Greetings to the Alumni of Iowa State University Army ROTC

It is my honor, as the current Professor of Military Science for the Cyclone Battalion, to provide you with this Cyclone Battalion alumni newsletter. Our intent is to keep you informed of the status of your alumni organization as well as to provide you with a means to contact other Iowa State ROTC alumni.

As we approach our 80th year of commissioning Army lieutenants from Iowa State University, we are constantly reminded of the high quality and caliber of people that have passed through the doors of the Armory. Beginning with the first six commissioned lieutenants in 1922 and continuing through the fourteen we commissioned in 2002, the Cyclone Battalion has produced more than 4687 officers -- you are one of them!

As an alumni member, you are a part of this proud tradition. One of your own, Major Harry Meyer, ’84, is currently a member of the Cyclone Battalion cadre working in Operations and Training.

I invite you to be an active member of the Cyclone Battalion once again. Should you be in or around Ames on your travels, please drop by the Armory to “stomp some of the old ground.” You might be surprised what hasn’t changed from when you were a cadet in the battalion. However, the paint, furniture, and many of the computers have all been replaced within the past year. We hope that you will be impressed by our progress but we are always willing to listen to your recommendations for making it better.

Again, I would like to congratulate you for being a part of our proud tradition. Army ROTC at Iowa State University continues as we activate the Cyclone Battalion for its 80th year on September 4th, 2002 at the Armory. I invite you to join us for this historic event.

LTC Marvin L. Meek, Armor
Professor of Military Science

AROTC Staff Update:

Hi everyone! After almost 19 years in ROTC, I’m retiring in January 2003. We have bought a home in Minnesota that is on a lake, has lots of pines, and is a beautiful home. I have really enjoyed my job and you all made it worthwhile. Some of you have come back to visit and made me so proud of you. To meet your families is my greatest joy. I will miss ROTC very much, but I’m anxious to retire and begin my life as a Minnesotan. I believe I’ll get to share in one more alumni letter, so talk to you then.

-Sandi Partlow

Greetings to all of you who defend or have defended our “Great Nation”. I am so proud to be helping develop future officers of the U.S. Army. I have been the University Secretary going on 5 years. I served for 7 years in the Army as an enlisted soldier, as a Morse Code Intercept Operator. If I could be of any help to you let me know. I would enjoy a visit from all of you.

-Diane Krause
Alumni Coordinator’s Corner

Fellow Alumni: I’m Major Harold (Harry) Meyer Jr. I graduated from Iowa State University Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1984. I was lucky enough to tag this assignment reporting in August 2001. As I enter my second school year at the old Cyclone Battalion, I can say that I truly love this job. I think back to all the cadets that I was fortunate enough to know and the cadre that assisted me. This is truly a unique place.

I’m the XO and S3 as well as the MS III instructor. In addition, I have assumed the duties of Alumni Coordinator from LTC Strasser, as he departed Iowa State University and is working elsewhere. I have noticed a few names on the alumni list that I know and hope they will contact me.

As you can see by my picture I haven’t changed much except a few wrinkles and my stomach is bigger and I can’t run as fast and I have to get eight hours of sleep a night and of course I do not drink as much. Other than that, I’m just like when I was as a cadet here.

The PMS has instructed me to produce two meaningful informative Alumni newsletters a year. I hope that each of you send me information on yourself so that I can include it into the newsletter. We are setting in on the format and will attempt to make the newsletter worthy enough for you to want to read it.

Again, thanks for your support. I can be reached by phone at 1-800-600-ROTC or 1-515-294-0313; or by e-mail at meyerh@iastate.edu or ana@iastate.edu.

This newsletter and Alumni addresses as well as previous newsletters will be posted on the Army ROTC Internet Web Page at www.armyrotc.iastate.edu. Please inform me if you have a change of address as the post-age is killing us!

Father William Winlock Scholarship:

I had the great fortune to know Father “BILL” William Winlock. I met him in 1980 when I joined the Ames American Legion Post 37. He was a great guy. He also was a member of the ISU Veterans Club. He was always helpful and supportive of ISU students.

I came back in (I believe) 1996 for his funeral. The whole church was full of people, I mean completely full. It was a testament to his generosity and kindness.

I was pleasantly surprised to find out, upon my return last year to ISU that the Army ROTC had established a scholarship fund in his name. The fund currently has about five thousand dollars in it. Every spring during the annual military ball, when awards are presented to cadets, a scholarship in Father Bill’s name is given to one of them. Last year we were able to present two cadets checks for $100.00.

