I am proud to report on the status of the Cyclone Battalion; it is doing very well. Currently we have over 200 students at Drake and Iowa State University enrolled in one of our military science classes. Of this number, more than 70 cadets will contract to become officers in the United States Army after receiving their diploma. Many of these are already serving as simultaneous members with the reserve components of our Army. Iowa State University Army ROTC develops leaders. Some of the many accomplishments for the Cyclone Battalion this year include: Commissioning a total of twenty Second Lieutenants for the U.S. Army; Graduating 25 cadets from the National Advanced Leadership Camp at Ft. Lewis; Graduating 4 cadets from the Leader’s Training Course at Ft. Knox; Having 5 cadets earn their Airborne wings at Ft. Campbell; Having 2 cadets train with Active Duty Army units this summer; one in Korea and one at Ft. Bragg; MSIV’s conducting a Staff Ride on the Vicksburg, Mississippi Civil War battlefield; Running and biking the game ball from Tama to Ames prior to the Iowa vs. Iowa State football game to make money for Multiple Sclerosis; Earning the privilege to work the largest and most profitable concession stand during the 2003 football season. Cadets are making nearly $2000 per home game as a result of sales at the concession stand; Conducting a Field Training Exercise at Camp Dodge in September that continued to develop the leadership potential for more than 90 participants; The Cyclone Battalion has many outstanding cadets. Some of their individual accomplishments we are very proud of and worth noting include: Gavin Laskowski (MSIII) winning a $2000 scholarship check for outstanding academic and military performance. He has a 3.22 GPA in Aerospace Engineering; 11 cadets continue to maintain cumulative GPA’s over 3.33: Jeff Vaske at Grandview College with a GPA of 4.0; Anthony Nelson, Molly Alesch, and Mya Strohmnan at Drake University; Ross Pavelka, Abe Sweeney, Tember Aguilar, Meghan Nelson, Ali Patten, Ben Fitting, and Joel Stamp at Iowa State University; 9 cadets have received scores over the maximum 300 points on the Army Physical Fitness Test this year. The highest score was Mya Strohmnan followed in order by Tember Aguilar, Anthony Nelson, Rob Heidel, Ryan Johnson, Oliver Highley, Melissa McArthur, Gavin Laskowski, and Doug Kennedy. The Cyclone Battalion continues looking forward toward several upcoming events with excitement. The Dining In is planned for November 1 and will be held in Ames. We will again be doing Adventure Training the weekend of February 13-15. Following this event we will be conducting our annual Military Ball and Awards Ceremony on March 3rd. There will be numerous awards presented, several important guests in attendance, a nice dinner, and possibly some dancing. Finally, we will conduct our spring Field Training Exercise including an overnight bivouac on the weekend of April 16-18. This exercise is the culmination of the year’s training and leadership laboratories and prepares our juniors for the National Advanced Leadership Camp at Ft. Lewis, Washington during the summer. I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of the cadets in the Cyclone Battalion. They have done well and they will continue to excel. My challenge to them: “Drive on.”
Drake’s New Home!

We are still located in heart of Des Moines, Iowa but in a new and better location. 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 to your Drake education but also Drake University Army ROTC. Drake University ROTC is a smaller and unique program but offers the same challenges and opportunities as its host school at Iowa State University. Drake University Army ROTC was activated in 1981 as Bravo (BULL DOG) Company and for the past 22 years has carried on the proud tradition of producing some of finest and most capable Second Lieutenants in Drake’s New Home!

Clockwise: Outside of our new building; the new classroom; and our new lounge. We also have new offices and are Internet connected to the world...

Drake University ROTC FLRC

Drake University Army ROTC held a Field Leadership Reaction Course (FLRC) at Camp Dodge in August for over 600 new Freshmen. This is the second year in a row that Drake sponsored the event. The Iowa Army National Guard also participated. Freshmen reported that they truly enjoyed the activity.
Iowa State University / Drake University Newly Commissioned Officers

Iowa State University Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps newest Second Lieutenants. First row: Tammy Fishel; Marenada Porter; Andrew O’Donnell. Second row Brent Hayward; Fred Kelo; Chad Humphrey; Tara Biedermann. Third row: Mark Van Veldhuizen; Bryce Butler; Leon Satchell; and Pascal Openshaw.

