CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020-2021 FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR
1/c OWEN GIBSON (CLASS 2020) RECEIVES FULBRIGHT AWARD TO GERMANY

1/c Owen Gibson (Civil Engineering Major, Class 2020)

1/c Owen Gibson has been awarded a Fulbright Award to pursue a two-year Master of Science Degree in Water Resource Engineering and Management at the University of Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Germany. He plans to study climate change and soil erosion models. The goal of his research, Predicting the Impact of Climate Change on Soil Erosion in Coastal Areas, is to develop a model for assessing coastal soil erosion rates. The model will address the uncertainty of climate change using probability analysis and will be tested throughout coastal regions in Northern Germany. His research is vital to develop resilient infrastructure and to adapt designs in anticipation of future soil erosion. Civic planners and local governments could potentially use the results from this research to proactively combat and manage disruptive soil erosion before it manifests. Professors Silke Wieprecht and Kristina Terheiden from the University of Stuttgart, top experts in water resource management, have agreed to supervise 1/c Gibson’s study and research project. The Institute for Modelling Hydraulic and Environmental Systems and other laboratories at the University will help in constructing and testing the proposed probabilistic model. 1/c Gibson plans to go afloat as a Deck Watch Officer. Later in his USCG career, 1/c Gibson hopes to be assigned to a Civil Engineering Unit as well as to pursue a PhD in Geotechnical Engineering and continue conducting the research initiated at the University of Stuttgart.

The Olmsted Scholar Program

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2021 OLMSTED SCHOLAR

Lieutenant Rory A. Yoder (USCGA, Class of 2010)

The George and Carol Olmsted Foundation recently selected Lieutenant Rory A. Yoder (USCGA, 2010) as a member of the Olmsted Scholar Class of 2021. Over the next three years, Lieutenant Yoder and 17 other exceptionally talented officers from all of the Armed Services will complete language training and pursue graduate studies at foreign universities around the world. Lieutenant Yoder is the fourth Coast Guard officer to be selected as an Olmsted Scholar and will complete his graduate studies in Zagreb, Croatia. Selection for this unique program is highly competitive and an indicator of great potential for future leadership in the Coast Guard. Numerous former Olmsted Scholars have risen to flag rank in the military, served as senior diplomats and ambassadors, or held key leadership positions in the private sector.

The Olmsted Scholar Program is a two-and-a-half to three-year educational experience that includes full-time graduate study at a foreign university in the non-English language of that country. Olmsted Scholars are expected to live, travel and engage themselves in the culture and people of their host country. All five branches of the military nominate young officers for the Olmsted program each year. Candidates are selected for their propensity and aptitude for leadership.
**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020-2021 FULBRIGHT SEMI-FINALIST**

1/c Valerie Hines – 2020- 2021 Semi-finalist to the UK (Marine and Environmental Sciences, Class 2020)

(Research-Based Fulbright Scholarships have been cancelled due to COVID-19) - Recommended to Reapply

1/c Hines applied for a Fulbright - University of Bristol - Award and was selected as a semi-finalist. She proposed to pursue a one-year (research-based) Master of Science degree in Environmental Policy and Management at the Faculty of Science, School of Geographical Sciences at University of Bristol, Bristol, the United Kingdom. She proposed to work on the research project: Contributions to Sea Level Variability along the UK Coast and the US East Coast to examine how natural and anthropogenic (human-induced) climate change factors individually and collectively contribute to sea level rise in open-ocean waters versus coastal waters. The goal is to improve local sea level rise predictions along selected coastlines of the UK and the US.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020-2021 FULBRIGHT ALTERNATE**

Ensign Gyumin Lee – 2020-2021 Fulbright Alternate to Estonia (Electrical Engineering major, Class of 2019)

Ensign Gyumin Lee applied for a 2020-2021 Fulbright Scholarship (Open Study/Research Award) to pursue a two-year Master of Science degree in Cyber Security at the School of Information Technology (joint program with University of Tartu), Tallinn University of Technology in Tallinn, Estonia. His proposed Fulbright project, Designing Software Defined Networking Technique to Protect Networks from Cyber-Attacks, is to develop a cyber security system that will monitor network traffic to detect cyber-attacks and to secure network infrastructure and industrial control systems.

**NEWS FROM NORWAY:** LTJG Laura Beck is completing a two-year International Master of Science degree program in Marine Technology with a specialization in Marine Engineering at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim, Norway. Her Master’s thesis is a design review of a novel fuel injector for high-pressure LNG-fueled marine engines. This technology has the potential to solve many of the emissions problems that persist with low-pressure LNG engines to reduce the negative environmental impacts associated with large ships. After completion of her program, LTJG Beck will transfer to Sector Corpus Christi where she will apply her newly acquired engineering knowledge as a marine inspector.

**THE 2020 AMERICAN SERVICE ACADEMI ES PROGRAM HOLOCAUST STUDIES SYMPOSIUM**

"POPULISM AND ITS CHALLENGES TO DEMOCRACY" - 22 February 2020

The U.S. CGA Honors Program hosted the 2020 American Service Academies Program Holocaust Studies Symposium - Lessons on “Populism and its Challenges to Democracy” by Professor William Galston, the Ezra K. Zilkha Chair in the Brookings Institution’s Governance Studies Program.

**Participants:**
- Swedish Defence University
- United States Air Force Academy
- United States Coast Guard Academy
- United States Military Academy

- Ms. Elizabeth Edelstein Elizabeth Edelstein, the Vice President for Education at the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust and an affiliate of the Auschwitz Jewish Center located in Oświęcim, Poland
- Professors Andreas Bencker and CDR Patrik M. Schwartz, the Swedish Defence University, Stockholm, Sweden

Organized by Dr. Alina Zapalska and 2/c Aidan Uvanni, the United States Coast Guard Academy Honors Program

**The Academy’s Scholars**

- 1/c Owen Gibson (Class 2020) Fulbright 2020
- 1/c Erin Wright (Class 2018) Fulbright 2018
- ENS Laura Beck (Class 2017) Fulbright 2018
- 1/c Patrick Ledzian (Class of 2017) Fulbright 2017
- ENS Christian DiBari (Class of 2016) Fulbright 2017
- CDR William Woityra (Class of 1999) Fulbright 2017
- 1/c Jacquelyn Kubicko (Class of 2016) Fulbright 2016
- 1/c Jessica Lukasik (Class of 2014) Fulbright 2014
- LTJG Joe DiRenzo IV (Class of 2010) Fulbright 2012
- 2/c Allison Murray (Class of 2011) Kimsey 2010
- 1/c Joe DiRenzo IV (Class of 2010) Fulbright 2010
- 2/c Melissa McCafferty (Class of 2011) Truman 2010
- 1/c Alex LeKander (Class of 2010) Truman 2009
- 1/c Louise Mandour-Brackin (Class of 2009) Fulbright 2009
- ENS Sean Dolbow (OCS 2009) Fulbright 2007
- 2/c DeCarol Davis (Class of 2008) Truman 2007
- 1/c Patrick Pennella (Class of 2007) Fulbright 2007
- 1/c Kirsten Ambors (Class of 2007) Fulbright 2007
- LT Stephen Elliott (Class of 2005) Fulbright 2005
- Dr. Robert Pefferly (Class of 1991) Fulbright 1996
- CAPT Mike Christian (Class of 1986) Fulbright 1986
- Mr. Peter Seaman (Class of 1986) Fulbright 1986
- Mr. David Caron (Class of 1974) Fulbright 1974