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Army Olmsted Scholars, Class of 2009 Announced

Washington D.C. - Eight outstanding Army officers have been selected as the 2009 Olmsted Scholarship Recipients. Since 1960, the Olmsted Foundation has sponsored the scholars program to provide broadening opportunities for military officers to live and study at a foreign university. The tour of study is an accompanied tour. The officers selected are:

- Capt. Christina B. Bembenek, Company A, 319th Military Intelligence Battalion, Ft. Bragg, NC.
- Capt. Wilbur W. Hsu, Alpha Battery, 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI.
- Capt. Joshua D. Kaser, 191st Infantry Brigade, (Training Support Bde), Division West, 1st Army, Ft. Lewis, WA.
- Capt. Mark D. Lehenbauer, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Ft. Campbell, KY.
- Capt. Eric A. Parthemore, Headquarters & Support Company, 864th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) FOB Sharana, Afghanistan.
- Capt. Angela E. Reber, 201st Military Intelligence Battalion, 470th Military Intelligence Brigade, INSCOM, Baghdad, Iraq.
- Capt. Joshua A. Taylor, Bravo Troop, 1-73rd Cavalry Regiment (Airborne), 82nd Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, NC.
- Capt. Daniel R. Young, Headquarters Company, Operations Group, Joint Multinational Readiness Center, Hohenfels, Germany.

Each Olmsted scholar will study overseas. Assignments include Asia, Near East, Europe, Africa, and South America.

Annually, the U. S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC) Olmsted Scholarship Selection Board convenes to select finalists for submission to the Olmsted Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors. The board selects the scholarship recipients and announces their area of study in the spring. The next HRC board will convene on Sept. 10, 2008, and the Olmsted Foundation Board will make the final selection of scholars in March 2009.

Eligible officers interested in an Olmsted Scholarship must submit a DA Form 4187 to their career assignment officer at HRC not later than July 18, 2008. The specifics for applying can be found at https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/protect/Active/opfamacs/FELLOWS07.htm.