To All Families, Alumni, Cadre, and Cadets in the Cyclone Battalion

As our 2012 Summer Training and Cadet Development Programs come to a close, it is important to recognize all the accomplishments of our Cyclone Battalion Cadets the last few months...from the standards set and the records achieved to the numerous schools and world travel our Cadets completed...making our Cadets more well rounded and effective officers....

This Summer at the Leader Development Assessment Course (LDAC), the Cyclone Battalion set the standard once again...11 of our 27 Cadets earned an overall Excellence...giving us a 41% overall Es...the LDAC average was 17%. 7 Cyclones were #1 in their platoons and 4 were in the top of their Regiments of 450 Cadets. We did extremely well earning the coveted RECONDO badge...48% compared to the 15.9% LDAC average. Most significant of all was our overall APFT average...295.6, highest in the country and significantly higher than the LDAC average of 271. I would venture to say that is one the highest LDAC APFT averages ever!

The phenomenal performance at LDAC was led by the following Cadets earning overall Es...Cadet Salerno (#1 in his PLT and 3rd in the Regiment), Cadet Namanny (#1 in her PLT), Cadet Nielsen, Cadet Subra (#1 in the PLT), Cadet Schilling (#1 in his PLT and 4th in the Regiment), Cadet Thein (#1 in the PLT and #1 in the Regiment), Cadet Michael Smith, Cadet Wilt (#1 in the Platoon), Cadet Amerine (#1 in the PLT and #1 in the Regiment), Cadet Cunningham (#2 in the Platoon), and Cadet Oberg (#4 in her Platoon). With 273 schools in the country and 140 platoons at LDAC, it is incredibly impressive that our Cyclones earned 7 #1 in the platoon...it is tough to just get one! Our S ratings were all ex-
tremely strong as well...Cadets Hullett, Brincks, Moran, and Quimby all earned 3 of 6 Excellence ratings. Cadets Nate Smith, Prest, Long, Warnecke, Garza, Schneider, Jacobs, and Nguyen all earned 1 or more Es on leadership positions. Cadet Subra had the highest Peer ranking with a 145 and Cadets Brincks, Namanny, Schilling, Michael Smith, Amerine, Prest and Jacobs all had over 120 Peer Rankings, truly setting them apart as Leaders among Leaders.

The following superstars earned the coveted RECONDO badge, scoring over 90 pts on each event of the APFT, exceptional Land Navigation, first time GO on First Aid & Confidence Course, and an S or higher on STX. Cadets Hild, Hullett, Moran, Salerno, Jones, Subra, Schilling, Thein, Michael Smith, Amerine, Schneider, and Jacobs.

Our heroic achievement on the APFT would not have been possible without 17 of our 27 Cadets scoring over 300. The following cadets led the way with the APFT; Cadets Hild, Hullett, Moran, Salerno, Jones, Namanny, Subra, Schilling, Sterling, Thein, Michael Smith, Amerine, Cunningham, Oberg, Garza, Jacobs, and Nguyen. All scored over 300 and on the extended scale, Cadet Schilling scored a 345 and Cadet Oberg scored a 350. Cadets Brincks, Andersen, Nielsen, Wilt, and Warnecke all scored over 290.

We continue to provide the best leadership experience possible through tough demanding field training, leadership opportunities, and developmental experiences. We celebrated our successes at our Military Ball in March.

We also look forward to this coming academic year, to building on our successes and improving on identified weaknesses. Word of the achievements of our Cadets is spreading, that along with the tireless efforts of our recruiting team have resulted in a large and talented incoming class.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a thanks to the Alumni and family who contributions made it possible for our Cadets attend the Bataan Death March. Especially, Linda and Buddy Grier. There is no way to simulate a 26.4 mile hike through the desert. Ideals of perseverance and determination were forged into true values in the heat for those Cadets that attended.

Finally, I would like to thank those who donated to the Mark Conway and David Giaimo commemorative fund. Two lives that were cut short, remembered and honored. I think it is a great example for all of our Cadets.

