Greetings from The Professor of Military Science
To All Families, Alumni, Cadre, and Cadets in the Cyclone Battalion

I first want to say what a true honor it is to be a part of this program and to be associated with such phenomenal young men and women. I have been impressed with the dedication and professionalism of the Cadets in this Battalion from Day 1. We are starting this alumni newsletter and Military Science Foundation because I believe it is not only important to recognize the achievements of our current cadets, but also important for the current generation to feel connected with those that have come before. My goals for the program are to continue to breed successful, competent, agile and adaptive leaders prepared to lead the sons and daughters of our Nation in combat. We will do this through intense physical and mental training.

I would like to thank all of our partners on campus and in the community for your outstanding support of the Cyclone Battalion. I would be remiss if I did not recognize the hard work of the Faculty and Cadre that ensure our Cadets success; Our program stands heads and shoulders above all others in the Country because of your tremendous efforts. Thank You.

Our Cadets extraordinary hard work and performance has earned our program the distinct honor of being named the 2011 #1 Army ROTC program in the USACC 3rd Brigade out of 40 major schools in the mid-west and the 2011 MacArthur Award Winner for 3rd Brigade. We also earned the top award for Leadership Excellence during the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) and Commissioning Excellence for commissioning the highest number of cadets in the top of the national order of merit list. These achievements would not have been possible without the outstanding support of all our partners at the University, in the community and the Iowa National Guard. Thank you all for your generous support.

Again, congratulations to our outstanding Cadets. They have earned the MacArthur award through hard work and dedication—they are truly outstanding leaders of character that exemplify the best our University has to offer our nation and the Army.

All of our Alumni should be proud the legacy and culture of excellence in the ISU AROTC program lives on!

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The Cyclone Alumni Society

Dear Fellow ROTC Alumnus:

The Iowa State University Army ROTC Alumni Society is being brought into existence to support the Cyclone Battalion cadets and cadre and to promote relations among alumni, cadets, and the University.

The Army Reserve Officer Training Corp has a rich history extending over 100 years on the Iowa State Campus. Almost five thousand military and community leaders have launched their careers through the program.

Through a variety of events, the society will strive to provide a way to share the tradition with current cadets, show what is new in the Cyclone Battalion, and to honor our cadets and alumni.

Through social events, such as the football homecoming, the mentor program, and various awards programs, the society will strive to promote the spirit and keep alive the legacy that is Army ROTC at ISU.

Today’s ROTC cadets are training to lead the Army of the future, and they deserve the support of the University and alumni. Facing a turbulent world, in this era of persistent conflict, we must continue our vigilance and training for new defense challenges around the world and at home.

How you can help: by joining the society, Endow a scholarship for a cadet or contribute to the Military Science Excellence Fund, Encourage a student to apply for ROTC, nominate someone for the Hall of Fame, Mentor a cadet, or serve on the Board of Directors or one of the committees established by the board.

The Military Science Excellence Fund

The Military Science Excellence Fund has been set up to allow Alumni and interested parties to donate to the Military Science program.

While the program is as good as it has ever been, we endeavor to achieve excellence. Some of the recent improvements to our program include the establishment of the Alumni Society, renovations to the classroom and computer labs, creation of the AROTC functional fitness weight room in the Armory, and we will soon renovate the MS3 War Room.

Our Cadets are some of the best, if not the best, Leaders, Athletes, and Citizens on campus and deserve to be recognized as such.

Your donation to the Military Science Excellence Fund Can help the program fund numerous events and initiatives to include:

New ISU Army ROTC Polos and Fitness Apparel (Athletic Department Quality)

Support Events like: Bataan Death March, Buddy Ranger, Ranger Challenge, Sandhurst Competition at USMA, Freshman Orientation, and Staff Rides

Assist in facilities and equipment upgrades for the Color Guard, Banners and Posters, additional gym equipment, and esprit de corps and award recognition items as well as provide emergency financial support to Cadets in need- (ISU AER).
State of the Cyclone Battalion.

The Cadets were extremely busy first semester and the Spring Semester has kicked off just as fast. The seniors showed up on August 16th for an LDAC after action review. The rest of the battalion joined them a couple of days later, kicking off Operation Cyclone Strong (Freshmen Orientation). Freshmen were quickly settled in and the Cadets were off and running. Literally, they did their first APFT on September 2nd.

A week later it was time for the traditional Iowa / ISU football rivalry to be renewed and once again UI ROTC and the Cyclone Battalion delivered the game ball to Jack Trice Stadium, running it from Iowa City to Ames. The Cadets must have rubbed some luck onto the ball; the Cyclones upset the Hawkeyes, 44 to 41 in triple overtime!

On September 16th Fall FTX kicked off and Cadets spent the weekend in the field learning new skills and refining others. The following week they put some of those skills to good use when Cadets supported the Girl Scouts by giving classes on gear packing, land navigation, first aid, and survival skills.

