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Past Event

The Department of English and Philosophy, augmented by seven newly commissioned second lieutenants from the Class of 2012 and officers from the departments of Social Sciences, Electrical Engineering, and Computer Sciences, concluded its stewardship of CFT Advanced Land Navigation training on 20 JUL 12. LTC Sean Cleveland, LTC Mike Saxon, MAJ Nick Utzig, MAJ Tom Anderson, MAJ Charlie Markley, MAJ Karin Gresham, and CPT(P) Sean Case teamed with MAJ Jim Lacovara (D/Sosh) and MAJ Joseph Heyman (D/EECS) to improve the land navigation skills of the Class of 2015 and to support the leadership development of the Classes of 2013 and 2014. The committee trained the company cadre during LTP (19-25 JUN) and then shifted its focus to mentoring, supervising, and advising the cadet cadre as they led their companies through their rotations (7-20 JUL). The training model this year leveraged route planning, route reconnaissance through sketches and route narratives, the actual land navigation course, and finally a series of extensive AARs. Thorough planning, rehearsals, and extensive risk-mitigation measures ensured successful resolution of two potentially serious incidents (these included a search for a lost cadet cadre member on 20 JUN 12 and the timely triage and evacuation of an injured cadet on 13 JUL 12). These incidents were effectively managed in accordance with the procedures that the committee developed--with the CST cadre--to search for and rescue lost or missing cadets; now a standard operating procedure, it has been recognized by the Superintendent as an Academy-wide accepted best practice.