We as Cadre couldn’t have asked for anything more from the fantastic group of young men and women that make up this program. The Legacy they have established sets us apart from all other schools in the 3rd Blackhawk Brigade and the United States Army Cadet Command. As I said before, I challenge any other school in the country to match what our Program has accomplished this summer. Our Cadets are well trained and well led by their peers. These accomplishments wouldn’t be possible without our MSIV leaders; training, developing, and forging the next generation of great Cyclone Battalion leaders. Thanks to all the parents, family, and friends of the Cyclone Battalion for helping to make us the best in the Country. You should all be proud of what our program has accomplished and strive to exceed those goals in the future…”Strong and Courageous”!

Please stay in touch with us, “like” us on FaceBook and follow us on Twitter. We welcome your comments. Help us spread the word about the quality cadets and future officers in the Cyclone Battalion Army ROTC Program! Thanks.

MAJ(P) Richard F. Smith
ISU Army ROTC
Cyclone Battalion
Professor of Military Science
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Dear Fellow ROTC Alumnus:

The Iowa State University Army ROTC Alumni Association is off to a healthy start, with almost 100 members. Our goal is to reach out to all our Alumni, if you have kept in contact with one of your classmates and don’t see them included in the distro, please pass on the information as well as my contact information so that I can get them signed up.

Special thanks to those who took the time to fill us in on what they have been up to. They are included in this newsletter as well as on the website.

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 Association, 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:

Support Events like: Bataan Death March, Buddy Ranger, Ranger Challenge, Sandhurst Competition at USMA, Freshman Orientation, and Staff Rides. New ISU Army ROTC Polos and Fitness Apparel (Athletic Department Quality). 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).

The Cyclone Battalion Cadet Fund

The Cyclone Battalion Cadet Fund is in place to allow Cadets to support events such as MilBall, Freshman Orientation, PT gear and other special occasion events. This year, with a donation of over $50, we will present an ISU Army ROTC Nike Sideline Gear Polo. They are great looking shirts ($60 in the Campus Bookstore) and it is for a great cause.

Also, thanks to CPT Marshall and CPT Slykhuis for their offer to show our Cadet around during the Bataan March weekend.

How you can help: by joining the association, 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.
State of the Cyclone Battalion.

The Cadets hit the ground running in January. The MS III’s have been honing their leadership skills as they prepare for Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC). This will be the last year that LDAC will be held at Ft. Lewis, next year it moves to Ft. Knox.

In January, Cadet Command announced we earned the 2011 MacArthur Award for the 3rd Brigade! Although we don’t do what we do for the accolades, it is nice to be recognized. The award will be officially presented by COL Shultis, the 3rd Brigade Commander, at the commissioning ceremony on May 5th.

The semester kicked off with Academics, Physical Fitness, and Leadership Lab. Next up was the Mid-Iowa Council Boy Scout Winter Survival Training.

Vice President Joe Biden visited the Campus on March 1st and Cadet Jared Juel was selected by the Engineering College to make a presentation to the Vice President on rapid prototyping. This is another example of how our superior training and preparation at the Cyclone Battalion have given our cadets an edge over their peers.

Next up was the Military Ball. Cyclone Battalion hosted the annual military ball at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames Iowa. MG Heidi Brown of Missile Defense and Dr. Becky Parrish Maj(R) USAF were guest speakers. Cadets prepared and presented class skits as entertainment and a DJ provided a dance following the formal ceremony. Parents became familiarized with events and activities conducted at Iowa State and satellite schools.

Distinguished Military Graduates

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.
Welcome to the Cyclone Battalion

We would like to welcome Major Andy Commins to the Cadre ranks at Cyclone Battalion. He is a great professional and brings extensive experience to the team.

He was born in Hemet California and currently lives in Boone IA with his wife, Tabatha, and children Philip and Katie. He had 8 years of enlisted service prior to receiving his commission from University of Tampa, Tampa FL in 1997. He went on to active duty as an Infantry Officer before joining the Iowa National Guard. Duty assignments include 2/11 IN, Ft. Benning, GA, 1/133 IN (AASLT), Waterloo, IA, 2/34 ID, Boone, IA. Major Commins has been deployed to Iraq and the Sinai Peninsula.

