

THE JOINT MILITARY LEADERSHIP CENTER NEWSLETTER



Spring 2010

USF ROTC Programs Commission 44 New Officers

The University of South Florida (USF) ROTC programs celebrated commissioning forty-four (44) new Ensigns and Second Lieutenants at the completion of the Spring 2010 semester. The Army ROTC commissioned fourteen new Second Lieutenants on Friday, 7 May in C.W. Bill Young Hall. The guest speaker was **Brigadier General Brian Donahue**, a USF Alumnus, a product of the USF Army ROTC program and the first General Officer from a USF ROTC program. At the ceremony, **Lieutenant Eric Sherer** was presented an Army Saber in recognition of his being designated an Army ROTC Distinguished Graduate. Only the top 10% of all Army ROTC graduates in the nation earn the distinction of being a Distinguished Graduate.

The Naval ROTC commissioning ceremony was held on Saturday, 8 May in C.W. Bill Young Hall. A total of twelve (12) new officers were commissioned, three as Second Lieutenants into the Marine Corps and nine (9) Ensigns into the Navy. Newly commissioned **Marine Lieutenant Joshua Kettenton** was the NROTC Honor Graduate and was presented the Marine Corps Mameluke sword by the Tampa Chapter of the Navy League President, Mr. Chris Paddock.

The Air Force ROTC Detachment 158 commissioned sixteen (16) new Second Lieutenants into the Air Force in a ceremony held on Friday, 14 May at the USF Theater. They were honored to have as their guest speaker **Army Brigadier General Rhonda Cornum**, Ph.D., M.D. General Cornum is a former POW from the first Gulf War and presently serves as the Director of Comprehensive Soldier Fitness in the Army Staff. During the ceremony, **Lieutenant Lonnie Haynes** was recognized for his earning the distinction of being an Air Force ROTC Distinguished Graduate and **Lieutenant Billy Covert** received the detachment's Warrior Spirit award.



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JMLC in Action

This year the Joint Military Leadership Center was invited to make a presentation at the annual Tri-Service ROTC Conference which was hosted by the U.S. Army Cadet Command (USACC) on 17-18 February in Newport News, VA. The principals attending the conference included Mr. Chris Arendt, Deputy Director Accessions Policy (OSD); MG Arthur Bartell, Commanding General, USACC; Brig Gen Teresa Djuric, Commander, Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development (USAF); and Dr. Jill Stein, Naval ROTC Director and Program Manager. The Associate Director, Mr. John Sarao, briefed the gathering on the Mission and Vision of the nation's first and only Joint Military Leadership Center and the unique impact it is having on the training of ROTC students at the University of South Florida and as they serve as commissioned officers. Mr. Sarao closed his presentation posing a question to the conference attendees on the possibility of development of a single semester ROTC course that all service ROTC students could attend in a single classroom setting and taught by a joint team of ROTC instructors.

We are very grateful to the Coalition Partners at U. S. Central Command for their continued interest and support to our ROTC programs. In April, the Chairman of the Coalition and Senior National Representative of Denmark, **Brigadier General Jens Praestegaard** and the Senior National Representative of New Zealand, **Air Commodore Greg Elliot** gave a presentation at the Naval ROTC Leadership Lab on the Coalition's participation and support of operations in Afghanistan. Throughout the 2009-2010 academic year, the Coalition also provided representatives from the countries of Australia, the Dominican Republic, Jordan, the Netherlands, Pakistan and Tajikistan to speak at the Air Force ROTC AS 400 Regional Studies class. This was a wonderful opportunity for our Cadets to learn in a more interactive way about the cultures, customs and people of these countries and the regions they represent.

Project Global Officer (GO) Update – Project GO grant funds will be providing the majority of funds required to support several ROTC students to study Russian this summer. **Cadets Ashley Lonergan** (Air Force ROTC), **Andy Szczurowski** (Army ROTC), and **Maria Santana** (Army ROTC) will go to Russia as part of a Study Abroad program with Florida State University. Meanwhile **Cadet Robert Sadusky** (Air Force ROTC) will attend the prestigious Middlebury Language School in Vermont to continue his study of the Russian language and culture in an immersion environment.

