I am truly honored to serve as the Professor of Military Science & Leadership here at Iowa State University. This is a superb university and the cadets in this ROTC program are truly remarkable. In the short period of time since my arrival here at ISU, I have had the opportunity to get to know our cadets. Our seniors performed exceptionally well at the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) this past summer. I am confident they will serve with distinction as Lieutenants in our Army. Our incoming freshmen are extremely strong as well. They have integrated into the battalion and have become a valuable part of the ISU AROTC team. Our cadets at Drake University continue to achieve great successes both militarily and academically. All of our cadets are top quality. I believe in my heart that these young men and women are the finest in the nation. Their character and level of commitment is exemplary and I am extremely proud to lead this organization. These are critical years in the development of our students and they will be making choices that will affect their entire life. My goal is to equip our cadets with the ability to make prudent decisions and provide them with the leadership tools necessary to be successful in life. As the father of an 18-year-old daughter, I understand how important it is to mentor, coach, teach and guide our cadets as they pursue their goals and dreams. I have been in the Army for 23 years and have spent the last three years mentoring cadets at the University of South Florida. Working with cadets has certainly been the high-point of my career. Fortunately, God has blessed me with the opportunity to continue shaping our future leaders here at ISU, and I am genuinely honored. I pray that I will be a positive influence in the lives of all of our cadets. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you in the near future.
Greetings from Drake University BULLDOG ROTC located in the heartland of Iowa. Fall is in the air, winter is fast approaching and the Drake Army ROTC is busy preparing for the yearly "Ranger Challenge" competition that will take place at Camp Dodge Iowa the 22nd through the 24th of October. It is going to be a great competition. Drake University ROTC is a smaller and unique program but offers the same challenges and opportunities as its partnership school at Iowa State University. Drake University Army ROTC was activated in 1981 as Bravo (BULLDOG) Company and for the past 22 years has carried on the proud tradition of producing some of finest and most capable Second Lieutenants in the United States Army. In May 2004, Drake University continued this tradition by commissioning three more lieutenants in the United States Army. Graham Giles was commissioned a 2LT and is attending the Transportation Officer's Basic Course at Fort Eustis, Virginia. Ashley T. Kjos was commissioned a 2LT and is now attending the Artillery Officers Basic Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Bradley E. Smith was commissioned a 2LT and is now attending the Medical Service Officers Basic Course at Fort Sam Houston Texas. Our new location is at 1153 24th Street two blocks East of Old Main just off University Avenue. The new facility is a one-story complex that offers our students an environment that is much more conducive not only to your Drake educational but also about Drake University Army ROTC. If you need additional information call 1-800-44drake extension 3952 or 3898 or email me at jjshowers@drake.edu and start your career as a Army ROTC Cadet. GO BULLDOGS!
Welcome Back Picnic (August)

Every year the cyclone battalion cadre (faculty) and senior cadets host a welcome back picnic. This year the picnic was held at the Armory. There were several different activities including a rock wall and a dunk tank. In addition, cadre cooked a few hamburgers and hotdogs with all the trimmings for the cadets and their family and friends. Whenever Army ROTC has an event all family and friends are always invited.
Each school year the cyclone battalion activates the battalion. This is an Army tradition. The battalion colors are uncased (removed from their caring case) and brought forward to the Professor of Military Science. He receives and then gives the colors to the Cadet Battalion Commander, LTC Shoemaker. LTC Shoemaker then activates Alpha Company. This tradition has gone on each fall since 1921 here at ISU when ROTC was established. Before ROTC, ISU had a military science unit that operated from 1870 until 1921. ISU has a storied past and a bright future.

During the first week of school each cadet that wants to join (contract) Army ROTC has to take an Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT). In addition, each Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings you can find the cadets at Lied Rec conducting physical training.
Army
ROTC
Fall Photo
(September)
Iowa State - University of Iowa Football Game Ball Run (September)