He is already integrated on campus and in the program. He joins us as our Executive Officer and will head up coaching for the men’s soccer team here at ISU. “There’s nothing I enjoy more than long walks on the beach. Some of my hobbies include watching the sunset from a picturesque grassy knoll, indulging in fine wine with a scrumptious foie gras dinner, and candlelight conversation on French film.”
The Cyclone Battalion Commissioned Cadets from ISU, Drake, and BVU in two ceremonies this year. We have every confidence that they will all respond to the challenge to excel as leader in our military and civilian communities. We congratulate them for their past accomplishments and welcome them into the fraternity of Cyclone Battalion Alumni.

* Indicates—Distinguished Military Graduates

**Spring 2012 Iowa State University**

**TRENTON G. FREDRICKSON**  
Second Lieutenant, USA  
Hometown: Onalaska, WI  
Degree/Major: Bachelor of Science, Materials Engineering  
Military Plans: Infantry  
IN Officer Basic Course  
Ft. Benning, GA

**HEATHER FREMONT**  
Second Lieutenant, USA  
Hometown: Cedar Falls, IA  
Degree/Major: Bachelor of Science, History  
Military Plans: Ordnance  
OD Officer Basic Course  
Ft. Lee, VA

**KYLE HUGHES**  
Second Lieutenant, USA  
Hometown: Baldwin, MD  
Degree/Major: Bachelor of Science, Construction Engineering  
Military Plans: Aviation  
AV Officer Basic Course  
Ft. Rucker, AL

**RAFAEL ALVERIO**  
Second Lieutenant, USA  
Hometown: Council Bluffs, IA  
Degree/Major: Bachelor of Science, Biology  
Military Plans: Field Artillery  
FA Officer Basic Course  
Ft. Sill, OK
NATHAN ANDERSEN  
Second Lieutenant, USAR  
Hometown: Harlan, IA  
Degree/Major: Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice and Spanish  
Upon completion will be assessed for his first duty station.

MATTHEW BARCLAY  
Second Lieutenant, USA  
Hometown: Ames, IA  
Degree/Major: Bachelor of Science, Supply Chain Management  
Military Plans: Field Artillery  
FA Officer Basic Course  
Ft. Sill, OK

KYLE BITTERMAN  
Second Lieutenant, USAR  
Hometown: Luverne, MN  
Degree/Major: Bachelor of Arts, Speech Communication  
Military Plans: Engineer  
2nd Platoon, 411th Engineer Co.  
Iowa City, IA

PETER BURR  
Second Lieutenant, USA  
Hometown: St. Bonifacius, MN  
Degree/Major: Bachelor of Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies  
Criminology/Criminal Justice  
Military Plans: Military Police  
MP Officer Basic Course  
Ft. Leonard Wood, MO
PETER CALLAWAY
Second Lieutenant, USA
Hometown: Waukesha, WI
Degree/Major: Bachelor of Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies
Criminology/Criminal Justice
Military Plans: Medical Service Corps
MS Officer Basic Course
Ft. Sam Houston, TX

BRIDGETT HASCHE
Second Lieutenant, USA
Hometown: Rock Rapids, IA
Degree/Major: Bachelor of Science, Psychology
Military Plans: Medical Service Corps
MS Officer Basic Course
Ft. Sam Houston, TX

ADAM HON
Second Lieutenant, USA
Hometown: Armstrong, IA
Degree/Major: Bachelor of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies
Criminology/Criminal Justice
Military Plans: Infantry
IN Officer Basic Course
Ft. Benning, GA