JMLC Executive Director, **Luis Visot**, was called to active duty soon after a devastating earthquake hit Haiti. A Major General in the U.S. Army Reserve and Commander of the 377th Theater Sustainment Command, he is serving as the Commander of the Joint Logistics Command-Haiti overseeing support for Operation UNIFIED RESPONSE, the humanitarian aid/disaster relief effort for Haiti.



Honoring D-Day's Fallen

TAMPA, Fla. (May 20, 2010) – University of South Florida political science students studying abroad took part in a history lesson at the American Cemetery in Normandy, France this past weekend that will resonate through Memorial Day and their lifetimes. With a multinational crowd of approximately 200 people and the solemn strains of *Taps* from a bugler's horn in the background, two students – one from the U.S. Army and the other from the U.S. Navy – formed a uniformed color guard to lower two American flags.

The ceremony was held in remembrance of the World War II D-Day invasion when thousands of paratroopers leapt from above and thousands of soldiers from the sea waded ashore under heavy enemy fire at [Omaha Beach](#). More than 2,000 Americans lost their lives after landing in the foggy darkness to begin the liberation of Europe.



Navy ROTC Cadet Douglas Pistorius and U.S. Army Captain Bryan Hamilton in flag lowering ceremony at the American Cemetery in Normandy, France.

“Many of those soldiers and sailors are buried at the American Cemetery in Normandy. Most of them were the same age as our USF students,” said political science professor Janna Merrick, whose class just returned from studying in England and France. “There are two flagpoles at the Normandy Cemetery. In March, I mailed two flags to the cemetery. Both flags were flown on May 14. One flag belongs to USF and the other was provided by one of the students, Bryan Hamilton, and belongs to him.” She added that it was a “powerful learning experience for our USF students.”



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Navy ROTC Cadet Douglas Pistorius also took part after a day of touring the Normandy region and visiting many sites among them the beaches that figured in the invasion.



Political science professor Janna Merrick said the ceremony was a “profound learning experience” for USF students.

“The ceremony meant a great deal to me,” he said. “It gave me a chance to reflect on the day as a whole and all the sites I had seen and made me really humbled to be in a place of men and women of honor. It really made me feel proud to be wearing the uniform I do as I was thanked by numerous people for the job my forefathers did and for my service.”

Merrick did not make the side trip to Normandy, but Rene Sanchez, student program coordinator in the Department of International Affairs accompanied the class through London and Paris and continued to Normandy with a smaller group of seven students.

“It was a tremendously moving experience to be able to honor their sacrifice in this way,” said Sanchez. “One woman made a point of coming up to our students and thanking them with, ‘All I can say is God bless you Americans. You saved us. Thank you.’ To which one of our students replied with a smile. ‘You saved us in 1776; we were just returning the favor.’ I think there were some true trans-national, trans-cultural, person-to-person connections made during those visits. Our two students also got a chance to meet some retired French military who were eager to shake their hands and be photographed with them.”

USF’s flag from the ceremony has an accompanying certificate that reads: “This flag was flown over the Normandy American Cemetery in honor of the thousands of University of South Florida Students Studying Abroad, and in so doing, promoting global understanding one student, one university, and one country at a time.”

The students were part of Merrick’s course on urbanization and comparative politics. In the days prior they heard a lecture on counter terrorism by the City of London’s Police Director and visited historic sites in and around London. They then headed to Paris for another whirlwind tour that included a lecture at the American University of Paris and stops at the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe and Notre Dame.