Drake University Army Reserve Officers Training Corps newest Second Lieutenants: Aaron Staryak; Phil Fisher; Neal Fisher.
Cadet Battalion Commander: Cadet Lieutenant Colonel David Schroeder

Welcome. I am David Schroeder, the Battalion Commander for the Cyclone Battalion, and I am a senior in history. Along with the help of my Executive Officer, Jeremy Paul, and my Operations Officer, Justin Strohman, I am looking forward to a semester of excellence and enjoyment. This semester, my staff and I have prepared a number of challenges including the Field Training Exercise (FTX) at Camp Dodge, water survival, physical training (PT), rappelling, and more. These challenges are designed for the cadets to test their leadership abilities and excel. Though this semester is not just focused on training; the Dining-Out is a formal event designed for cadet comradery and gives light to another aspect of military life. However, all the fun everyone will enjoy this semester will not overshadow the general focus, that being honor. It is vital that every future officer and soldier possess and display such honor because from here, the difficulty factor only rises. Leadership by example...from the front and not the rear.

Alpha Company Commander (Juniors): Cadet Captain Ryan Johnson

Hello! My name is Ryan Johnson, the Alpha Company Commander, and I am a senior in Transportation. My Executive Officer, Kelly Frutchey, and my Training Officer, Oliver Highley, and I are looking forward to working with Alpha Company this fall. Our goal this semester is to prepare men and women for the National Advanced Leadership Camp. With the growing needs of today's Army, leaders of strong character must be prepared to meet these challenges. We have the usual events to include a Dining Out, Water Survival, and Field Training Exercise which will be held at Camp Dodge, Johnson, Iowa. Then, to compliment these, we have lab and physical training dedicated to ensur-

Bravo Company Commander (Sophomore): Cadet Captain Tember Aguilar

Hello, my name is Tember Aguilar. I am a senior in MIS and Accounting. I am the Bravo Company Commander for Fall 2003. My Executive Officer, Doug Kennedy, and I are looking forward to an exciting semester. Our goal is to help familiarize sophomores in the ROTC program with military customs and courtesies as well as facilitate team-building activities. We have many exciting activities planned such as Water Survival, Field Training Exercises, Dining Out, Helicopter Rides, and small arms training to name a few. We also keep cadets in shape through regular physical training every Monday and Wednesday morning. We are looking forward to a fast pace, informative semester that will be filled with lots of fun. If you have any questions throughout the semester, please feel free to e-mail me at: taguiar@iastate.edu.
Charlie Company Commander (Freshmen) : Cadet Captain Mariah Porter

Hello, I’m Mariah Porter. I’m a senior in Animal Ecology. I’m in 949th veterinary medical detachment in the Army Reserves. I will be Charlie Company Commander for this fall semester. We have many activities going on for the fall semester. We will be working the Iowa state football concession stands to help raise money for the ROTC events through out the year. This money goes to improve our organization and the facilities that are there for the students. We will be doing a fall FTX to do military training at Camp Dodge on 26-28 SEPT 03. We will be having a military dinning out on 01 NOV 03. The dinning out is an event that you bring a date and share in our military traditions.

Delta Company Commander (Drake): Cadet Captain Bradley Smith

Bradley Edward Smith comes from Wichita, Kansas but was born to a family of Oklahomans, making a die-hard Sooner football fan out of him. He is a senior at Drake majoring in Research Psychology who plans to work in Aviation or the Medical Services Corps upon graduation. As the Bulldog Company Commander, he has three goals for the Company. First, he will see that MS II’s are prepared for National Advanced Leadership Camp 2004. Second, the MS II class will take on greater responsibilities, to include fulfilling the staff positions of a battalion, participating in the instruction of Leadership Lab, and acting as Platoon Sergeant at least once per semester. Third, a friendly and professional climate will be fostered within the Bulldog Company and with the Cyclone Battalion to build espirit de corps. If you have questions for him or want to talk about Sooner football, he can be reached on Drake’s campus at (515) 271-3039 or by email at arotc@drake.edu.

