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Greetings Team Terrapin!

It has been an amazing six months since we commissioned 21 Second Lieutenants on 20 May 2018 and embarked on our busiest time of year called Cadet Summer Training or CST. From Fort Knox to all over the globe, Terrapins represented the battalion and university very well. This newsletter is a chance to share a snapshot of the amazing things that our cadets have done to further the great legacy of this program. Whether you are a graduate, family member, rising cadet or an interested reader, I think you will find the articles inspiring and motivating.

Now that we are immersed in the Fall 2018 Semester, the cadets are fully engaged in achieving this years' accolades. Supported by a highly experienced and professional team of staff and cadre, the University of Maryland Army ROTC Program continues to develop leaders of character in service to our nation.

Thank you for taking the time to explore what we do.



Larry B. Rentz, Sr.
LTC, MP
Professor of Military Science

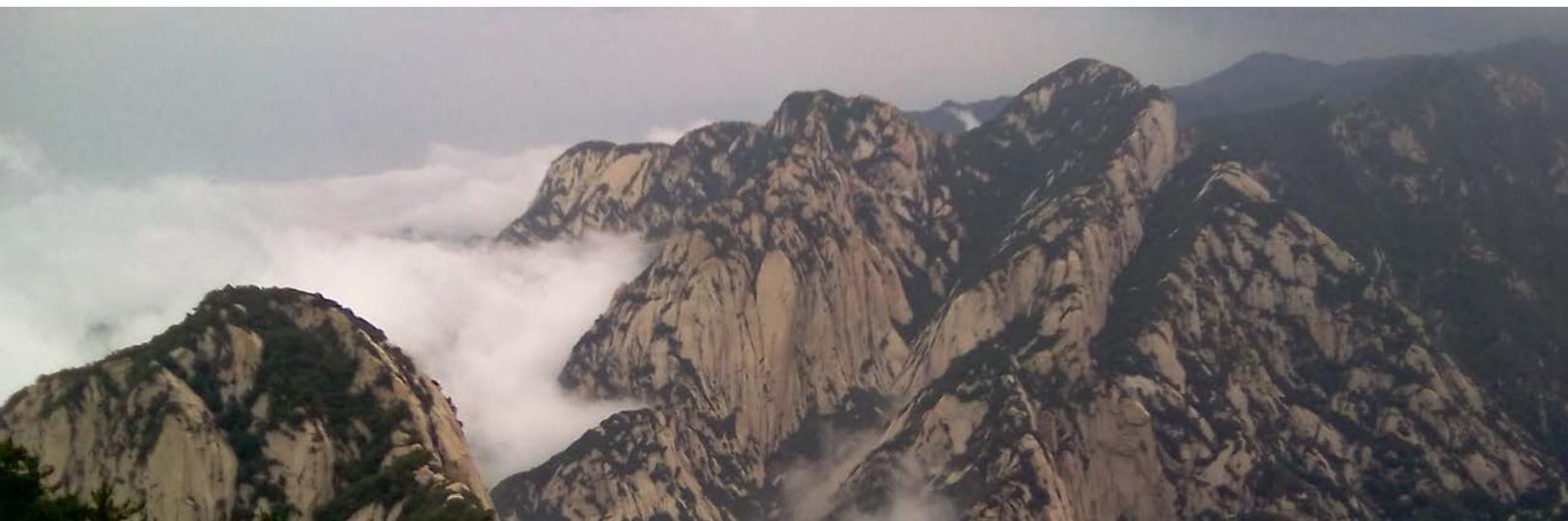
SUMMER TRAINING

While summer is generally a time of rest and relaxation, summer wasn't a break from training for our cadets. Cadets furthered their military knowledge and improved their leadership skills both across the country and abroad through a variety of different programs offered to them through ROTC.

PROJECT GO!

Project GO! is a summer linguistics program offered to both non-contracted and contracted cadets. Cadet Lily Hanrahan (Jr.) studied for two months in Beijing, China this past summer through the program's partnership with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. She took Mandarin Chinese, Chinese culture, and world geography classes. While there, she stayed with a host family just a few minutes away from Minzu University, where she studied. In addition to her class field trips to Xi'an and other local universities, she traveled with her friends on the weekends. "My most memorable experience", Hanrahan says, "is climbing the mountains and seeing the beautiful view from atop." She particularly enjoyed meeting all of the people there and eating delicious food. Hanrahan plans use to her credits earned through Project GO! towards her Chinese major.

