Greetings to the Parents and Cadets 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 an update on the activities in the ISU ROTC program.

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.

I invite you to be an active member of the Cyclone Battalion. Should you be in or around Ames on your travels, please drop by the Armory to take a look around.

Army ROTC at Iowa State University continues our proud tradition as we activate the Cyclone Battalion for its 80th year on September 4th, 2002 at the Armory. I look forward to a fun and memorable semester.

-LTC Marvin L. Meek
Professor of Military Science

Greetings from Drake: University ROTC, located in the heartland of Iowa. Never heard of Drake ROTC? Let me introduce you.

Drake University ROTC is a smaller, more unique program, but offers the same challenges and opportunities as its partnership school, Iowa State University.

In 1981 Army ROTC was activated at Drake University. For the past 21 years, Drake has carried on the proud tradition of producing some of the finest and most capable Second Lieutenants in the United States Army.

Drake University is a very diverse university of over 3200 students from all walks-of-life and parts of the globe. It is known for its high academic standards in Arts and Science education programs, as well as its Legal and Pharmacy programs.

Situated in the heart of Des Moines, Drake offers the very best of Midwest life and the diversity of a bustling urban campus.

Check out our university web site at www.drake.edu to learn more about one of the finest universities this country has to offer. GO BULLDOGS!

-MAJ Jeffery Showers
Drake University Officer In Charge
Hello! Welcome to the Cyclone Battalion. My name is Bryce Butler and I am the Cadet Battalion Commander. I am a senior in Economics, and I am originally from Oklahoma. My father went through ROTC at Oklahoma State University. Like him, I will be a commissioned officer this May. It is truly an honor and a joy to work with each of your students this semester.

And what a great semester we have had thus far! The welcome picnic, activation ceremony, and water survival were just the beginning. Oh, and who could forget the football games!

For those of you that do not know, we earn most of the money for battalion events through concessions at the Cyclone football games. If you make it to a game, make sure to stop by the booth and support the program. We are located in the northeast corner of the stadium directly behind the student section.

We have some other great events planned for the semester and for the upcoming year. From the Ranger Challenge Competition in October, to the Field Training Exercise in November, and the new Military Ball in March, we are keeping your students busy and out of trouble. If you ever have questions, please feel free to call me at (515) 956-4385. Hope to see you soon!

-Cadet/Lieutenant Colonel (C/LTC) Bryce Butler
Cyclone Battalion Commander

Vicksburg Staff Ride

Before the start of this semester, seniors in the Army ROTC program participated in a unique tradition. This tradition offers seniors a chance to participate in a journey to a Civil War battlefield and walk the same steps the soldiers walked years before. This tradition is called a “staff ride.” The purpose of the Staff Ride is for the seniors in Army ROTC to take on the role of one of the key leaders of fighting elements involved in a specific battle. The seniors will study this role, then lead their peers through that particular moment in time, while walking the same ground.

This year we studied the famous battle of Vicksburg, which was fought in 1863 during the Civil War. The Vicksburg National Military Park is located in Mississippi right along the Mississippi River across from the banks of Louisiana. The ISU seniors walked the battlefield and walked through the battle that occurred more than 130 years ago through the hills of Vicksburg and on the banks of the Mighty Mississippi.

David Giaimo, a senior in ROTC said, “It was a great experience to walk through a historical site like Vicksburg. As a future leader in the United States Army it showed me what kind of dedication and courage past soldiers have put forth so that I can be in the position I am in today.”

This tradition is meant to be a team building activity, which also allows the seniors to learn more about our country’s heritage and about each other. This year we began our adventure in Ames, Iowa and then drove down to Mississippi, which is a 16 hour drive. Next year, however, coordination attempts are being made to fly to Mississippi instead.

This is a tradition that Iowa State Army ROTC plans to carry forward to teach the future leaders of our country the value of history and teamwork.

-Cadets Trista Boyenga and Jordan Nye

More information about the Vicksburg Staff Ride and other ROTC events can be found at:
www.armyrotc.iastate.edu
**Alpha Company Goals (Junior Class)**

The goal of Alpha Company for Fall 2002 is to make the MS-IIIs (3rd or junior year cadets) successful—both in academics and in military training. This semester MS-IIIs will learn individual soldier skills before they move on to squad and platoon tactics in the spring semester. The activities at lab will be fun and challenging, teaching not only important military skills but also increasing their self-confidence and leadership abilities through practical experience.

In Military Science (M S) 301 class, MS-IIIs learn the theory behind becoming officers. In M S 301 Lab they get to put what they have learned to good use. Operations orders, land navigation, and troop leading procedures are all implemented during physical training sessions, field training exercises, and weekly lab sessions.

In addition to ROTC responsibilities, the MS-IIIs will also successfully complete their classes and obtain a degree. Not only is the bachelor’s degree a requirement for a commission at the end of ROTC, but it also helps cadets achieve their own important personal goals.