Ranger Challenge Commander: Cadet Captain Ryan Edwards

Hello, I am Ryan Edwards and I am the 2003 Ranger Challenge Commander. Ranger Challenge is the varsity sport of ROTC. The competition consists of the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), 1 Rope Bridge, hand grenade assault course, basic rifle marksmanship (BRM), land navigation, assembly and disassembly of the M16 rifle and M249 machine gun, a 10K forced march, and a surprise event. The Ranger Challenge event is held in early October at Camp Dodge with around 8-12 teams competing. The last couple of weeks the cadets in Ranger Challenge have been conducting physical training, 1 Rope Bridge, hand grenade assault course, and land navigation training in preparation for the competition October 10-12. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be honing our skills in all of the competition’s events. The Fighting Cyclones have a tradition of placing in the top 3rd and we will continue with that tradition. Family and friends are welcome to attend the competition. Ranger Challenge goes above and beyond the regular requirements of ROTC and these cadets are showing excellent initiative in taking those steps required to become an Army officer.
Lieutenant Colonel Meek is the Professor of Military Science at Iowa State University. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in Armor following graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1983. He has held a variety of positions in armor and infantry units including platoon leader, company commander, operations officer, and battalion executive officer. LTC Meek has taught graduate level military history courses and is a mechanical engineer. He has had assignments around the world including 8 years in Germany, duty in Kansas at Ft. Riley and Ft. Leavenworth, and duty in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Iraq. He lives in Ames with his wife of 11 years and has four children.

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.

MAJ Eric William Krohn is a native of Iowa and began his military career in May 1983, enlisting with the Iowa Army National Guard as a Military Policeman. After completing nearly 10 years of enlisted service, MAJ Krohn attended Officer Candidate School and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in November 1993 as an Infantry Officer. He has more than 17 years of Active Federal Service and has served in various Iowa units. Assignments include: Support Platoon Leader; Headquarters and Headquarters Company 1st Battalion 133rd Infantry, Rifle Platoon Leader; Company B 1st Battalion 133rd Infantry, Commander; 3654th Direct Support Maintenance Company, Battalion Intelligence and Operations Officer; 734th Maintenance Battalion, and Battalion Maintenance Officer. He is currently assigned to Iowa State University ROTC. Duties include teaching Military Science 201/202 Military Leadership and Teamwork. MAJ Krohn also serves as the unit Ad- ministrative Officer and Logistcs Officer.

I am Major Jeffrey J. Showers from Cannon Falls, Minnesota. My Army career began as an enlisted soldier in October 1974. In July 1982, I gave up my Staff Sergeant stripes upon graduation from Officers Candidate School. I was commissioned as an Infantry Officer but was branch transferred to the Chemical Corps in 1986 and remained a Chemical Officer until I retired, as a Major, from active duty service in April 1999. In June 2000, I was given the opportunity to return to the mid-west and start my current career as the Assistant Professor of Military Science assigned to the Iowa State University Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). I spent two years as Assistant Professor of Military Science at Iowa State University teaching Military Science MS I and MS II. In June of 2002, I was assigned to serve as Assistant Professor of Military Science at the Drake University ROTC Program where I instruct MS I, MSII and MSIII students.
Enrollment Officer: Captain Dan Runyon

Captain (CPT) Dan Runyon was born in Corydon, Iowa, and grew up on a 1000-acre farm. He is the oldest of three children, having one brother and one sister. He joined the Iowa Army National Guard as a Weapons Repair Specialist (45B). The unit, 3654th Maintenance Company, was activated for Desert Storm and spent 6 months at Fort Irwin, National Training Center (NTC). Upon returning, he enrolled in the Iowa Military Academy (OCS) and was commissioned an Engineer officer. As an Engineer officer, he has been a line platoon leader and Executive Officer for B Co. and C Co. 224 Engineer Battalion (Mech). He was also assigned as Detachment Commander for the 834 Engineer Company (light). He also has served as a battle captain in the S-3 Shop (Operations), for the 224th Engineer Battalion. Currently, he is serving with the 185th Regional Training Institute as a TAC officer for the OCS program. CPT Runyon is married to his lovely wife Shelly. They have three children, Nate (10), Zac (7) and Zoe (6 months).