October arrived and Cadets charged ahead. First was a presentation to JROTC, where ISU Cadets provided classes on ROTC and college life to young students. Next was Ranger Challenge on the 7th through the 9th. The team had been training since the beginning of the semester and it showed. The Cyclone Battalion continued their tradition of excellence by winning three of the six events and placing 1st place overall. They will compete in March for the title of Brigade Champion and the opportunity to compete in the Sandhurst Competition at West Point.

November rolled around and the Cadets continued to push forward. Veteran’s Day events kicked off on the 8th with a visit to Marshalltown Veteran’s Home. On the 10th, the Cadets posted the colors at a ceremony honoring fallen ISU Veterans. On the 11th, Cadets participated in the National Roll Call, reading off the names of all who have fallen in the Global War on Terror. During the event 9 ISU Cadets were contracted. On the 15th Buena Vista University, the most recent university to join the Cyclone Battalion, contracted six Cadets.

In November, the Cyclone Battalion also earned the distinction of being named the #1 Program in 3rd Brigade.

The Second Semester has started off quick with Academics, Physical Fitness, and Leadership Lab. We recently completed the Mid-Iowa Council Boy Scout Winter Survival Training. This event developed our cadets into better leaders and provided outstanding classroom and outdoor training to young Scouts. We will compete in the Brigade Ranger Challenge Competition, Bataan Death March, and Buddy Ranger this semester.

In January, Cadet Command announced we earned the 2011 MacArthur Award for the 3rd Brigade!
**Cadet Amanda Veen.**

The Army ROTC Cyclone Battalion has given me numerous opportunities in the year and a half I have been a cadet. This past summer, I attended Cadet Field Training at Camp Buckner, New York. This four week course for second-year West Point cadets included rigorous training in land navigation, patrolling, urban operations, and marksmanship. Through AROTC I was also able to attend Airborne School at Ft. Benning Georgia where I learned how to safely exit a C-130 in flight using T-10 and T-11 parachutes. This summer I will be going to Costa Rica as part of Army Cadet Command’s Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency program. My experiences as a cadet in ROTC have not only broadened my perspective but have given me greater self-confidence, mental agility, and motivation for a future career as an Army officer.

**Cadet Derek Hagerty**

Looking back on my three and a half years in the Iowa State Army ROTC program what really stands out are the unbelievable opportunities that I have had. After my sophomore year I was able to travel to Russia for a month with 20 other cadets from around the country. I stood in Moscow’s Red Square, walked the rivers of St. Petersburg, and viewed the battle fields of Volgograd. I doubt I will ever forget the month I spent there. Following my junior year I interned with the Army Corps of Engineers at Tablerock Dam in Branson, MO. I was able to see first hand what engineers do day to day and also learn a lot that I was able to bring back and apply in the classroom. With out a doubt the greatest opportunity that I’ve received in my time here is the chance to grow both professionally and personally. The changes I’ve made as a leader have been incredible. I went from being afraid to speak in public and doubting whether the Army was for me to being a passionate leader counting down the days until I commission. I have also met many great people who I hope to stay in contact with for the rest of my life. The friendships I’ve built I hope will last forever. The Iowa State Army ROTC has given me so much and I truly hope that I will be able to do this program proud.
Cadet Salerno.

In my time in Army ROTC at Iowa State, I have had many unique opportunities. Now in my third year as a cadet, I’m preparing to head to Leadership Development and Assessment Course in Ft. Lewis, WA where I will be ranked somewhere from one to around 5000 with all the other ROTC cadets in the nation. I look back at all of the training that I’ve done with the Cyclone Battalion and take time to really appreciate all of it. I have had the opportunity to participate in Ranger Challenge, a light infantry competition. I was flown literally across the world to Tanzania to broaden my cultural horizons. I have represented the Cyclone Battalion at events throughout the state of Iowa as our Color Guard Commander.

As I recount these events, it makes me realize how blessed I am. Blessed to live in a country where such opportunities as these are available to me. I am thankful for the examples that I’ve had in cadets and cadre to follow. I hope that I can be that same example to those who come after me. I look to the future with optimism that my future leaders will be those of character and strength. I look with confidence that they have all earned their mettle just as I hope to as I commission in just a short time and onward as an officer.

The motto of the United States Army is “This We’ll Defend”. I’m honored, not only to be one of those defenders myself, but to serve alongside so many honorable men and women. Iowa State Army ROTC truly breeds great leaders; men and women who are upholders of that motto, not just in uniform, but every day of their lives. I look at so many graduates that move on to do amazing things. As I look to them, I hope to live up to that same standard of excellence. Challenge accepted.
After a bunch of college classes and a couple of tours overseas as an enlisted Reservist, I decided becoming an officer was the best path for my career progression. I had no idea what to expect and soon realized ROTC is about working hard. I joined as a junior and we were kept busy the entire year. All of our hard work definitely paid off and our awards from LDAC are directly related to the amount of time we put in. We deserved being named #1 in 3rd Brigade, there is no question about that. This year, my official senior year, has been devoted to more than just learning the technical aspects of becoming an officer, but more about what it takes to be an officer and a leader.

