a 4'x8' piece of solid foam contoured and printed with Google Earth Imagery in a proprietary 3D milling and painting process. Twenty map panels were originally assembled side by side to create 32'x20' solid terrain models of geographic areas of interest which were used in exercises conducted at the USSOCOM War Gaming Center.

U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) Solid Terrain Maps Installed in CWY

As reported a couple of years ago, USSOCOM transferred a number of Solid Terrain Model maps with 3D relief to the Joint Military Leadership Center. The maps come in 4' x 8' sections and are clearly painted with Google Earth imagery in detail.

These maps are now mounted on the walls of the ROTC dedicated classrooms and an adjoining hallway. The maps were previously used by USSOCOM for strategic planning purposes in the prosecution of the Global War on Terror. The 8'x24' map panel array displayed in the hallway consists of six map panels which are a sub-set of the map panel array that includes the southern U.S., Mexico and a major portion of Central America. The map panels mounted inside the classrooms are all part of the Afghanistan map panel array.

These 3D maps were very successfully used by USSOCOM in their War Gaming Center but were limited by their inability to rapidly change displays to other geographic locations or to zoom in or out on specific areas. This led to their eventual replacement by four synchronized ceiling mounted Imax style projectors on a floor mounted 32'x20' screen, providing digital 3D imagery when viewed through electronic 3D glasses.





Air Force Det 158 Cadet Frisbee Team



Family & Friends Weekend Open House



Halloween Run



Army Suncoast Battalion Soccer Champs



Buccaneer Battalion Midshipmen at Joint Picnic



LLC residents competing in Maplelympics



ROTC Students Honoring Veterans



Midshipmen volunteers on SS American Victory

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