MS II Instructor (Sophomores): Master Sergeant Jasper Edwards

I joined the US Army in April 1982, 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 Master Gunner and 1SG for Avenue 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.

Administrative Non-Commissioned Officer: Staff Sergeant Rod Taylor

Staff Sergeant Rod K. Taylor enlisted into the US Army in July 1984. 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 71L Administrative Specialist. As SSG Taylor’s duty assignments continued, he was assigned to the United Nations Command Military Committee (UNCMAC) in Korea. The following assignment was at the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Ft. Leavenworth, KS. His present and last duty assignment is 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 3 November 1984, he married his wife Toni. Presently in Iowa, he is accompanied by Toni and their three children: Jacqueline (19), Shane (17), and Breanna (11).

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 Battally Armor, 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 two dogs, Mogul and Isabelle.
“I have attached two photos of some of our loyal ISU alumni and fans from Headquarters and Support Company (HSC) 109th Medical Battalion (Area Support) from Iowa City, Iowa. You were so kind to send us an ISU flag while we were at Ft McCoy, WI and it took us several months to get most of our ISU fans together to get this photo taken and sent to you. Personnel in photo are, from left to right: LTC Steve Wieneke, SGT Rany Cornelius, SPC Randle Robinson, SPC Jason Hageman, SPC Maryn Tourtelotte and lying on ground in front is SPC Crystal Thielen. Hope you like the photo, thanks again so much for providing us with the ISU flag and we are displaying it with pride where-ever we go. FYI, our unit is currently stationed at Logistics Support Base Anaconda/Sustainer Army Airfield near the city of Balad, Iraq.”

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ISU Football Concession

We have moved to the North-West corner of the stadium. Come look us up. Have a hot-dog on us... The cadets worked so hard these past two years that Sodex-ho rewarded them by moving them to the number one concession stand... See you at the game...
SFC Anthony Mayner Retires

Sergeant First Class Anthony Mayner finally called it quits after serving in the United States Army for 24 years. SFC Mayner was stationed at Iowa State University for 3 years. After his retirement, he will be moving to Washington State, Fort Lewis area. All the cadre wish him good luck.

SFC Anthony J. Mayner enlisted into the Armed Forces in July 1979 and has served continuously in the US Army. Duty assignment included tours with the 1st BN 5th CAV DIV in Ft. Hood, Texas as an M113 APC driver; 4th BN 20th INF in the Panama Canal Zone as a squad leader; 1BN 21 INF in Ft. Steward, Georgia, as squad leader, 1st BDE 5th BN in Ft. Dix, New Jersey, as Drill Sergeant; 3rd BN 20th INF in Baumholder, Germany, as a section leader; 1st BN 21st INF in Ft. Stewart, Georgia, as Platoon Sergeant. There he also became Senior Instructor and Chief of BNCOC 11B and 11C branch courses.


SFC Mayner resides here in

SFC Patty Alley Joins AROTC

SFC Patty Alley enlisted into the Army Reserve July 22, 1986. She completed Basic Training at Fort McClellan, AL followed by Advanced Individual Training in Photojournalism at Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN. She also completed the Advanced Photojournalism Course at Fort Ben Harris. She was assigned to Army Reserve units as a stand-alone Photojournalist at Fort Sill, OK with the Field Artillery and Fort Bragg, NC with the 171st Support Group. She was activated and deployed with the 171st Support Group for Operation Desert Shield in 1990. She has also lived in Stuttgart, Germany and Fort Meade, MD. After taking a four-year hiatus from the military, she enlisted with the Iowa Army National Guard in 1998. She served with the 135th Public Affairs Detachment at Camp Dodge until going Active Guard Reserve (AGR) in 1999. She completed the Recruiting and Retention NCO Course at Little Rock, AR and worked at the State Headquarters for the National Guard at Camp Dodge as the State’s Marketing and Advertising NCO for four years. She was then hired as the Recruiting and Retention NCO for CO A, 1-168 Infantry in Carroll, Iowa and is originally from the Carroll area, graduating from Carroll Kuemper High School in 1984. Currently, the full-time Iowa Army National Guard representative at Iowa State University, she is continuing her education in Communications part-time. She has two sons, Foster 13 and Phillip 11 and three horses of her own. She also enjoys volleyball, photography, football and antiques.