We need to add to the fund to keep it going. I would ask you all to think about sending a check for twenty dollars so we can present three or four cadets a scholarship this year as well as years to come. It means a lot to them. Think back to your days here at ISU, $100.00 would have made a big difference to you. I have already pledged $100.00 to the fund, will you? The fund raising goal is five thousand dollars. You can send your checks to:

Department of Military Science
Iowa State University
Attn: Endowment Fund
132 Armory
Ames, IA 50011-3010

Make your checks out to:
Department of Military Science
Endowment Fund

Think about it!

-Major Harold Meyer, Jr.
News from Alumni Around the World:

Timothy Gittins (98) wrote: Please update my address in the Alumni section. Thank You! Address: 9907 A Gates St., Fort Drum, NY 13603.

Sheila Foley- Seitz (87) wrote: that her new email address is sksfoley@yahoo.com. Her current mailing address is: 2516 Colgate Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304-3709, home phone 910-483-1082. She and husband, Marcus Seitz, moved from Ft. Thomas, KY to Fayetteville, NC where Marcus works at Fort Bragg with the United States Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command. Sheila is working as a local full-time elementary teacher. She is also in an Army Reserve Unit (Quartermaster Group) and is working on her Ph.D.

Darrel R. Branhgen (77) wrote that he is the Commander of the 413 Civil Affairs Bn out of Lubbock, Texas. His address is 1132 Camrose Lane, DeSoto, TX 75115 and his e-mail is branhagen@earthlink.net.

Denny Little (77) 226 Smallwood Rd, Ellijay, GA 30540, E-mail dennis.little@usarc-emh2.army.mil.

Wrote I was recently promoted to COL while at an exercise in Kuwait. It’s the only ceremony I’ve ever witnessed where 5 COLs were promoted in one spot at one time. I just assumed duties as the Director of Plans and Policy for the 377th Theater Support Command, in New Orleans. The 377th (2 Star HQ) is the senior logistical headquarters for all forces in Southwest Asia. In this position, I’m the senior AGR officer in the HQ, and the senior logistical planner for the command. Looking forward to new duties after surviving Third Army Headquarters for five years, in two different assignments. Seems like graduation was a long time ago, in a country far, far away….. The family has relocated to Ellijay, GA where I’ll retire to in two years. I’m doing the geographical bachelor thing until then. Any ISU grads in the area, please give me a call. Office # is 504 286 9399. By the way: Paul Aust, another ISU grad, is alive and well and assigned to the 3d TMCA, in Anniston, AL. I’ve attached his e-mail thinking you can contact him and coerce him into sending a note in, as I’ve not been successful in twisting his arm. I’m a fair sized guy, but he’s a handful!

Robb Carter (97) wrote: Sir, New address for the ISU ROTC directory: 505 Thurston, Manhattan, KS 66502. Thanks for all the work you do to keep us all connected!

Thomas E. Cogdall (Drake Cadre) CogdallT@emh10.bliss.army.mil. Wrote: As of 15 OCT 01 I have been on active duty at Ft. Bliss. Not sure if I told you that I am the PAO for the 32d AAMDC (Army Air and Missile Defense Command). The Command controls all the Patriot Battalions in the army, commanded by a BG. Not sure how long I will stay activated, but the orders are for a year. The family is doing fine, looks like I will get home for New Years for a couple of days. Pfizer is very supportive of the activation, but it’s just difficult trying to maintain good working relations with the doctors that I call on from Ft. Bliss. Thanks goodness for e-mail. At any rate was think of you so thought I would give an update. Take care and have a happy holiday.

Brian L. Moore (78) wrote: I was commissioned through ISU AROTC in 1978 and have very fond memories of my time in the Cyclone Battalion. I was very active in the Pershing Rifles as well, which enhanced my ROTC experience greatly. I served on active duty for four years in the Ordnance Corps, three of which were with the Combat Equipment Group Europe in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Although it was a richly rewarding experience to serve as an Army officer overseas, in 1982 I decided to pursue a different career. I became an FBI Agent in 1983 and just recently celebrated my 18th anniversary with "the Bureau." I currently work in the National Security Division of the FBI’s New York City field office and have had the opportunity to investigate a variety of matters, but none as significant as the World Trade Center attack. That day will be forever etched in my memory. Rest assured that we are doing our very best to identify all those responsible for the terrorism and bring them to justice. I have been happily married since 1997 to a native of Baghdad, Iraq who immigrated to the U.S. in 1977. Gina and I recently moved, so I want to provide our new home address: 2 Grover’s Court, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550-1821 e-mail: mbgmoore007@cs.com.