The MS-IIIs can look forward to a successful, active, and interesting fall semester. As A Co Commander, I will do my best to develop the MS-IIIs into outstanding officers and individuals during their time here at Iowa State University.

-Cadet/Captain (C/CPT) Pascal Openshaw
A Company Commander

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**Bravo Company Goals (Sophomore Class)**

As Bravo Company Commander, I am responsible for the training and execution of Bravo Company. I foster a climate of mutual trust, cooperation, and teamwork. I coordinate with support staff for additional training instructors and mentor the cadets as a role model by leading by example. I develop the plan of operation for labs, properly utilize, develop, and build subordinates. I also help maintain personnel records for PT, Lab, awards, and personal.

Goals for Bravo Company this semester include: increase retention of cadets by 5, increase cadet’s knowledge of basic skills, increase cadet’s leadership skills to prepare them for their MS III year, and increase the company APFT average to 240. The most important goal is to train hard and have fun.

- Cadet/Captain (C/CPT) Andrew O’Donnell
B Company Commander

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**Charlie Company Goals (Freshman Class)**

Hello, my name is CDT/CPT Jennifer C. Bruner. I am the Charlie Company Commander. Charlie Company is made up of all freshman and MSI students. My intent for this year is to use basic military training skills and tasks to develop confidence, character, and leadership in all the new cadets.

Charlie Company cadets will learn various military tasks such as marching, rifle/pistol firing, and tactical patrolling. They will also gain confidence by rappelling and serving in leadership positions over other students. Furthermore, they will increase professional knowledge in areas such as first aid, water survival, personal physical fitness and land navigation.

Upcoming activates include the following: Optional Physical Training every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 0600 or 0700; Drill and Ceremony/First Aid Lab, 25 Sep 02; Alpine Tower Event, 27-28 Sep 02; Land Navigation training, 09,16 Oct 02.

-Cadet/Captain (C/CPT) Jennifer Bruner
C Company Commander
We built a new Rappelling Tower inside the building. Rappelling is a safe and effective confidence-building exercise.

The newly renovated lounge features a foosball table.

The view of the design floor is breathtaking.

For our more dedicated students, the armory has two 24 hour available computer labs.
Cyclone BN Events

The Battalion Fun Run was a chance for new cadets to get acquainted and sweaty.

LT Payne waits for someone to “kiss the cook” at the Battalion picnic.

CDT Meredith Zinger takes the oath in a Hawkeye sweater.

ISU Cadets lead the Game Ball Run into Iowa City. Say “ahh.”

Cadets Shumaker and Edwards get lost in the woods while preparing for the Ranger Challenge Competition.
Ranger Challenge Competition:

Congratulations to all three Cyclone Battalion teams for strong showings at this year’s 2nd Brigade East Ranger Challenge Competition held in Camp Dodge, IA.

ISU Team 1
3rd Place
- Anderson, Philip
- Christianson, Jason*
- Courtney, Brent
- Edwards, Ryan
- Laskowski, Gavin
- Marshall, David
- Moses, Ryan
- Nye, Jordan
- Openshaw, Pascal
- Shumaker, Robert

Drake
4th Place
- Brinks, Alan
- Fisher, Phil
- Kjos, Ashley
- Miller, Matthew
- Nelson, Anthony
- Sommers, Colin
- Staryak, Aaron
- Strohman, Mya
- Turner, Scott

*did not compete

CDT Edwards prepares for the Weapons Assembly/Disassembly event.

CDT Schroeder carries the guide-on for ISU 2.

CDT Sweeney is locked, cocked, and ready to rock.

CDT Strohman from Drake is all smiles.

Iowa State teams finished strong in the 10 K Ruck Run.

CDT Courtney is all tabbed out. AIRBORNE!!

ISU Team 2
12th Place
- Cashaw, Fred
- Gertz, Anthony
- Gledhill, Jared
- Hoff, Callea
- Kadlicko, Stephanie
- McArthur, Melissa
- Mills, Elizabeth
- Pavelka, Ross
- Schroeder, David
- Sweeney, Abe
Meet the Rest of the Cadre and Staff

Major Harold Meyer, Jr.
Executive Officer
MS I & III Instructor

Major Eric Krohn
Executive Officer
MS II Instructor

Captain Dan Runyan
Enrollment Officer

Sergeant First Class
Anthony Mayner
Training NCO

Staff Sergeant
Rod Taylor
Administrative NCO

Sergeant
Andrew Vance
Supply and Logistics NCO

AROTC Staff Update:

Greetings to all of you. 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. Prior to that, 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.

-Diane Krause

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 the students have made it all worthwhile.

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 Charger letter, so talk to you then.

-Sandi Partlow
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