I am pleased to bring you this newsletter from your alma mater, whether you commissioned from either Iowa State or Drake University ROTC program. This past year we have had an increase in the number of returning alumni visit the Armory to see the improvements but also I’m convinced, just so we could hear that all-too-famous phrase, “You know, some things just never change around here!”

Moving into the new building at Drake for their ROTC program, acquiring new furniture, computers, and doing even more painting at Iowa State – these are all improvements that make a difference for the cadets in our programs. You will read about these and many other changes in this newsletter.

With completion of the December 2003 graduation, we have 4712 names of commissioned Army officers in our “Book of Gold.” This historical notebook, secured in our safe, includes the names and addresses of every officer commissioned from ISU or Drake. What is fascinating is that many of the sheets are original, typed as far back as 1934. It’s worth viewing if you’re ever in the Ames area and can visit the Armory.

This year we were honored with a visit by the widow and family of Dr. Stanley L. Hendricks, a 1934 commissionee from Iowa State (deceased in 1997). They were present for his granddaughter’s graduation in May 2003 and brought many of Colonel Hendricks’ mementos from his time in ROTC and throughout his career. We have these items on display as well as a famous American flag.

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Drake University “Bulldogs” Major Jeffery Showers

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

Drake’s New Home!

We are still located in the 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 their Drake education but also to 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 the United States Army.
May 03: Iowa State University Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps newest Second Lieutenants. First row: Tammy Fishel; Marenda 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.

May 03: Drake University Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps newest Second Lieutenants: Aaron Staryak; Phil Fisher; Neal Fisher.

Dec 04: ISU Eric Nelson, David Giaimo, Nickolas Ginther, and Joe Myers.

Dec 04: Drake Jessica Daniel

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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 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. Stewart, 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.

This year was one of the best years that Ranger Challenge has ever had at Iowa State. After training for two hard months we took three highly ready and motivated teams to the competition at Camp Dodge. While at the competition the ISU Gold team took first place in the following events: Rope Bridge with time of 2:16, Weapons Assembly, 10k March in 1 Hour 4 Min, and Recondo Event Rock Wall. The Gold team finished in first place overall for the first time in since Maj Meyer could remember, and that man has been around since the dinosaurs. Congratulations to all three teams for their hard work and excellent performance. ISU’s Black Team: Abe Sweeney, Ethan Tews, Melissa McArthur, Andrew Ogle, Andrew O’Connor, Jared Gledhill, Zachary Palko, Anthony Leiding, Charles Nims, Jacob Frechette, Ross Pavelka; ISU’s Gold Team: Ryan Edwards, Brent Courtney, Zachary McVey, Talon Deemer, Ryan Moses, Gavin Laskowski, Robert Shumaker, Jonathon Reams, and John Westerguard. Drake Team: Ashley Kjos, Bradley Smith, Anthony Nelson, Molly Alesch, Mya Strohman, Jeff Vaske, Graham Hopkins, and Colin Sommers.

USAA Co-Sponsored with ISU the 11th Brigade (East) Ranger Challenge Competition. Many thanks to USAA. Here is a picture of Richard (Dick) Laporte presenting the ISU Team with a plaque. On the left is the brigade SGM.
Welcome, Two New Cadre and Office Assistants

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 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. Also: Camp Casey, Korea as tank commander. I am now enjoying my current duty assignment as Senior Non-commissioned Officer for Iowa State University assisting in developing tomorrow’s leaders.

MS III Instructor (Juniors): Sergeant First Class Bruce Hise

I joined the US Army in November 1989, 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.

My name is Kris Peterson and I live in Madrid, a small community 22 miles Southwest of Ames. My mom is of Croatian 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 w/ 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 rebuild 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!

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, attended Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, then he served in the United States Marine Corps from 75-79 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, the Army this time. Upon completion of AIT at Fort Leonard Wood, MO as Bridge Crewman, his first assignment was in Korea for obvious reasons and spent his remaining 2 years at 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 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 have 3 children, Robert (22), Chris (20) in the Iowa Army National Guard, and Issac (11).
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 who 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.”

This year’s Military Ball will be held at the Quality Inn in Ames on 13th Street. If you would like to attend drop me a line, meyerh@iastate.edu, 1-515-294-0313

Iowa State Football (AROTC) Concessions

We have moved to the North-West corner of the stadium. Come look us up. Have a hotdog on us… The cadets worked so hard these past two years that Sodexho rewarded them by moving them to the number one concession stand… If you attend an ISU Football Game drop by and see us, ask for your free “hotdog”
What a great game. After last year’s defeat the cadets decided to put forth a lot of effort and win one for the Army. The game went into overtime and was really an exciting game. Although the score was close, we pounded the heck out of the Marines and a couple of Navy guys. It was a sweet feeling, revenge! We won in 2001, lost in 2002 and won in 2003 so we have to push next year’s team to victory. We played all three games since I have been back at Lied Rec, however, next year I want to play the game at the new ISU Football indoor facility, it is really nice!