Jesse Fleming () Sir, I would like to be included in the alumni newsletter. I finished my flight training at Ft. Rucker in July. Currently I am assigned as an AH-64D flight platoon leader in 6-6 Cav. My unit is currently at Ft. Hood for unit train up on the Longbow Apache. Next May we are scheduled to return to Illesheim, Germany. Anyone can email me at JesseFleming@hotmail.com or Jesse.Fleming@us.army.mil.
CPT Steve Koontz (97) wrote: Sir, I’d just like to give you a change of address for the newsletter and a quick update. I finished my tour in Germany and moved back to Ft. Sill for the FACCC, which began in early August. I’ll be here until December, then I’ll go to Ft. Leavenworth for CAS3 in January and February. After that, I’ll go to my next duty assignment at Ft. Bragg. I don’t know if I’ll go to Division or Corps, but I’d like to go light. I heard that the Army is considering removing CAS3 from the curriculum and just making it correspondence. Sounds like it could happen very soon! Anyway, my address here in Oklahoma is: 1821 NW 82nd St, Apt. 1205 Lawton, OK 73505. What are you doing now? I imagine from your address that you are a teacher at NE.

Javier Casanova (88) Wrote: LTC Strasser, thank you for continuing to publish the Alumni Newsletter! It always brings much cherished memories. I’d like to take the opportunity to update you on my whereabouts. I’m currently stationed at the 56th Rescue Squadron in Keflavik, Iceland. Our primary mission is to provide Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) to the North Atlantic Region.

Iceland is a beautiful place and the entire family is enjoying our tour. For those of you who would like to know more about this pristine island, please feel free to contact me. My new address is: PSC 1013 Box 57, APO AE 09725, DSN 450-9053/7922, H: 011-325-425-7537, work email: javier.casanova@keflavik.af.mil, home email: jgcas@aol.com. Sincerely, Javier Casanova, Major, USAF, Class of ’88.

Mike Dillon (94) Hello Sir. Hope all is going well with your new position. Just like you, we have moved a little as well. We are in Carroll, IA now. I am the Field Sales Agronomist with Pioneer Hi-Bred for eight counties in West Central Iowa. I work with Pioneer sales-reps and their customers on dirt, weeds, bugs, corn/beans, grain handling, and most any other aspect of production agriculture...I love it. Angela and the kids have adjusted well to our new area. Wyatt is going into 3rd grade next month and Madison will be 4 this fall. Where does the time go? We still have our farms in Northeast Iowa and manage to make it back occasionally to smell diesel smoke. When we moved to Carroll, we built a new house. As it turns out, Matt Riesenbergs brother (Russ) was one of the individuals that did the work. Talk about a small world! Hope all is going well for you and the family. I enjoy the newsletter and look forward to keeping tabs on my friends. My new mailing address is: Mike Dillon, 1123 Woodland Drive, Carroll, IA 51401 Mike.Dillon@pioneer.com, phone numbers listed below: Mike Dillon Field Sales Agronomist,West Central Iowa 712-792-1092 office, 515-979-0578 mobile.

Christie Sackett (97) Wrote: Pat Dillon forwarded me your email and address stating that you would like updated information on everyone for the ROTC newsletter. I graduated physical therapy school from St. Ambrose University in May 2001 and am currently working as a physical therapist at Trinity Medical Center in the quad cities. I am getting married in Davenport, IA on October 27, 2001. I am on shed-ule to attend OBC in January of 2002 and possibly go to South Carolina following that, but no set plan. If you have any Voc Ag students interested in physical therapy, send them my way and I can give them some insight!

CPT Angela L. Berg (97) wrote: LTC (Ret)/ Mr. Strasser, Hello! Pat Dillon sent a message that said he had run into you and that you were curious to where a few of us had ended up. Where to begin? Well I guess a good place to start would be with the present. Currently I am attending the Engineer Captains Career Course at FLW, MO, simultaneously working on a MS degree in Engineering Management from UMR, Rolla. Brent Legried is in my class as well. We both came from TX, yes the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood. I can’t speak for Brent, but I enjoyed my three years there very much. Had an opportunity to deploy to Bosnia for 7 months, trained at Ft. Polk, JRTC and also a rotation to the NTC at Ft. Irwin. I have been assigned to FLW as my follow on assignment and hope to command HHC, 5th EN BN. I’ve been looking forward to command for some time now and am anxious to soon have the privilege to do so. So how have you been? What new adventures has the world taken you on these last few years? It was great to hear that you ran into Pat. It really is a small world!