Every year, ISU and the University of Iowa conduct a football game ball run from each others universities. This year ISU cadets departed early from the Armory and traveled to Tama, Iowa where they handed the game ball to the UI Army ROTC. At Tama, the American Legion cooks a great lunch and both ROTC programs share a bit of much needed food. The event has been taking place for almost 20 years. Next year the ball comes to ISU and hopefully the game will go better. Top: Coach Mac presents the game ball to the Army ROTC senior class; middle: the cadets prepare to depart the Armory; right bottom: a stop along the way at Marshalltown, and left bottom, a much needed break along the way. It’s a long day but well worth it!
During the fall semester 2004 over 80 cadets participated in a Field Training Exercise (FTX) held at Camp Dodge located at Johnson, Iowa. Cadets conducted a wide variety of training to include: Basic Rifle Marksmanship (firing a M16 Rifle), Hand Grenade Assault Course, Confidence Course, Land Navigation, Rappelling (50 Foot Tower) One Rope Bridge, and Field Leadership Reaction Course. Cadets slept in military barracks and ate military food MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) along with civilian food, Jimmy Johns and HyVee. All the cadets had a good time and the weather cooperated in the event. The next Field Training Exercise is in April and will be taken at Camp Dodge with the University of Iowa and the University of Northern Iowa.
RANGER CHALLENGE (October)

Eleventh Brigade East Ranger Challenge Competition: Ranger Challenge is the varsity sport of ROTC. This year the following universities participated: University of Iowa, Creighton University, Pittsburg State University, Iowa State University, Drake University, University of Nebraska, Kansas University of Kansas State University and the University of Northern Iowa. A total of 15 teams from the nine participating universities. There are eight events: The Hand Grenade Assault Course, Basic Rifle Marksmanship, Army Physical Fitness Test, 10 Kilometer Ruck March (Run), Assembly / Dis-Assembly of the M16 and the M249, Surprise event (Patrolling), Land Navigation and the One Rope Bridge. Iowa State University took first and fifth, while Drake took eighth. Cadets workout and practice the different events six days a week for almost two months per school year. This is the second year that Iowa State University Ranger Challenge Team has won the event.

Top row left to right Anthony Nelson, Jeffrey Vaske, Colin Sommers, Graham Hopkins, Derek Johnson; Front Row left to right Mya Strohman, Andrea Church, Johathon Bracewell, Molly Alesch.
Battalion Commander: Lieutenant Colonel Robert Shumaker

Hello, my name is Robert Shumaker. I am a senior in Sociology with a minor in Military Studies and I am originally from Johnston, Iowa. As the cadet battalion commander it is my responsibility to create a plan for the battalion. This year we underwent some major structural changes; we have integrated our MS classes during lab and have created more leadership opportunities for younger cadets. We will continue to change the program to better prepare our cadets for LDAC and life as a 2LT.

Sergeant Major: Sergeant Major Eric Schmitz

Cadet Schmitz was born April 21, 1981 in San Dimas, California. His parents are Keith E. Schmitz and Ellen S. Schmitz. He was raised in Geneseo, IL. He attended and graduated from J. D. Darnall High School. He then attended Central College in Pella, IA from August 25, 1999 through May 10, 2000. While at Central College, he was a member of the varsity football team. After completion of his freshman year, Cadet Schmitz transferred to Iowa State University. He has been attending Iowa State University since August 2000. A former walk-on, he was the starting Deep snapper for the ISU football team for the 2002-2003 seasons. While completing his football career, he joined the ROTC in the fall of 2003.

Head Tactical Cadet: Major Ali Patten

I'm cadet Ali Patten and I'm a senior in Spanish from Minneapolis, MN. My position in ROTC this semester is Head TAC, which bears various responsibilities. Primarily I supervise, compile, and record all of the evaluations of the juniors, or MSIIIs, as well as evaluate the top two MSIII positions myself. I work closely with the MSIII instructors to ensure my teaching and guidance and I follow their intent for training. My hope for the MSIII class this year is that they not just become proficient in all their tasks, but learn to be confident and be able to convey their proficiency to those they are leading. So far I am very impressed with the character and abilities of this class and look forward to watching them succeed.
NEW CADRE: Captain Matthew Underwood

I joined the US Army in October 1998 and attended Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood MO. Later I was commissioned through the Federal OCS Fort Benning GA and branched Armor. Following the Armor Basic Course, Scout Platoon Leaders Course, M1A2 Certification, I was given my first duty assignment at 3-7th Cavalry Fort Stewart Georgia. I served as the Assistant S3 and tank platoon leader. Following my active duty tour of duty, I transitioned to the NG and 1-113th Cavalry, Johnston IA, serving as a tank platoon leader, scout platoon leader, S4 and battle CPT.