Being involved with ROTC has been a great way to get to know other students I never would have met. We have many majors represented and it gives us an idea of what they go through, the good and the bad. "Work hard, play hard" has been a motto many of us live by. Without it we would be missing out on the typical collegiate life many students have. Luckily, we are more mature than the average student so we are still cautious when "playing."

We had a great Fall semester this year and we intend to carry it over to the Spring semester. The MS I, II, and III classes have shown a lot of energy and motivation to learn after the first two weeks back from the break. The MS III class has been working so hard they have already overtaken the MS IV’s highest average APFT score from last year. Plus, the way the MS II class is looking, they will easily beat out the IIs next year. We have already hit the ground running and will not slow down until the MS IIs have left to LDAC, where the real fun will start for them! The leadership of the MS IV class shows how much training they have received and will undoubtedly be shown by the MS III’s LDAC performance this summer.

Cadet Elbert

Cadet Elbert is an undergraduate student pursuing a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is from Queensbury, New York and currently holds the position of Command Sergeant Major. In addition to ROTC, CDT Elbert is a peer mentor for the Army ROTC Learning Community. This leadership program is geared towards helping younger Cadets become accustomed to college as well as helping them with any issues they might be having, as well as supporting underclassmen with academics.

“Being a part of the Cyclone Battalion, one of the top programs in the country year after year, has given me a great sense of pride. This is not only due to our many achievements, highly qualified Cadre and also the ability to work with the great Cadets they bring into the program. Our Cadets’ daily hard work and willingness to learn from the senior Cadets will continue to make this program a top competitor each year to come.”
Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency (CULP) Program

For Army ROTC Cadets, the world is their classroom. Every year hundreds of Cadets travel the globe, spending up to three weeks immersed in foreign cultures, learning more about how other others around the world view the U.S. and, in the process, learning more about themselves. Cadets must compete nationally for the opportunity to participate in the program. In 2011, 455 ROTC Cadet traveled across the world. Cyclone Battalion was awarded six slots in 2011 Donohue was awarded an Internship to Ghana. Elbert was awarded and internship (Russian Language) to Russia. Cadet Hagerty was awarded an internship (Russian Language) to Russia. Cadet Hon was awarded an internship to Botswana. Cadet Mclean was awarded an internship (Mil to Mil) to Slovakia. Cadet Paulsen was awarded a China Internship.

Airborne / Air Assault


Civilian Scholarships.

Cyclone Battalion Cadets received five civilian scholarships. The following Cadets were awarded National scholarships. Ivan Ong received the Armed Forces Bank Scholarship. Matthew Ong received the Arm Forces Insurance—General Melvin Zais Army ROTC Scholarship. Sara Peters received the Lieutenant General Timothy J. Maude Scholarship. The following Cadets were awarded Regional scholarships. Jeremy Junker received the United Services Automobile Association Scholarship. And Elena Naumova was awarded the United Services Automobile Association scholarship. Congratulations to these Cadets for this fine achievement.

Distinguished Military Graduate

The DMG is awarded to Cadets who fulfill the following requirements IAW CCR-145-9: Is determined to be in the top 20% of the national OML. Successfully completes the advanced course. Graduates with a baccalaureate degree. We would like to recognize the following Cadets for this accomplishment. Kyle Bitterman, Peter Burr, Trenton Fredrickson, Heather Freemont, Adam Hon, Kyle Hughes, Ivan Ong, Matthew Ong, Sara Peters, and Steven Woods.
Cyclone Battalion in Action.
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Cyclone Battalion New Initiatives.

We have done a couple of new things this year to emphasize and recognize the quality of our program on Campus and in the Community.

The College of Liberal Arts and Science (LAS) recently provided the program with funding for a gym here in the Armory. The gym has everything we need for functional fitness training that will prepare our students for the rigors of combat and leading from the front; squat racks, rower, kettle bells, free weights, pull-up bars, and dumbbells. This is a great initiative and we appreciate the support from LAS to make us even better.

The Iowa State Campus Book Store is also assisting in supporting the program by providing ISU Army ROTC apparel and gifts. Right now there are shirts and decals available for purchase in the bookstore and by phone. We expect to see even more items in the future. [www.isubookstore.com](http://www.isubookstore.com) We would like to thank the ISU bookstore for going through all the effort to license our products here on campus.

