## Developing today's military leaders



through experiential opportunities abroad



# Summer Training:

By Major Mathison G. Hall '03, USMCR

# The Amphibious Assault in Western Civilization

THE MIDSHIPMEN AND I WERE DUMBFOUNDED AS WE LOOKED NORTH FROM THE RISE BEHIND ANZAC COVE (ANZAK KOYU YAZITI) AT THE WIDE AND DEEP BEACH JUST SOUTH OF SUVIA BAY. THE BAY WAS A TEXTBOOK PERFECT LANDING SITE FOR A DIVISION-SIZED AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT FORCE. OPEN APPROACHES, BROAD BEACH, NO HIGH GROUND OVERLOOKING THE LANDING SITES AND PLENTY OF ROOM TO MANEUVER. INSTEAD THE AUSTRALIAN AND



## Impact....

"Nearly every time I mentioned to someone that I was travelling to Rwanda I received the same response, an uncomfortable silence followed by 'oh ... be safe, it's dangerous there.' Last week I had the chance to visit the Kigali Genocide Memorial and later the Presidential Palace. Room by room, the history leading up to the genocide unfolded. The most gripping moment took place during the next stop. In one room hundreds of Polaroid photographs hung with the smiling faces of victims and their families. The sheer number of pictures was overwhelming.

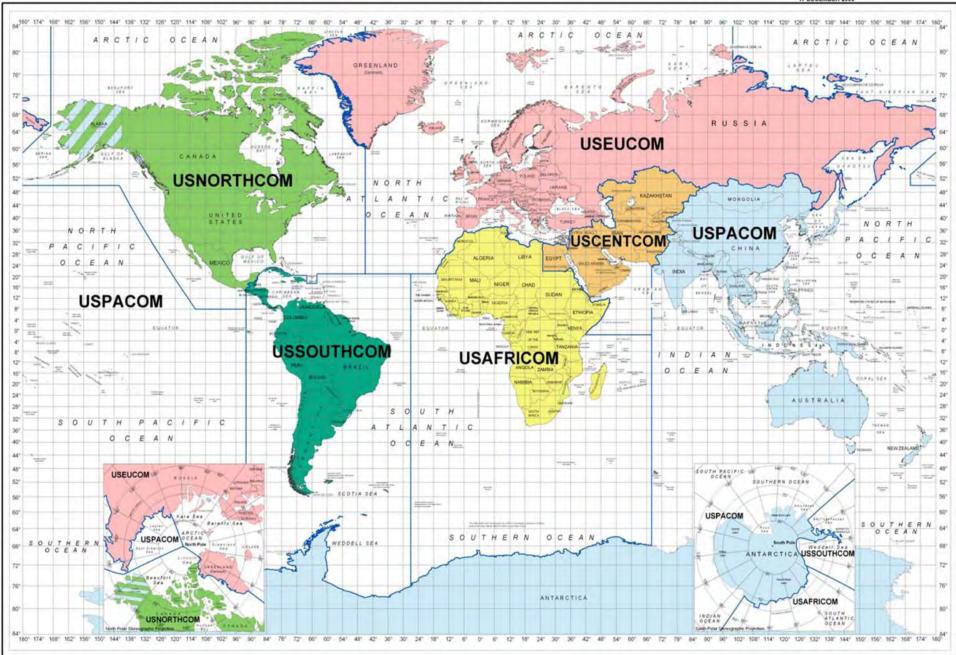
The group guide paused next to me, exhaled painfully, and touched one of the hanging Polaroids. 'That was my grandpa,' was all he said. This visit made me reflect on a lot of things, but as a hopeful Marine officer I will remember our responsibility to protect. There must be 'no more Rwandas.'"

—MIDN Richard Kuzma '16



#### THE WORLD WITH COMMANDERS' AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

BASED ON UNIFIED COMMAND PLAN 17 DECEMBER 2008





# Security, Stability and Seapower

## • Security:

- Maritime forces deploy quickly with global reach

## Stability:

- 70% of the world is water
- 80% of the world lives on or near the coastline
- 90% of our commerce sails across it.
- Any disruption in that chain affects quality of life