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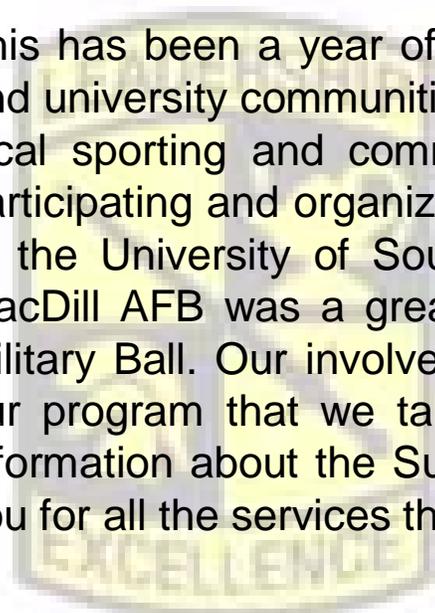
2010 started out as a busy year for the Army ROTC Suncoast Battalion. We hailed MSG William Patterson as the new Senior Military Instructor for the battalion. His experience has been of great value.



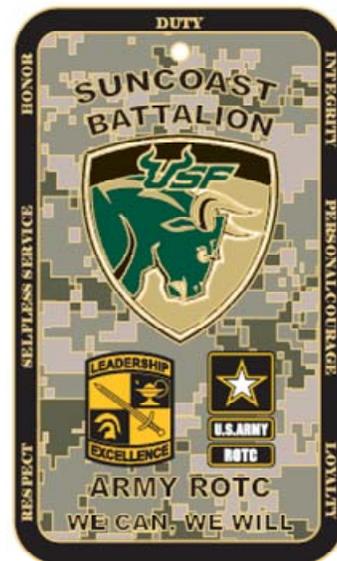
Captain Trevor DeVall (ARNG) our National Guard Recruitment Officer has provided valuable assistants to both Cadets and cadre on the benefits of joining the National Guard and has served as a point of contact to the local community. Army National Guard Cadet Brent Hinson was honored as a hometown hero for his prior enlisted service during the St Pete Indy Race in April.

The staff of the Army ROTC Battalion is "Army Strong" at 16 members; it consists of 7 officers, 3 NCOs, 5 Human Resource Assistants, and a staff assistant from the university. It takes a staff of very high caliber to successfully run a battalion of over 200 Cadets. More than 100 Cadets have contracted with the US Army and are committed to earning their commission and degrees within the 4-year time allotted for Army Cadets.

This has been a year of participation for the Battalion in both the local and university communities. Cadets have performed color guard duties at local sporting and community events throughout the year, as well as participating and organizing events with the Student Veterans Association at the University of South Florida. This year's Army Golf Scramble at MacDill AFB was a great success and generated funds for this year's Military Ball. Our involvement with the community is one of the areas of our program that we take great pride in not only as a way to provide information about the Suncoast Battalion but also as a way to say thank you for all the services that are provided for us.



THE SUNCOAST BATTALION IN ACTION

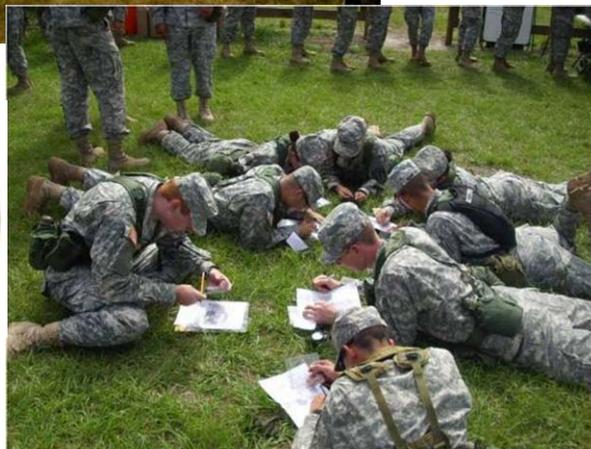


Left: Physical Fitness is a key aspect of our program that we promote daily. Here we see Cadets participating in a 2-mile run as part of their Army Physical Fitness Test



Above: Our Military Ball at the end of the spring semester is one of the highlights of the year for both Cadets and Cadre. The Military Ball provides Cadets the opportunity to learn more about military culture and how to conduct themselves at a formal dinner. We were honored with a wounded warrior, SSG Michael Fradera, and the guest speaker was General Peter J. Schoomaker, U. S. Army (Retired).