We are also upgrading our Physical Fitness apparel to include Nike Dri-Fit shirts, shorts, and sweatshirts. Our Cadets deserve the quality gear that the Athletic Department is wearing because we are without a doubt some of the best student athletes on campus...and it shows! Your donations will significantly assist us in outfitting our Cadets in the best gear!

**NIKE AROTC APPAREL**

**NIKE PT SHIRT & SHORTS**

**NIKE POLO**

**AROTC DECAL**
Cyclone Battalion in Action.
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Mentor Program

As a Cadet or a newly commissioned Officer, enthusiasm and drive are used to make up for a lack of experience. If that experience is provided in the form of sage advice that energy can be applied to targets further down range. That is where Alumni can have a huge impact on the lives and careers of young Officers.

Whether you commissioned 10, 20, or 30 years ago, there are young Cadets who are seeking advice from Officers like you. Cadets appreciate advice about simple things like the best places to be stationed, to bigger subjects like building a career path that will serve them their entire military career. If you are willing and able to talk to Cadets and share advice for their future, please join the Cyclone Mentor Network. POC is Michael Tate at mtate@iastate.edu.

Tribute to Classmates

CPT Andy Conway (Class of ’08) passed away on August 27, 2011 after a two year battle with a brain tumor. He had branched aviation and was just finished with the primary phase of flight training when the tumor was discovered. He was placed into the Warrior Transition Unit at the Rock Island Arsenal for his treatment. To honor him, we are going to name the classroom after him. This is going to involve a bronze plaque with his portrait and biography, a sign on the door, and pictures of ROTC activities. We have already re-painted the classroom in preparation for these updates.

1LT David Giaimo (Class of ’03) was killed in Iraq on August 12, 2005 when his vehicle struck a land mine. We are going to honor him as well by naming another room in the Armory after him. Like the Conway Classroom, this will involve a bronze plaque with his portrait and biography as well as a sign on the door.

These projects will cost approximately $1000 and are fully funded by donations. Alumni and friends can contribute financially, and this can be done by sending a check made out to the "Cyclone Battalion Memorial Fund" to 132 Armory, Ames, IA 5011. POC for these programs is Aaron Rosheim and he can be reached at (515) 294-2431 or arosheim@iastate.edu.

Hall of Fame

Along with the establishment of the Alumni Society, we would like to institute an ISU AROTC Hall of Fame. At least two individuals each year will be inducted into the ISU Army ROTC Hall of Fame each year. Nominations will be requested annually from the membership, current living Hall of Fame Members, or others associated with the University or the military.

The Nominations Review Committee, appointed by the Board, will consist of three Society members at least one of whom is a Board member. The senior Board member will chair the Committee and submit reviewed nominations to the Board for consideration. Nominations submitted to the Committee should include a biography of the nominee, a brief explanation of the nomination and include addresses of both the nominee and nominator. Qualifications for nomination are: 1 Graduates of The Iowa State University ROTC program or a non-ISU graduate who has contributed significantly to the Army ROTC Program. 2. Soldiers that have a distinguished military service record and/or significant civilian accomplishment.

Hall of Fame recognition can also be awarded posthumously.

Please send nominations to Michael Tate at mtate@iastate.edu.
The Bataan Memorial Death March honors a special group of World War II heroes. These brave Soldiers were responsible for the defense of the islands of Luzon, Corregidor and the harbor defense forts of the Philippines.

The Army ROTC program at Iowa State University would like to commemorate these Soldiers and their struggle during the past and present by participating in the 23rd Annual Bataan Memorial Death March on March 25, 2012.

The Army ROTC needs your help in order to make this trip a success. Our goal is to send four teams of five cadets each to participate in the 26.2 mile Bataan Memorial Death in March 2012. Please help us honor the sacrifices of those who have gone before us and participate in this event.

We are currently looking to gather funds for the registration fee, as well as travel and accommodation expenses.
Alumni Contributions to Military Science

I wish to support the ISU Military Science program at ISU. Enclosed is my gift of:

_____ $1000    _____ $250    _____ $100    _____ $50

Other $ _______

Please specify the Military Science Fund that should receive your gift.

_____ Winlock Memorial Scholarship Fund (1900032)

_____ Military Science Excellence Fund (2703317)

Your check, which may be made payable to the ISU Foundation, is tax deductible. Please include the fund number on your check, and return it with this form to:

Iowa State University Foundation
2505 University Boulevard
P.O. Box 2230, Ames, IA 50010-2230

Or give online at http://www.foundation.iastate.edu/militaryscience. Links can be found on the ROTC website at http://www.armyrotc.iastate.edu/ All donations are tax deductible and may also be eligible for company matching depending on employer.

If you are interested in establishing your own fund, please contact us at Michael Tate 132 Armory ISU, Ames, IA 50010, mtate@iastate.edu or call at (515)294-1872