

Army ROTC Leadership Conference at Harvard University:

On 30-31 JAN16, 72 Cadets from 20 different colleges and universities representing the Boston University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northeastern University, and Siena College ROTC programs participated in the first annual Team Boston(+) Army ROTC Leadership Conference at Harvard University. On 30 JAN16 Cadets were welcomed by Dean Rakesh Khurana, Dean of Harvard College and the Marvin Bower Professor of Leadership Development. The Cadets then rotated through an adaptive leadership program workshop and three breakout sessions: a virtual ethics training, a Mission Command forum, and an Army Profession forum. During the adaptive leadership program workshop, Cadets navigated a series of tactical decision making exercises in small teams. On 31 JAN16 Cadets returned to the conference and conducted a simulated force on force / Red Team v. Blue Team exercise in their small teams during the morning. In the afternoon, COL Kirk Dorr the CSA Senior Fellow, Harvard University, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs gave closing remarks, transitioning into a Leader Panel discussion featuring COL Dorr, LTC Mike Yaffe (MC), and CPT Zach Griffiths (SF).



Rakesh Khurana, Dean of Harvard College, addresses the Cadets at the 2016 Army ROTC Leadership Conference.



Over the course of Day 1, Cadets from 20 different colleges and universities rotated through small breakout sessions, to include Virtual Ethics training led by BU Army ROTC PMS, LTC James Mitchell (above).



Army War College fellows, including COL Brad Eungard (below) and Advanced Civil Schooling students from Harvard, Tufts and MIT led Cadets through small group discussions on Mission Command and the Army Profession.



(Right) Cadets separated into small teams, organized either as a defending force (Blue Team) or an attacking OPFOR (Red Team), and conducted hasty mission analysis and course-of-action development as part of the competitive phase of the Adaptive Leader Program exercise.

Photo Highlights 31JAN16:



COL Kirk Dorr (left), Chief of Staff of the Army's Senior Fellow, Harvard University, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs provides the key note address and closing remarks for the Army ROTC Leadership Conference (CALDEX).

Cadets (below) brief a scenario based concept of the operation during the Red Team v. Blue Team phase. During this phase, Red Team Cadets planned as if they were members of a local terrorist cell targeting a local landmark while Blue Team Cadets role played as coalition forces in order to develop response and defense concepts



CPT Zach Griffiths (far right), Harvard Kennedy School Masters of Public Policy candidate and Green Beret, fields a question during the Leader Panel. CPT Griffiths joined COL Dorr and LTC Michael Yaffe on the Leader Panel. LTC Yaffe is the Chairman of the MIT ROTC Oversight Committee and is a US Army Reserve Medical Corps officer who recently redeployed from duty in Northern Afghanistan with a Forward Surgical Team