I continued my army schooling by attending the Armor Advanced Course, CAS3, Army Instructors Course, NBC Certification Course, and TTOC. My civilian education includes a Bachelors of Science from the University of New Hampshire and a Masters in Education from Drake University. I recently returned from a 9 month deployment from Kosovo and an enjoying my current position as the Operation Officer for the Iowa State ROTC program.

Army ROTC Military Ball

Each spring ISU Army ROTC host an Army Military Ball. During the ball cadet awards are presented by a number of community and military organizations. The ball consist of a dinner, awards ceremony and a dance. There is a guest speaker who enlightens the cadets on the military. Last year the Military Ball was conducted in Ames at the Quality Inn. There were over 275 people present along with 35 award presenters.

This year the Military Ball will be held on campus at the Memorial Union on 2 April 2005. The ball is open to all family and guest of the cadets. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend. During the ball you will be able to see all the cadets in all their glory receiving awards that they have earned throughout the academic year. The dinner meal will be a buffet with a wide variety of meats, salads and desserts. If you are interested in attending contact Major Meyer at 1-515-294-0314 or e-mail him at meyerh>iastate.edu. Tickets usually run about twenty-five dollars a couple. The senior class will begin the ball preparations next semester and will forward information then. There will also be a raffle. Last year’s raffle raised almost a thousand dollars as there were a tremendous number of prizes too include: ISU signature footballs, basketballs, CD players, X-Box, gift certificates to a number of local restrants and a number of smaller prizes. Hope to see you at the Military Ball!
Last Spring Semester all three ROTC units: Army, Naval and Air Force participated in a central campus ceremony to honor graduating seniors. The ceremony involved a general officer speech, boring, and the pass in review of all cadets in the three ROTC units. It was a unique experience. Many ISU students stopped what they were doing to watch the ceremony. As usual Army ROTC marched the best. There was an Air Force General that gave a warm speech that inspired the cadets. After the speech all cadets conducted a pass and review (Marching passed the reviewing stand).

We would like to invite all cadets, family and friends to our Commissioning Ceremony that will be held on the 18th of December 2004. The ceremony will take place at the Scheman Building, second floor, at the Iowa State Center here in Ames. The ceremony will begin at 5 O’clock. Hope to see you there! The December Commission Class.

December 18th 2004 Commission Ceremony (Second Lieutenant)

Joel Stamp
Sys Mgt; Iowa National Guard

Melissa McArthur
Pol Sci; Active Duty

David Nelson
Phys Ther; Active Duty

Tember Aguilar
Gen Bus; Active Duty

Ryan Johnson
Info Sys Mgt; Active Duty

Jeremy Paul
Mgt Log; Active Duty

Aaron Beckman
Anthro; Active Duty

December 18th 2004 Commission Ceremony (Second Lieutenant)
Major Harold L. Meyer, Jr. was born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa. He enlisted into the U.S. Marine Corps in 1974. In 1980 he enrolled at Iowa State University and joined the AROTC program in 1982. Graduating in December 1984, he went on active duty as an Armor Officer. Duty assignments include: 1-72nd Armor Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division; Joint Readiness Center, Fort Chaffee; 2-12 Cavalry Squadron, Fort Knox; USAREC, Des Moines Recruiting Battalion; Senior Military Advisor (Team Chief) to the Republic of Korea VII Corps Commander; Operations Officer, Eighth Army Headquarters; Operations Officer, World Class Opposing Force, Battle Command Training Program, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and Reserve Officer Training Corps as an Assistant Professor of Military Science at Iowa State University. His commands include: Bravo Troop Commander 1-12th Cav; HHC 1-72; and DSMCO USAREC. He currently resides in Gilbert, Iowa along with his two “future AROTC cadet” daughters.

I joined the US Army in April 1982, and attended Basic Training and AIT at Fort Knox, KY for Tank Armor Crewman. During my tour of duty I have been stationed at Fort Carson, CO as a tank driver from Sep 82-May 83 and Platoon Sergeant from Nov 95-Nov 97; Fort Stewart, GA from Nov 86-Aug 90 as tank gunner and tank commander; Fort Bliss, TX from Oct 94-Nov 95 as the Troop Master Gunner and Platoon Sergeant; and Fort Knox, KY as an M1A1 and M1A2 New Equipment Team Trainer. Overseas tours were Germany 3rd Armor Division as a tank driver, loader, and gunner May 83-Nov 86, 1ST Armor Division as Brigade Gunner and 1SG for Avenger Company Feb 01-02 and Cobra Company Feb 02-May 03. We were the first unit to deploy to the Czech republic and Hungary since WWII. Camp Casey, Korea as tank commander. I am now enjoying my current duty assignment as Senior Noncommissioned Officer for Iowa State University assisting in developing tomorrow’s leaders.