Right: Training in the field is key to success as a Cadet and within the Army. Small unit tactics and land navigation are the two major areas that we focus on when we conduct operations at Jefferson Training Area. The skills taught by our instructors in the classroom are put to the test every Thursday afternoon as Cadets take what they have learned and apply it in a real world situation. This training helps to prepare Cadets for LDAC at FT. Lewis in Washington in the summer of their third year.



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NAVAL ROTC

“Full Speed Ahead” At least it feels that way when we think about all the things that have occurred this year, and my portion of this experience and mission is closing in on ten months, so far. The days have drug on at an incredibly quick pace – two semesters completed, twenty-two Ensigns and Second Lieutenants graduated and commissioned, a Dining-In, a Pass in Review, overall GPA improving, and untold amounts of knowledge gained by the battalion and the staff. And it just keeps getting better! We’re expecting around 40 new students with outstanding credentials and potential to add into the battalion of superstars returning next fall.

I would like to mention a few highlights that stood out to me during this past semester. First, our Superb showing at the National NROTC Drill Meet competition at Tulane University clearly demonstrated what happens with hard work and dedication. All of the participants did a great job and we were all very proud of the team. The sailing team went over to Jacksonville and brought home the trophy and the Mud Running team (this is a new sport for me, I guess it is a generation thing) did a great job representing USF NROTC.

We finished the semester with two awesome events. The Junior/Senior Class Dining out was one to remember. The dinner cruise made for an exceptional atmosphere to share a wonderful evening of comradery and laughs. Finally, I have to say that the Pass-and-Review was the perfect end to a great year. The Battalion looked AWESOME and impressed all in attendance with their professionalism! By the end of this summer, we will have commissioned 15 more officers in the United States Navy and Marine Corps. We are going to miss them around here, but our prayers are with them as they go out to defend our freedom.

If you want to meet up with our Executive Officer you’ll need to do it soon. Commander Eric Coleman and Tracy will be making the transition from active duty this summer. For USF NROTC that means four years of corporate knowledge will be leaving, we won’t be using the standard “Let’s ask the XO, he’ll know how we did it last time” as often. Best Wishes for Fair Winds and Following Seas to Eric and Tracy. You’ll always be part of the Buccaneer Battalion family. We’ll be welcoming Commander Doug Harvey and family as the new XO, they are transferring from Gaeta, Italy where he was XO on USS Mount Whitney (LCC-20). Welcome Aboard, stand by for incoming questions, and full speed ahead.

It’s an honor to serve and a pleasure to be part of the Buccaneer Battalion at University of South Florida and our cross-town affiliates University of Tampa and Clearwater Christian College.

Very Respectfully
CAPT Scott Pollpeter



CLOSE UP OF NAVAL ROTC COMMISSIONING

On May 8, 2010, a mixture of twelve Midshipmen, MECEPs, and OCs were commissioned into the fleet and will continue on to either their first duty station, or for the three Marines, The Basic School. The 2010 class had a very broad range of degrees, service selections, experience, and talents that are sure to benefit the Navy and Marine Corps immensely.



Among those who graduated, three had a degree in history: **ENS Joseph Davoll**, **ENS Andrew Perez**, and **ENS Ryan Sherwood**. ENS Andrew Perez returns to the fleet as a pilot and received his first salute from YNC Akinleye. ENS Sherwood, from Cheboygan, MI, will also return to the fleet as a pilot after his first salute from Chief Aviation Electrician's Mate Dale Barksdale. **ENS Brent Paterson**, from Flemmington, NJ is the Buccaneer Battalion's only other

lucky commissionee entering the fleet to train as a pilot. He received his BS in Business Management from UT and his first salute from YNC Harold McIver (USN ret). ENS Davoll will continue into the fleet to train to become a Naval Flight Officer.

