I truly appreciate the opportunity to serve as the Professor of Military Science & Leadership here at Iowa State University. This is a fabulous institution with a proud heritage of producing top quality officers for the Army. I’d like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and give you my background. I enlisted in the United States Army Reserve in April 1981 and entered ROTC in 1982. I received a Reserve Forces commission as an Infantry Officer from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1983. I then joined the Active Guard Reserve Program in 1988 as a First Lieutenant. I branch transferred to the Quartermaster Corps in 1994. I have had the opportunity to serve in a variety of leadership positions in my career to include: Assistant Professor of Military Science and Leadership, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida; Operations Officer, 19th Theater Support Command, Des Moines, Iowa; Support Operations Officer, 213th Supply & Service Battalion, Wausau, Wisconsin; Battalion S4, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, Fort Shafter, Hawaii; Executive Officer, A/1-314th Infantry (Mechanized), Williamsport, Pennsylvania; Platoon Leader, 346th Supply Company, Rockford, Illinois. My wife Staci and I have an 18-year-old daughter who started college this year. We are looking forward to our service here and we are excited about the future of the Cyclone Battalion. I welcome your involvement in our program and I encourage you to correspond with me. Go Cyclones!
Greetings from Drake University BULLDOG ROTC located in the heartland of Iowa. Fall is in the air and 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 22 through the 24 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 (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. 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. GO BULLDOGS! Major Jeffrey J. Showers

Drake University “Bulldogs” Major Jeffery Showers

Officer In Charge Drake University: Major Jeffery Showers

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.
Iowa State University / Drake University Newly Commissioned Officers

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

April 04 (Drake) Graham Giles

May 04 (Drake) Ashley Kjos

May 04 (Drake) Bradley Smith

July 04: Jason Mardorf Pining on Maj Carlson (90) and Maj Meyer (84)
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.

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. Camp Casey, Korea as tank commander. I am now enjoying my current duty assignment as...

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

Sergeant First Class Bruce Hise 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. I am now enjoying my current duty assign-

Enrollment Officer: Major William “Bill” Carlson “ISU ROTC

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.
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 gunnerys, 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.

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 and 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 total of 24 years of Active Duty service. He is assigned to Iowa State University.

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 stopped.

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 3 November 1984, he married his wife Toni. Presently in Iowa, he is accompanied by Toni and their...
LTC Meek departed ISU as the 32nd Professor of Military Science on 1 June 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 pins on a Ranger Challenge Tab on a cadet after the Ranger Challenge Competition in which

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

During the fall semester 04 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 take at Camp Dodge with
NEW CADRE: CPT Matthew Underwood

I joined the US Army in October 1998 and attended Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood MO. Later I was commissioned through 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 1-113rd 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

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.

Boys/Girls Club Cadet for the Day May 2004

Boy Scouts Winter Survival (January 2004)

On 24 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 to include: 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