Pat Dillon (97) wrote: Jen passed along your email address to me and said you were looking for an update. Well, I have left active duty and begun full time law school on scholarship at Drake in Des Moines. Shelly and I
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bought a house on the south side of Des Moines. Shelly works at Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines. We have a son, Sean Patrick, who was born at Ft. Leavenworth on 1 Oct 2000. I am in the reserves, in the 1/383rd TSB (CS/CSS) as an OC. What a change. As far as others I have knowledge of:

Robb Carter is heading for Ft. Riley and is getting married on 21, July 2001.

Don McGhGhy works at Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids and is in the IOWA NG.

Dave LaCrosse is in Senegal with SF.

Joe Gray is in Ft. Campbell in the 101st.

Steve Koontz just returned from Germany in July and I think is headed to Ft. Bragg following advance course.

Aaron Young is at Ft. Eustis.

Darren Borst is in Iowa National Guard, and works at a State Trooper on the Governor's Security Detail.

Aaron Kester is a Story County Deputy.

Matt Becker is getting married in Oct 2001 and is in Des Moines. Drills in Decorah I believe.

MAJ ED Lefler was promoted to LTC and teaches at CGSC at Leavenworth.

Donovan Christopher and Don Enright are both in the National Guard as FA guys. Well, there you have it. My address is 4513, SE 7th, Des Moines, Iowa. Thanks for continuing the newsletter. It is nice to keep up with everybody.

Major Steve Rohlena wrote: Graduated from CGSC in June and currently serving as the S-3 of the 25th Transportation BN located in Seoul, Korea. New Mailing address is PSC 303 Box 55, APO AP 96205. New e-mail address: rohlenas@usfk.korea.army.mil

Kevin Lonergau, 1133 Catherine St. Ottawa Il. 61350. Kevin_lonergau@hotmail.com asked to be added to our mailing list.

Gary Beetner (72) wrote: Enjoy reviewing the newsletters. I am currently an emergency room physician in Cedar Falls. E-mail address is beetner@hotmail.com

William G. Nechanicky (38) wrote: Enjoyed your Cyclone Battalion Newsletter. Congratulations to you and all participating contributors. A couple of years ago Kenneth Burns submitted my name for your readership listing. His new address is 717 Maiden Choice Lane #19, Catonsville, Maryland 21228. The two of us are the only class of 38 that showed. Here are more class of 38 members for your list. Allen S. Kilborn at 2035 Cap Rock Drive, Richardson, Texas 75080-3452. Theodore T. Magel at 110 Stillwood Drive Corapolis, PA 15108. Robert Treneman at 1803 James, Jonesboro, AK. 72401-4852 and Robert T. Werkman at 12 Mesa Lane, Hot Springs, AK 71909-3342. K.P. Burns provided a couple of these addresses. (COL Nechanicky served 32 years to include WWII as a BN S-2 in Patton’s 3rd Army, in the Korean War and Vietnam!)

For those who have not visited our Memorial Union for some years, be sure to reflect in the upgraded Gold Star Hall. He is very happy to see the effort being made to get a WWII memorial erected in Washington.

Sheila Seitz (Foley), ISU class of 1987: Sheila has moved once again from Fayetteville, NC, home of Fort Bragg, to Syracuse, NY. She was drilling as a reservist with the 171st Area Support Group in North Carolina but will change jobs in August 2002 working as a reserve Assistant Professor of Military Science for the Syracuse University ROTC program. Sheila was working as an elementary school teacher in North Carolina but has no current employment prospects when she moves to Syracuse. Her primary effort while at Syracuse will be to continue work on her PHD thesis. After Sheila’s husband finishes with the Army Comptrollership Program at Syracuse University they plan to move to Washington D.C. in August 2003. Sheila can be reached at sksfoley@yahoo.com or 231 Slocum Heights, Apt 5, Syracuse NY 13244.

Have news about yourself....

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We no longer have a rifle range, but we kept one of the mechanisms and put it in the museum.
We are looking for past pictures of Army ROTC class activities, exercises, training events, personal pictures, and Army ROTC memorabilia.

Help preserve our proud history!