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CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

MONGOLIA

The Cultural Understanding and Learning Program (CULP) is a program in which cadets are sent to foreign countries and are given the opportunity to interact with foreign militaries. Cadet Daoyou Zhou (Jr.) was assigned to Mongolia this past summer. For one month, Zhou experienced the culture of Mongolia and interacted with their small yet professional military. He trained with Mongolian weapons systems, visited cultural sites, and cross-trained with the Mongolian units. Zhou describes CULP as "A rewarding experience in which not only do you receive development as an officer, but you get to experience the world as a global citizen."

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CULP: MOZAMBIQUE

By CDT Emily Raab

This summer I had the amazing opportunity to travel to Mozambique through Cadet Command's CULP program, along with LTC Rentz, who was the mission commander. I spent 3 weeks in country with a group of 10 other cadets learning about Mozambique's history, culture, infrastructure, and military, and how all of them tie together.

During my time there, I met Mozambique officers, NCOs, and cadets. We visited their military academy and their NCO academy, where we go to see some of their

training in action both in the classroom and on the parade field. They performed a traditional dance for us that was an added component of their D&C. We also had the opportunity to sightsee around the capital, Maputo, and experience the culture through the civilian population. We took a walking tour of the province Mafalala, which is known as the birthplace of the Mozambican independence movement. One of my favorite parts of the trip were the couple of days spent at the American Cultural Center, where we spent

time with the English Club exchanging stories and helping them improve their English speaking skills. Half of our time was spent farther north in the city of Nampula. We spent a day at an orphanage, where for the first half of the day we helped move bricks and gravel in preparation for a new building they were planning to construct, and then got to spend the rest of the day playing with the kids. CULP was an invaluable, once in a lifetime learning experience, and I am incredibly grateful I had the opportunity to go on the Mozambique mission.



ADVANCED CAMP

FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY

Advanced Camp is a month long training event that tests cadets' leadership skills and physical and mental agility. All contracted cadets are required to attend Advanced Camp before commissioning, and most do so after their junior year. Cadets are evaluated

in leadership positions at the squad and platoon level, and also participate in a variety of individual events including day and night land navigation, rifle marksmanship, and call for fire training. 27 of our seniors attended Advanced Camp this past summer.



BASIC CAMP

FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY

Basic Camp is a 4-week introduction to Army tradition, tactics, and drill. Cadets are introduced to the steps to become a successful Army officer through a series of weapons training, rucking, and other various sources of physical and mental training.



"BASIC CAMP REINFORCED EVERYTHING I LEARNED DURING MY FIRST YEAR IN ROTC, AND ALSO GAVE ME INVALUABLE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES THAT I WOULDN'T HAVE OTHERWISE GOTTEN AS A FRESHMAN." - CDT GREEN



CADET TROOP LEADER TRAINING



Cadet Daniel Morrison (Sr.) completed Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT) at Fort Bliss over the summer. While there, he shadowed an Apache attack platoon PL and took part in Operation Iron Focus, a 10 day brigade-wide field exercise that focused on training for expeditionary deployments and 24-hour operations. He spent most of his time assisting in mission planning and briefing the squadron on the day's developments from Charlie Troop.



MEET THE COMMAND TEAM



Major: Government and Politics

Fun Fact: He participated in CULP Mongolia and CTLT at 3-9 CAV, Combat Aviation Brigade 1st Armored Division

c/LTC Dan Morrison, Battalion Commander

Major: Multi-platform Journalism and Russian
Fun Fact: She works at the university bike shop and rock wall.



c/MAJ Jordan Fox, XO



Major: Criminal Justice

Fun Fact: He is a certified scuba diver.

c/CSM Preston Rathborne

Thank you to CDT Oh, CDT Hanrahan, CDT Zhou, and CDT Green for your contributions to the newsletter!



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