ARMY NAVY FOOTBALL GAME VICTORY IS OURS!

We still conduct physical training three times a week, albeit only once, full up. Lied Rec is a great place; a heck of a lot better then State Gym... although I still enjoy running at State Gym...

No we did not sneak in on a Navy lab... during a couple of our labs this last fall we conducted hand-to-hand combat training, the cadets loved it... so did the Navy guys watching!

Being able to swim is now a commissioning requirement, with no waivers. We conduct Combat Water Survival Training twice yearly here at ISU at Beyer Hall’s Pool. At the National Advanced Leadership Camp (Advanced Camp or Adventure Training depending on your Alumni year) cadets are required to jump blindfolded from a 3 meter board, swim for 10 minutes and tread water for 5 minutes. To you and me this seems simple but cadets across the country (including here) are having difficulty swimming, I guess there are some things a computer cannot teach you!
Sibling Rivalry

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 1LT 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 ISU senior and his sister Mya a Drake Sophomore.

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This particular flag was flown over Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan on 13 November 2003 and sent to us by graduates currently serving in Operation Enduring Freedom (Rick Ely ’85, Mark Schmidt ’89, Dan Reid ’90, Brian Serota ’90, and Jamie Dailey ’91). We are honored to display it in our hallway for our future officers to see daily.

Although this is my last update to our alumni, I want you to know that LTC Larry Braue will be taking the program to even higher levels beginning in June 2004. He comes to us from the University of South Florida in Tampa but he knows this area well, as he lived in Ankeny while working at Fort Des Moines.

I invite you to return to Ames for a visit of the Armory and the campus. We enjoy hearing about our heritage. Please let us know if you would like to be a guest at this year’s Military Ball, held at the Quality Inn in Ames on April 3rd – we would be honored to have you attend.

I bid you farewell!
Once again we participated in the Iowa State-Iowa Football Game Ball Run. This year we were on T.V. Coach Mac did a great job assisting us. He is a really nice guy and the team will do better next year, I with a quarterback named Meyer how could it not...

Do you remember the promotion / awards boards? Here is a picture of the committee of this years boards, should bring back memories.

For you old Alumni, the drill floor is occupied by the College of Design. The agreement was signed in 1995 to allow them to use the floor for two years....they are still there, although the ISU President has assured us they will be gone in five years… we asked when does the five years begin, no answer from the Presidents Office. On a better note. We did get the peace sign painted over with a new “peace” sign in its place… a small victory… but a victory…
Alumni Coordinator’s Corner: Major Harold (Harry) Meyer (84)

Well five semesters under my belt and it seems like I just arrived, so much to do and so little time. We painted some more walls, painted the classroom Black and Gold, and placed branching insignia plaques all around the room. We obtained all new classroom furniture and chairs along with 10 new computers. The place is looking good. I was extended one more year so I have three semesters to go! Then I’m hanging it up. We have worked real hard to be able to place all the alumni names along with the year they received their commission on the web page. Go to the ISU AROTC web page and click the alumni icon. Some day we will figure out how to place all the newsletters on it... To keep in contact I strongly recommend that you look at the ISU Cyclone Battalion Internet Site. Check out our Web Page. We try real hard to keep it current as it is constantly being updated with information and pictures. I hope you enjoy this newsletter.

http://www.armyrotc.iastate.edu/ Send me pictures and information and I will incorporate them into the next Alumni Newsletter.

ISU in Iraq: steven.a.wieneke@us.army.mil

"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 Wieneko, 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."

News From Around the World!