Welcome Picnic

The annual Cyclone Battalion Welcome Picnic was held the Saturday before School started on August 24th. The picnic was well attended. There were activities and prizes. The picnic allowed new freshman to get acquainted to each other, meet upper class cadets and walk through the Armory. Also U.S. Bank was present to hand out prizes to lucky cadets and their guests. It was a beautiful day and the event was enjoyed by all.
Welcome, Two New Office Assistants

Steve C. Lee was born on 4 Aug 55 in Angang, Korea. He came to the United States at the age of 14. He graduated from East High School and attended Morningside 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. He was assigned to Iowa State University (ROTC) as the Human Resources Assistant. He is married to his wife, Linda and have 3 children, Robert (22), Chris (20) in the Iowa Army National Guard, and Issac (11). He was retired from the Army with total of 24 years of Active Duty service. He is assigned to Iowa Army National Guard, and has been self-employed for over 24 years. He likes to re-build cars and motorcycles and is active in the community. My name is Kris Peterson and I live in Madrid, a small community 22 miles Southwest of Ames. My mom is of Crotian descent and my dad is Italian. I have 2 older sisters that also live in Iowa, one in Cascade and the other in Forest City. Once a year my family gets together and we make an Italian pasta called tortellini (they look like little sailor's caps filled with different meats, cheese and herbs). They usually come out in all different shapes and sizes because we also drink wine when we make these! My husband, Roger and I have one son, Ross, who is a freshman 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 24 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 beagle and 2 parakeets. 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!
I walked through the gates of Dachau Concentration Camp on March 19, 2003, just one day before the camp’s seventieth anniversary. This was my second visit to Dachau, and I felt the same eerie feeling I had on my first visit seven years ago. It is almost impossible to describe the feelings a person has when they walk on the ground and through the buildings where almost 30,000 people were murdered seventy years ago. I felt a chill run down my spine as I walked past the first guard tower, unable to prevent myself from wondering how many people the person manning that tower shot, and what the prisoner did to warrant shooting. On March 20, 1933, Heinrich Himmler (Munich’s Chief of Police) announced the establishment of the Dachau Concentration Camp. This was the first of many concentration camps that were established over the next several years. Dachau Concentration Camp is located in Dachau, Germany, which is a few miles northwest of Munich, Germany. The first group of prisoners were taken into “protective custody” by the Bavarian police. Little did they know the horror that was yet to come, that they would be thrown into slave labor, maltreated, and many even murdered. When the SS took over the camp on April 11, 1933, the prisoners lost the last of the civil rights they still had, and were left completely defenseless under the discretion of the German guards. When the camp first opened the only prisoners taken were the known political opponents of the National-Socialists. The Nazis banned all political organizations, parties and trade unions. This ban was later extended at the end of 1933 to include any member in the Jehovah’s Witnesses. The first Jewish prisoners were arrested because of their political opposition to the National-Socialists. After November 1938, over 10,000 Jews from all over Bavaria were arrested and brought to Dachau Concentration Camp. The Jewish prisoners were treated far worse than the other prisoners, and many of them were taken from concentration camps throughout Germany and brought to extermination camps in the east where they would be killed. Prisoners from over thirty different countries were held at Dachau, anyone who resisted the Nazis, and many Jews. There were more foreign prisoners at Dachau than there were German prisoners. Foreign prisoners were represented from almost forty different countries, and the largest numbers of them were Polish (14,994). Life at the camp was horrifying for the prisoners, they had to stand through unbearable roll-calls (if someone was missing they had to stand until they were found, and if someone escaped 10 innocent prisoners were executed); barracks were overcrowded and if anything was out of place the prisoner responsible would be severely punished. Prisoners were punished at the stake, which meant their hands were tied behind their back and then tied to a tree so their feet were suspended above the ground. Solitary confinement, deprivation of food, and being stretched on a trestle and beaten with whips are a few of the many punishments prisoners had to endure. By the time Dachau was liberated on April 29, 1945, almost 30,000 prisoners were murdered, and another 31,000 were sent to gas extermination camps in Austria. One prisoner wrote, “And to the great joy of the entire camp the liberation by the American soldiers began. After the entry of the small American advance party, an immense joy filled the hearts of the prisoners. All went to the roll call square which still held such terrible memories and thanked the liberators.”

