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Cadet Ranks Fourth in Nation

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Matthew Horne

STATESBORO, GA – United States Army Cadet Command, which oversees all Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) programs nationwide, recently announced the top 10 Cadets on the 2015 Fiscal Year's national Order of Merit List (OML).

The rankings are based on a number of criteria, including college grade point averages, Army Physical Fitness Tests and athletic performances, Battalion OMLs, and ROTC training evaluations held at the Battalion level and at the Leader Development and Assessment Course held at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Of the 5,617 Cadets expected to graduate and commission between Fall 2014 and Summer 2015, Georgia Southern University Cadet Matthew Horne ranks fourth nationally. Matt is an International Studies major from Stedman, North Carolina and currently holds a 3.94 GPA.

He serves as the Commander for Task Force SEGA, which encompasses both the Eagle Battalion at Georgia Southern University and the Coastal Battalion. Coastal Battalion is comprised of Cadets from Georgia Southern's partnership schools – Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah State University, Savannah College of Art and Design, and East Georgia State College.

Cadet Horne was also a member of the Georgia Southern football program during his freshman year and currently serves as the treasurer for the Georgia Southern University Arabic Club and the head delegate for the school's first Model Arab League team, which will compete in the Spring. He was also named to the President's List the past five semesters.

Matt was a recipient of a 3-year ROTC scholarship and the Bothwell "Snag" Johnson ROTC Scholarship at Georgia Southern.

He is the only representative from USACC Sixth Brigade, which spans the southeastern United States. He will commission in May 2015 as an active duty Infantry Officer.



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