## Seapower:

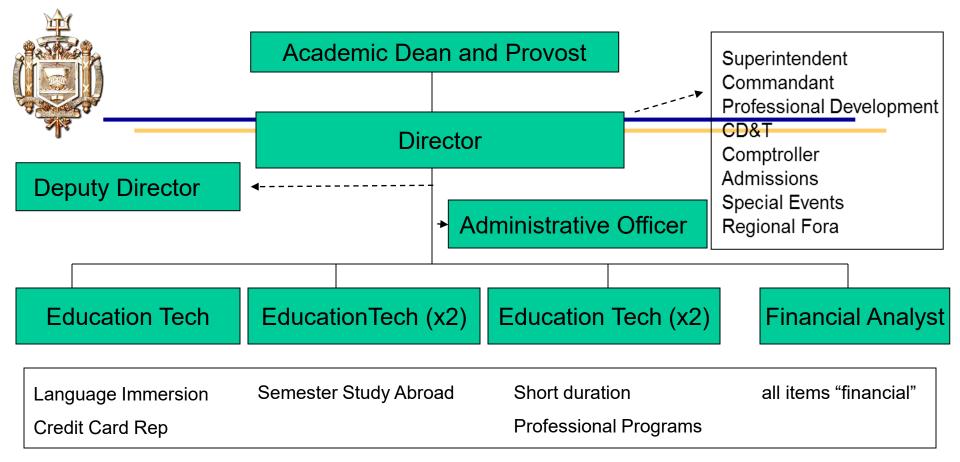
- Enables global security stability and prosperity.
- Our sea services operate across the full spectrum of operations

· Preventing wars is as important as winning them

## Global Perspective



- Cultural awareness for all
- Language proficiency for some
- Regional expertise for some



### Common elements amongst Education Techs:

- Visa and Passport Agents
- •International Travel support— for faculty, staff and Midshipmen
  - Prebriefs, Clearances, Training and Medical reqts, orders
- Correspondence
- •Strategic communications- stewardship reports, assessments, articles
- Selection process

# International Programs Office



- Enhance international content of midshipmen education and training
- Develop and execute cohesive strategy in sync with Navy and Marine Corps
- Focal point for all USNA international engagements

#### UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY MISSION

To develop midshipmen morally, mentally and physically and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, honor and loyalty in order to graduate leaders who are dedicated to a career of naval service and have potential for future development in mind and character to assume the highest responsibilities of command, cirizenship and government.

#### MIDSHIPMAN ATTRIBUTES

We accomplish our mission by graduating midshipmen who are warriors ready to meet the demands of a country at war or at peace.

Our graduates are:

#### SELFLESS

Selfless leaders who value diversity and create an ethical command climate through their example of personal integrity and moral courage.

#### INSPIRATIONAL

Mentally resilient and physically fit officers who inspire their team to accomplish the most challenging missions and are prepared to lead in combat.

#### PROFICIENT

Technically and academically professionals with a commitment to continual learning.

#### INNOVATIVE

Critical thinkers and creative decision makers with a bias for action

#### ARTICULATE

Effective communicators.

#### ADAPTABLE

Adaptable individuals, who understand and appreciate global and cross-cultural dynamics.

#### PROFESSIONAL

Role models dedicated to the profession of arms, the traditions and values of the Naval Service and the constitutional foundation of the United States.

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# How International Programs Contributes

Adaptable individuals who understand and appreciate global and cross-cultural dynamics



## International Programs

## Goal is 500 midshipmen/year

•Semester Study Abroad- 110 midshipmen/year

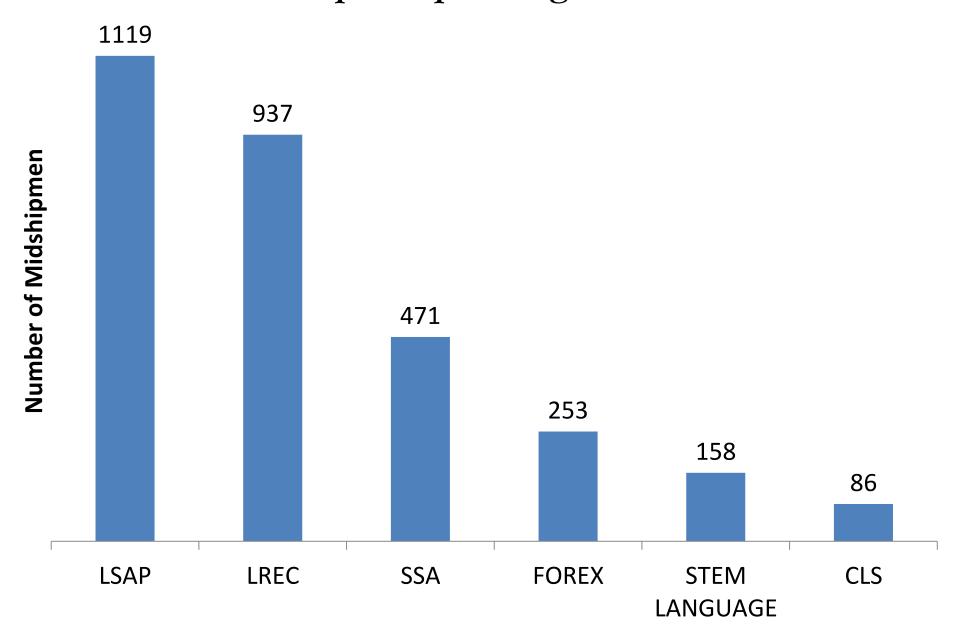
•Language Immersion - <u>175</u> midshipmen/year