ENS Kyle Saraceni also will continue on to become a Naval Flight Officer. He received his first salute from his sister, Airman Apprentice Saraceni.

The Marines that commissioned this spring were **2ndLt Joshua Kettenton** from Spokane, WA, **2ndLt Elizabeth Harrington** from Quantico, VA, and **2ndLt Cynthia Sieben** (who although spending the majority of her life in Alaska and the Netherlands, doesn't call any city her hometown). The Marines will be continuing on to The Basic School for training and selection of their MOS. 2ndLt Kettenton received his first salute from SSgt Eric Pittman, 2ndLt Harrington received hers from SgtMaj Jose Dias (USMC ret), and 2ndLt Sieben from GySgt Bill Kidd (USMC ret).

ENS Douglas Wilkins from Coral Springs, FL has been designated as a Surface Warfare Officer along with **ENS Melissa Pelosi**. ENS Pelosi is from Voorhees, NJ, and received her first salute from high school friend BM3 Phillip Florentino.

ENS Christopher Reed returns to the fleet as an EOD Officer and received his salute from EODCS Josh Crabtree (USN ret). In his time at USF ENS Reed earned a BS in Finance.

Last but not least, **ENS Camilo Colorado** who earned a BS in Civil Engineering will return to the fleet in the Civil Engineer Corps and his first duty station at the Public Works Department in Monterey, CA. He received his first salute from his brother, GySgt Franklyn Colorado.

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I write this as we complete the end of the semester rush and just finished the thrill of watching our seniors graduate and then make the instant transition from student to AF Leader at their commissioning ceremony. It is my privilege to be here and be associated with the process.

As you can see from the AF ROTC program update, it has been a very busy year -- and a very successful year. And we expect next year to be the same. As always there will be changes, new challenges and new people to work with. For everyone coming back, take the summer for some well deserved personal time. Be ready when you get back. Before you know it the summer will be over and the fall semester will be in full gear.

As always, there are some people I need to thank. We have outstanding support from the University leadership, faculty and staff. We could not do our job without you. We have outstanding support from the local community. You are great mentors and role models for our future officers, and a great support network for our staff. We have a great facility. We couldn't ask for a better environment to teach and train our cadets. The JMLC staff and ROTC cadre from the Army and Naval programs are cooperative and flexible. We all have the same end goal -- quality officers for our future military with an early understanding of "jointness" that will set them apart from the graduates of other programs.

It has been a great year. I look forward to serving with all of you for another year.



Colonel Robert G. Wright, Jr.
USF AFROTC Commander

Detachment 158 Update

The University of South Florida's Air Force ROTC (AFROTC), Detachment 158, now in its 28th year, continues to train, educate, motivate and commission leaders of uncompromising character for the United States Air Force.

The cadet enrollment for the 2009-2010 Academic Year reached a high of 200 cadets. As we reach the end of the academic year the current enrollment is 126.

During this academic year, the unit commissioned 19 high quality Air Force officers (three pilots, one navigator, three space and missile officers, four force support officers, two security forces officers, two intelligence officers, one public affairs officer, one engineer, one logistics officer and one line officer).

This summer eleven AFROTC cadets will attend Professional Development Training and the USF Study Abroad programs at various sites around the world. Many of the cadets will be visiting areas within the US, but a few will have the opportunity to travel to locations such as France, Vietnam, Argentina, and Russia. These developmental training and cultural immersion sessions will give the students a greater appreciation for the duties, problems, responsibilities, and training they will encounter on active duty as second lieutenants.