MAJ Rick Ely (85) / MAJ Jamie Dailey (91) / MAJ Dan Reid (90) / MAJ Mark Schmidt (89) / MAJ Brian Serota (90); display the American flag that was flown over Bagram Airfield and now hangs in the ISU Armory.
Thank you very much for the Alumni Update. It is very encouraging to hear that the Cy-cloone Battalion is doing so well. I am writing to provide you with an update of where the Army has taken me. I am currently a platoon leader in the 92d Military Police Company, Baumholder, Germany. Baumholder is a small town in western Germany, about a 30 minute drive northwest of Ramstein Air Base. It is a quiet town with close ties to the Army, home of the largest concentration of maneuver forces in Germany; 2nd Brigade, 1st Amored Division. The 92d is a corps support company for V Corps, so instead of supporting 2nd Brigade's combat mission, we regularly provide the law enforcement services for Baumholder. Right now, my platoon is continuing to provide the law enforcement force for Baumholder, while the rest of the company is deployed in support of Operation Juniper Cobra, a support operation for Operation Iraqi Freedom. My current address is: 92d MP Co, CMR 405 Box 1182, APO AE 09034. Tho Tom Jones is still alive. I made it through flight school and have been flying the Apache. We are currently in Kosovo, trying to make trouble, but life is good here. Free food, laundry and all the flying one can handle, and great tax free money. Just to let you know, MAJ Gunhus was in Ansbach with me, so I learned a new appreciation for German beer. (That's not hard) Luke Craven is in AQC, going Longbow, silly longbows... Have not heard if anyone else is going to Rucker. Some others are in Germany. LT Bultmann(00), LT Verlo(90), LT Flemming(98), CPT David(99), but they were in the Ansbach Germany as well. Michael R Bynum (2002). I just wanted to let all the cadre know how ‘Ol Iron Mike was doing. My address: 1121 Old FM 440 APT 5204, Killeen, TX 76549. MAJ John Leahy (86). I serve as a member of the Army Reserve, 416th Engineer Command Facility Engineering Team 16 at Omaha NE. Together with my team, we were activated on 9 Oct 02. We accomplished the base engineer function at Camp Lemonier, Djibouti from the middle of Oct '02 until the middle of Jan '03. From Djibouti, we moved to Prince Hasan Air Base in Jordan where we again accomplished the base engineer function until the beginning of Jul '03. I consider it a unique honor to be part of the military campaign that rid the world of Saddam Hussein as leader of Iraq. Some of our responsibilities included design, estimating, and construction monitoring of all kinds of force protection projects (guard towers, berms, entry control points, etc.), helicopter pads, airfield improvements, road improvements, drainage improvements, wells, utilities, roads, buildings, building modifications. After the deployment, together with my wife, Mary, we took our two daughters, Katie 13 and Colleen 10 on a family vacation to Aspen and Glenwood Springs in Colorado. I returned to my civilian duties at Offutt AFB, NE where I serve as a civil engineer in the 55th Civil Engineer Squadron. I feel fortunate to be a 1986 graduate of Iowa State Army ROTC and a 1987 graduate of Iowa State University with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering. It is great to be from Iowa State. 4802 Copper Hill Dr., Omaha, NE 68157. john.leahy@offutt.af.mil. MAJ Brian K. Serota (90) Hope all is well? We are flying the US Flag over the Boone, IA HQs today IOT get multiple cmys under its honor so to speak. It's a small world how all of us ISU Alumni linked up. First, D/109th AVIM is the unit I was in as a cadet / SMP 87-90 while I attended ISU and they are in our Avn TF. I know some other guys at CJTF-180 and then saw Mark Schmidt who at-tended CGSC the same time he told me about running into Dan Reid who I have not seen in 13 years. I will send the US Flag off to you soon just need to get the TF Cdr to complete a new certificate and we’ll be good to go. See you on the high ground! Rick Ely (85) (Serving in Afghanistan) Well a lot has been going on and unsure if you have seen any of the news. An article has been published, so I am sure I can talk a little bit about it. I sat in the Aviation Bri-gade Operations briefing for "Mountain Resolve" which was quite an experience. The 10th Moun-tain conducted "Mountain Resolve" and I have enclosed an article written in Freedom Watch. I have attached some pictures that were taken during the operation in which one of our guys was the machine gunner on the aircraft. This is what it’s all about people and I praise those guys who go out and do what they do. I found it inter esting (From the Freedom Watch Article) what the soldiers are thankful for during the Thanksgiving season. It’s quite a bit different from what most of us are thankful for. 2LT Tammy D. Fis hel (2002), I am in the Patriot phase of basic. I thought that I would let you know what was going on with some of the LT’s from my class. Jammi Madden (Clark)-Stationed at Ft. Hood with the 4th ID DISCOM, currently in Iraq. I forgot the town’s name, but it is between Tikrit and Baghdad. She is a Supply PL there. Brent Hayward-Still at Ft. Lewis, getting ready to leave and meet Fishel, the Hannah’s and Kelo at Vegas, then he will be going to OBC at Ft. Rucker for medevac pilot. Seems excited. Will Hannah- Finishing or finished OBC, last I knew had 72 hrs of flight time, but I also forget what chopper he was flying. Chad Humphrey- I have not heard from him lately Fred Kelo-Currently waiting on OBC at Ft. Eustis. Dustin Lenz-I heard that he would receive his commission, if I were wrong I apologize. Lives north of Ames and works for an insurance company. And oh ya, got married earlier this year to Jon, he is in Maine working on a degree in Civil Engineering. I am now at Ft. Lewis. Henry Payne-Stationed in Germany, but is in Baghdad, Iraq. Jenny Snead-Support PLXO with the HH&C 224 ENG BN. Evan Starcvic-PL with B Co 224 ENG BN. I think the assault section. 2LT Tammy D. Fishel, B/4-6 ADA OBC, 3rd PLT Crocodiles. Bryce Butler (03) I’m in Korea serving with 1/72 Armor waiting for a platoon leader slot to open up.
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