Sergeant First Class Bruce Hise joined the US Army in November 1989, and attended One Stop Unit Training at Fort Benning, GA for Anti-Armor Infantryman. During my tour of duty I have been stationed at Fort Bragg, NC and held every position from TOW Driver to Anti-Armor Platoon Sergeant from Feb 90-Aug 94 and Aug 95-Oct 99; Fort Carson, CO from Aug 94-Aug 95 as Anti-Armor Section Leader; Fort Benning, GA from Oct 99-Oct 03 as a Drill Sergeant and Infantry Officer Basic Course Platoon Sergeant. Overseas tours were Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm Aug 90-Apr 91 and Joint Task Force 160 at Gitmo Bay, Cuba Sep 94 – Feb 95. I am now enjoying my current duty assignment as the Training Noncommissioned Officer for Iowa State University assisting in developing tomorrow’s leaders.

Major William J. Carlson was born and raised in Storm Lake, Iowa. He enlisted into the Iowa Army National Guard (IAARNG), graduated from high school and began attending the University of South Dakota (USD) in 1987. In 1988 he enrolled in ROTC at USD, then transferred to ISU in 1990. He was commissioned through ISU ROTC in 1990, attended FA-OBC in 1991 and Graduated from ISU in 1993 with a major in Journalism. He was assigned to Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) status in 1995. Duty assignments include: Fire Support Officer, Fire Direction Officer, Battery XO, Battery Commander, Battalion Plans Officer, S4, and S1 within the 1-194 FA (IAARNG), and Deputy Inspector General for the IAARNG. Current assignment is Assistant Professor of Military Science at ISU. He and his wife, Terry, have two children and reside in Johnston, Iowa.
Supply & Logistics Non-Commissioned Officer: Sergeant Andrew Vance

Sergeant Andrew N. Vance was born on July 28, 1979 in Kokomo, Indiana. He lived there until he joined the United States Army in October 1999. He attended basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina from November 1999 through January 2000. Upon completion of basic training, he attended Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Lee, Virginia. After completing AIT in April 2000, he moved on to his first duty station at Fort Stewart, Georgia in May 2000. While assigned to Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion 3rd Air Defense Artillery, he served as the Battery Armorer, supply clerk and 1SG driver. His service while at Fort Stewart included five battalion gunneries, two brigade training exercises and one rotation to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California. He was then assigned to his present position, ROTC Unit Supply Sergeant at Iowa State University. Sergeant Vance resides in Ames, Iowa, with his wife Shannon, and son Tanner.

Human Resources Assistant: Mr. Steve Lee

Steve C. Lee was born on August 5, 1955 in Angang, Korea. He came to the United States at the age of 14. He graduated from East High School and attended Morning- side College for a year in Sioux City, Iowa. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1975 to 1979 and decided to venture into civilian life. After another year of college and two years of civilian employment, it was time to go back to the military and it was Army this time. Upon completion of AIT in Fort Leonard Wood, MO as Bridge Crewman, his first assignment was in Korea for obvious reasons and he spent his remaining 2 years in Ft. Riley, KS. After getting discharged from the Army, he joined the Texas Army National Guard as an AGR soldier for 2 years and got homesick and transferred to Iowa Army National Guard for the remainder of his military career. He was assigned to various units as Aviation, Infantry, Cav, CSB and detachment to State HQ. His duty assignment consisted of Aviation Operation, Bridge Crew Chief, Squad Leader, PAC Supervisor and State Records Custodian. He was retired from the Army with a total of 24 years of Active Duty service. He is assigned to Iowa State University (ROTC) as the Human Resources Assistant. He is married to his wife, Linda and has 3 children, Robert (23), Chris (21) in the Iowa Army National Guard.