Cadet goes to Dachau

Airborne School by Ali Patten

Airborne School was such an awesome experience. There were people from all over the country and from all different areas of the military, so I think it’s an especially good opportunity for cadets since they don’t get much exposure to the Army outside of ROTC. As for the actual jumping...I loved it! There is something really “twisted” about throwing yourself out of a moving airplane, but it is by far the most exhilarating thing I have ever been able to do, and I would do anything to do it again. All it takes is a little mental toughness, trust in your equipment, and 3 magic words: Hit, Shift, and Rotate!
Operation Thunderstrike was successfully conducted on the 12\textsuperscript{th} and 13\textsuperscript{th} of April 2003. The weekend began with all MS IVs required to be at the armory at 0515 while all of the other cadets had to arrive not later than 0600. The morning was cold and full of tired faces. Despite their exhaustion the MS IIIs in command for that day kept motivated thus motivating the rest of the Battalion. “Even though it was cold, the motivation level of the cadets was extremely high”, said C/1LT Giaimo. The advance party departed with the main body soon to follow. After arriving at Camp Dodge, just as the sun was peeking over the horizon, the Battalion quickly set-up the Bivouac site while the Cadre and MS IVs proceeded to their OP-FOR sites to begin preparations on the lanes. After the site was completed the cadets began movement to their first lane, the time was 1000. The lanes included various situation training atmosphere: sniper, knocking out a bunker, ambush, and recon, to name a few. C/CPT Biedermann (MS III) said, “The squad STX lanes were great! We finally got the opportunity to apply the tactics and skills they have been teaching us in class for the past semester. Having a hands-on experience allowed us to better understand how all of the fine details come together to make an entire operation.”

Army ROTC Spring Military Formal

It could have been a page out of a Society magazine: an elegant hotel ablaze with lights, a banquet hall decorated to perfection, and over a hundred young men and women in exquisite evening wear, trying their best to pretend that they know which fork is used first. What could this classy event be - The Emmys? The Academy Awards? No – it was the 2003 Military Ball for Iowa State and Drake Universities. Organized mainly by cadets, the ball took place at Hotel Fort Des Moines. It opened with a social hour to soothe everyone’s jitters, featuring a wide variety of appetizers and piano and bass music, performed by cadets. This was followed by the dreaded receiving line, featuring guest of honor, and the more enjoyable catered dinner. Luckily for the Iowa State cadets, the wife of Iowa State Professor of Military Science, Margaret, was kind enough to give an etiquette class before the event, preparing the ISU cadets for their rare evening of decorum. After the dinner, awards were presented to those cadets that had earned them. But that was where the formality ended. From that point on the ball was all about dancing and door prizes, contributed by an unusually high number of Ames and Des Moines community businesses. “I had a great time,” said Cadet Kadlicko. “It was definitely a night to remember.”
ISU AROTC has been doing a great job these past couple years enrolling high quality students into the program. In fact, we have also done a good job getting siblings to join. Clockwise; Angela Nelson currently a 2LT and her brother David Nelson, Senior; Marenda Porter currently a 2LT and her sister Mariah, Junior; Joel Stamp currently a senior and his sister Rebecca a Sophomore; Bryce Butler, currently a 2LT and his sister Ashley, Sophomore; and Justin Strohman and his sister Mya a Drake Sophomore.
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