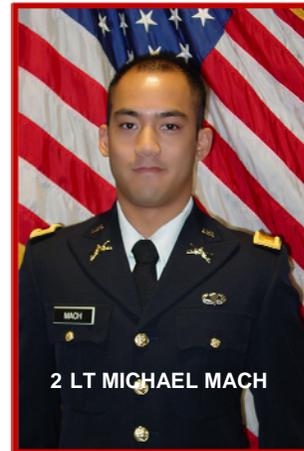
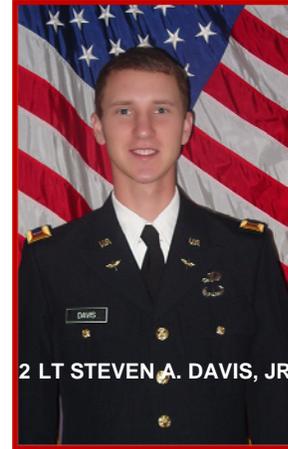
The detachment has a nine-person cadre: seven officers, two non-commissioned officers and a USF Senior Staff Assistant. New to the staff this year are Assistant Professors of Aerospace Studies, **Captain Cheo Stallworth**, **Captain Michelle Moreno** and Gold Bar Recruiter **2nd Lieutenant Aaron Magger**. This year, three Detachment 158 officers were selected for promotion to Major and received slots to attend intermediate developmental education in-residence, which is designed for the top 20% of all recently promoted Majors Air Force-wide: **Captains Christine Newsome**, **Cheo Stallworth** and **Michelle Moreno**. **Lt Colonel Bruce Fike** is currently serving on a 365-day deployment to Qatar supporting Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

The cadre continues to receive awards: **Ms Brenda Faulk** was selected as the AFROTC Southeast Region civilian of the quarter during the last quarter of 2009. The detachment will lose **Major Dan Hayes** in August as he retires from the Air Force after 26 years of honorable service to our country.

AIR FORCE ROTC



Congratulations to all of the Spring 2010 Army ROTC Commissionees



USF ROTC Naval Commissionees Spring 2010



Congratulations to the Spring 2010 Air Force ROTC Commissionees



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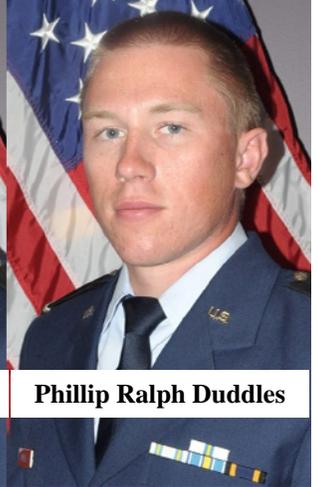
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About Us

The Joint Military Leadership Center (JMLC) is charged to provide the student cadets/midshipmen and officer candidates with unique (Joint Interagency, Multinational and Multi-component) core competencies and skills in leadership development, global understanding, and security/military/defense strategies. The “end state” will be an academically-structured, research based, and values-driven program that educates, trains and prepares military Officers and Service Leaders for their leadership roles in the continuing transformation of our Armed Forces and in a dynamic and challenging global environment.

Our vision is the establishment of a premier “state of the art” Learning Center and Program that educates, trains, and prepares future Armed Forces Officers to value, operate and conduct successful operations in a joint, multinational, interagency and multi-component, and non-governmental organizations (NGO’s) environment & an Academic Center of Excellence for national and military defense strategies, leadership development and training, and global understanding and education.

Our Focus

Public Relations and Marketing

- * To visit the local, state, and national community (military, civic, social) to reach out, tell them about the JMLC, network, and develop partnerships.
- * To identify potential human resources to serve as coaches, teachers, and mentors for the cadets, officer candidates, and midshipmen.

Program Development & Curriculum Design

- * To fully implement the various program requirements in order to establish relevance with the academic and military community.
- * To communicate with the three ROTC Cadet Commands, in order to determine the feasibility of enhancing the current pre-commissioning curriculum requirements.
- * To encourage the development of “an international/global leadership studies” mindset.

Organizational Development and Oversight

- * To assess and develop the organizational structures that would best serve our constituents: the cadets, officer candidates, and midshipmen.

Resource Acquisitions and Management

- * To seek and secure the resources (fiscal, human, facilities, tools, information, knowledge, and environmental) required to set-up, operate, manage, sustain, and grow the Center and program.

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