Iowa State Secretary: Ms. Kris Peterson

My name is Kris Peterson and I live in Madrid, a small community 22 miles Southwest of Ames. I have 2 older sisters that also live in Iowa, one in Cascade and the other in Forest City. My husband, Roger, and I have one son, Ross, who is a sophomore in high school. He's active in band, chorus, French horn, piano, cross country and his classes. My husband owns an automotive parts store in Madrid and has been self-employed for over 25 years. He likes to re-build cars and motorcycles and is active in the community. I'm involved with the Performing Arts Committee at school and active at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. I like to walk, shop, garden, cook and go boating with my family at Clear Lake. The Peterson household also consists of one spoiled beagle. I've enjoyed working in the Military Science Department; the days just fly by. I'm also learning new military words everyday and that clock might as well have 24 numbers on it!

Administrative Assistant: Staff Sergeant Rod Taylor

Mr. Rod K. Taylor enlisted into the US Army in July 1984 and retired in Aug 2004. His basic training and initial entry training was for 19D Cavalry Scout at Ft. Knox, KY. SSG Taylor's duty assignments include: 3/6 INF, Ft. Polk, LA; 1/1 CAV, 1 AD, Schwabach, Germany; 1/10 INF, Ft. Carson, CO; 1/6 INF, Vilseck, Germany; 2/3 ACR, Ft. Bliss, TX; and 1/16 CAV, Ft. Knox KY. At this point in his career, due to an unfortunate accident, SSG Taylor was reclassified to 42L Administrative Specialist. As SSG Taylor’s duty assignments continued, he was assigned to the United Nations Command Military Armistice Committee (UNCMAC) in Korea. The following assignment was at the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Ft. Leavenworth, KS. His last duty assignment was with the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) at Iowa State University in Ames, IA. SSG Taylor serves as the Admin NCOIC, and assists with teaching military related subjects. On November 3, 1984, he married his wife Toni. Presently in Iowa, he is accompanied by Toni and their three children: Jacqueline, Shane, and Breanna.
**Buddy Ranger (April 04)**

Best Ranger Buddy competition. Ten teams from Iowa State participated in the Best Buddy Ranger Challenge competition held at the University of Kansas. It was a great event. It rained all day! It was a miserable day, but a Ranger Day! The teams all did well and came away with a new understanding of hard work as well as team work. The events included rock wall, 5K run, Assembly-Disassemble weapons, litter carry, Hand Grenade Assault, and a 10 K ruck run. The cadets were exhausted but thrilled during the competition.
Community Service

We hosted two groups of kids: Ames boys and girls club and the Ames Lutheran Church Foster Kids. Both received good Army training. They rappelled and learned to use camouflage paint. We gave each one a ROTC t-shirt and other goodies.

Foster Kids July 2004

On 24th of January over 350 boy scouts participated in the annual “Cyclone Battalion” Winter Survival Training. There were several different stations that were designed to teach the boy scouts survival techniques that included: water and food procurement, fire building, shelter building, land navigation skills, first aid, personal hygiene, signal techniques, and the proper wearing of cold weather clothing. The event started at 0800 with the arrival of the scouts and ended with their departure at 1530. All the scouts seemed to have a good time. The Cyclone Battalion may have sponsored the event but the other SROTC organizations assisted. It was good to see the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force working together for the betterment of their community.
Iowa State University / Drake University Newly Commissioned Officers

Three times a year we commission cadets as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army; Spring, Summer and Fall. This is a joint commissioning with the Navy, Marines and Air Force. If you would like to attend a ceremony give us a call and we will provide you with the location and time.

There are a total of 4,722 cadets that have been commissioned through Iowa State University… with seven more this December.

May 04: Oliver Highley, Abraham Sweeney, Ryan Edwards, David Schroeder, David Schemerhorn, Kelley Frutchey.

April 04 (Drake) Graham Giles

May 04 (Drake) Ashley Kjos

July 04: Jason Mardorf. Pining on Major Carlson (Enrollment Officer) and Major Meyer (Executive Officer)
LTC Meek departed ISU as the 32nd Professor of Military Science on June 1st, 2004. He left behind a lot of accomplishments. He was a hard worker and a man of great vision. He moved ISU Army ROTC into the new millennium. We will all miss him. His new duty assignment will be the Professor of Military Science at Colorado University. We wish him well except on the football field!... Take it easy Marv!

LTC Meek contracted numerous cadets throughout his five plus semesters. Here are a few of them. No place was too high or too difficult to do!

LTC Meek pins on a Ranger Challenge Tab on a cadet after the Ranger Challenge Competition in which ISU won.
For continuous ISU Army ROTC Updates, check out our website at:
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