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**English and Philosophy**

**Past Events**

1. On 31 March and 1 April, LTC Jeff Wilson presented a paper at the United States Marine Corps University Aspects of Leadership Symposium at Quantico, Virginia. The Aspects of Leadership Symposium is conducted under the auspices of the Lejeune Leadership Institute; this year's symposium focused on "Ethics, Law, and Spirituality." LTC Wilson's paper, titled "Spirituality as the Nexus of Law and Morality," examines spiritual fitness in the United States Army, suggesting ways the Army can reduce cognitive dissonance and enhance Soldier fitness through the reframing of certain key concepts. The fifteen presenters at the symposium came from various service schools and civilian academic institutions, and all will have expanded versions of their symposium papers published in a forthcoming book from the Marine Corps University Press.
2. During the period 6-9 April, Cadets Nicholas Pyskir, Lee Wakeman, and John Jesus, along with three Georgia State University (GSU) students, presented papers at an undergraduate philosophy symposium co-hosted by the GSU Philosopher's Guild and the West Point Philosophy Forum. Five additional cadets who are active in the Philosophy Forum also attended the symposium, which took place in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition to attending the symposium, the cadets attended various GSU philosophy courses on Thursday and a keynote address on Friday given by Professor Andy Altman of GSU. The cadet papers were written in preparation for the Department of English and Philosophy "Genealogy of the Warrior" AIAD. Majors Chris Case and Bob Underwood were the faculty sponsors for the trip.



**Future Events**

1. During the period 13-15 April, MAJ Crystal Hills will attend the Southeastern Conference on Linguistics at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Georgia. She will present a paper as part of a panel on the Gullah-Gechee Linguistic Connection in Georgia.