•Non-language immersion- 150 midshipmen/year

Professional Training 65 midshipmen/year

Best to date: 450 midshipmen/40 countries

Total Midshipmen per Program 2006-2015





# Semester Study Abroad



Canada



Chile



Colombia



**France** 



Germany



Japan



**Portugal** 



**Singapore** 



**Spain** 

Counterpart Naval Academies



**Australia** 



**Brazil** 



China



Georgia



Israel



Jordan



Kazakhstan



Morocco



**Oman** 



Peru



Qatar



Senegal



**Singapore** 



**South Korea** 



**South Africa** 



**Spain** 



**Sweden** 



**Taiwan** 



Turkey

Civilian Universities



## Semester Abroad initiative

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) majors who currently are not enrolled in a foreign language – programs now available

Australia

South Africa

Brazil

Spain

France

Sweden

Israel

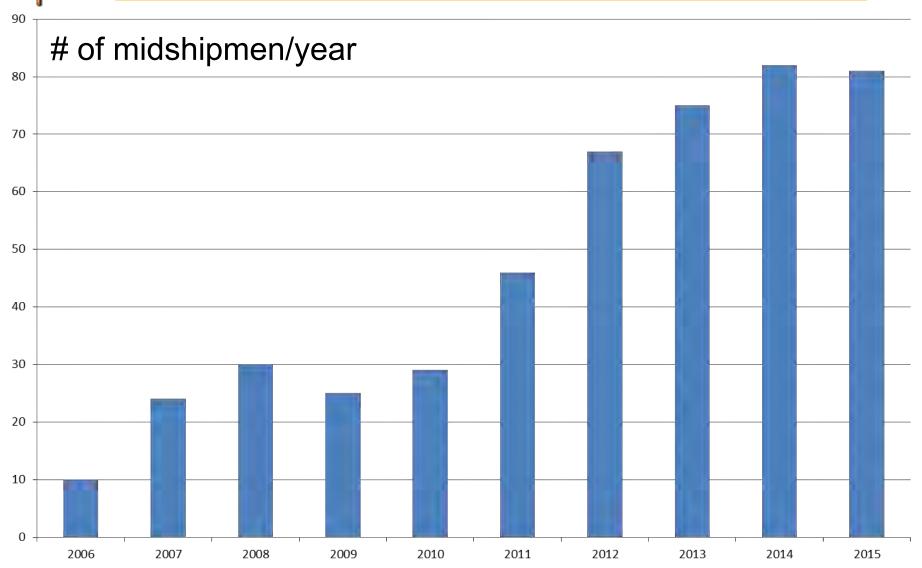
Turkey

Korea

Singapore



# Semester Study Abroad 2006-2015







# Semester Exchange Midshipmen at USNA 2006 - 2015

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
Canada	2	2	1					1		1	
Chile		2	2	2	2	2	4	4	2	3	
Colombia	2	3	3								
France (EN)		4	6	6	6	2	3	4	3	2	
France (St Cyr)		2	2	4	3		2	6			
Germany		1					2	3	4	4	
Japan	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	
Singapore										1	
Spain		2	2	4	3	6	6	5	6	6	
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## Short Duration Programs

- Foreign language proficiency/development programs
- Cross cultural competence programs
- Foreign counterpart engagement programs





## Language Immersion Programs

"It is one thing to read and hear about other people's experiences overseas, and completely different to be the one traveling internationally. The first way the language immersion program benefited me was by teaching me how to get around in a country in which I am obviously a

foreigner."







Selfless Inspirational · Proficient · Innovative · Articulate · Adaptable · Professional



## Language Immersion initiative

- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) majors (freshmen and sophomores) who currently are not enrolled in a foreign language
  - Arabic: four week language program at USNA followed by three week immersive experience
  - Chinese: three week language program at USNA followed by four week immersive experience
  - Spanish/French: two week language program at USNA followed by four week immersive experience



# Professional Engagements

"I was one of the seventeen countries represented on the ship. To be an ambassador for both the United States and the USNA was very humbling."















Indian Naval Academy Regatta



## International Students at USNA

Academic Year 2015-2016 (57 currently, limited to 60)







## Exchange Officers

Brazil, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Spain, United Kingdom





## **Takeaways**

• Foreign Language, Cultural Awareness, Regional Understanding enable "global engagement"

• Important <u>experiential leadership</u> skill sets for Department of Defense

Integrated into busy 47 month program





## Transformation in the Navy

Photo # 80-G-86311 Servicemen on USS James O'Hara in the Atlantic learning Arabic on 15 June 1943

