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FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR ANNOUNCED – April 10, 2014

WEST POINT, N.Y. – Senior Cadet Alexander Bastoky was named as a Fulbright scholar for the 2014-2015 academic year this month.

Bastoky is the ninth cadet to earn a Fulbright since the academy began competing during the 2004-2005 academic year.

Bastoky, 23, of Columbus, Ohio, will pursue a master’s degree at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel, this fall.

The Honors History and Arabic major hopes to continue his research in Islamic history and plans to study Krav Maga – a self-defense system developed for the military in Israel that consists of a wide combination of techniques, and volunteer at an archaeological excavation during his time in Israel.

“He is an outstanding young scholar who is conducting original and important research on Islamic military tactics during the Crusades,” said Maj. Robert Chamberlain, officer-in-charge of the Fulbright program here. “I am incredibly proud of the hard work that Alex put in to his application and am thrilled that things have worked out for him.”

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides grants for individually designed study/research projects or for English Teaching Assistant Programs. A candidate will submit a Statement of Grant Purpose defining activities to take place during one academic year in a participating country outside the U.S.

Bastoky, who will fulfill a lifelong ambition of serving as an Armor officer in the U.S. Army, is the son of Bruce Bastoky of Mountain View, Calif; and Mrs. Earl Smith of Dallas.

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