BENJAMIN KERTZMAN
Second Lieutenant, USA
Hometown: Carver, MN
Degree/Major: Bachelor of Science, Marketing from Drake University
Military Plans: Infantry
IN Officer Basic Course
Ft. Benning, GA
**LUCAS MOORE**  
Second Lieutenant, USA  
Hometown: Story City, IA  
Degree/Major: Bachelor of Science, History  
Military Plans: Transportation  
TC Officer Basic Course  
Ft. Lee, VA

**ELENA NAUMOVA**  
Second Lieutenant, USAR  
Hometown: Mount Ayr, IA  
Degree/Major: Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology and Health  
Military Plans: Medical Services  
MS Officer Basic Course  
308th Medical Co.  
St. George, UT

**IVAN ONG**  
Second Lieutenant, IAARNG  
Hometown: Seattle, WA  
Degree/Major: Bachelor of Science, Management Information Systems  
Military Plans: Military Intelligence  
HHC, 1-168th Infantry Bn  
Council Bluffs, IA

**MATTHEW ONG**  
Second Lieutenant, USA  
Hometown: Ithaca, NY  
Degree/Major: Bachelor of Science, Economics  
Military Plans: Military Intelligence  
MI Officer Basic Corps  
Ft. Huachuca, AZ
MATTHEW PAULSEN
Second Lieutenant, IAARNG
Hometown: Muscatine, IA
Degree/Major: Bachelor of Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies
             Criminology/Criminal Justice
Military Plans: Field Artillery
               HHT, 1-113th Cavalry
               Le Mars, IA

SARA PETERS
Second Lieutenant, USA
Hometown: Ames, IA
Degree/Major: Bachelor of Science, History
Military Plans: Aviation
               AV Officer Basic Course
               Ft. Rucker, AL

JACOB PREST
Second Lieutenant, USAR
Hometown: Perry, IA
Degree/Major: Bachelor of Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies
             Criminology/Criminal Justice
Military Plans: Attend Leader Development Assessment
               Course at Ft. Lewis, Washington.
               Upon completion will be assessed
               for his first duty station.

RACHAEL STERN
Second Lieutenant, IAARNG
Hometown: Des Moines, IA
Degree/Major: Bachelor of Arts, Environmental Policy
             from Drake University
Military Plans: Medical Services
               294th Medical Company
               Johnston, IA

STEVEN WOODS
Second Lieutenant, USA
Hometown: Cedar Rapids, IA
Degree/Major: Bachelor of Science, Psychology
Military Plans: Infantry
               IN Officer Basic Course
               Ft. Benning, GA
Airborne / Air Assault Training

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 2012, Cyclone Battalion was awarded 16 slots. The following Cadets participated over the summer; Michael Thielen traveled to Malawi, Deni Peters traveled to Tanzania, Corey Limited quotas for volunteer Airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia, as well as Air Assault training at Schoofield Barracks, Hawaii or Fort Campbell, Kentucky, are available to cadets who qualify. Applicants must have passed the airborne physical examination and attained a superior score on the Army Physical Fitness Test. Successful completion of this training entitles the cadet to wear the Army Airborne Badge. The three weeks of training are divided into ground, tower, and jump week. The following Iowa State Cadets successfully completed the following schools. Amanda Veen attended Airborne school, Curtis Nielsen attended Airborne school, Anthony Stoll attended Airborne school, Jason Sadowski attended Airborne school, Amber Bruer attended Airborne school, Jeremy Hild attended Air Assault school, Jonathan Lazo attended Air Assault school, Tanner Hildebrand attended Air Assault school, Jacob Scott attended Air Assault school, Matthew Grussing attended Air Assault school, Brandon Amerine attended Air Assault school, Peter Winterton attended Air Assault school, Timothy Brinks attended Air Assault school, and Raymond Kiemen attended Air Assault school.

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 and junior officers 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.

As part of this initiative I have set up the Cyclone Battalion Alumni on LinkedIn (http://www.linkedin.com) Join or log on to LinkedIn, click on groups, do a search for Cyclone Battalion Alumni and click on the request to join button.

Thanks to those that are already participating. POC is Michael Tate at mtate@iastate.edu.

Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency (CULP) Program

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Iowa State University Army ROTC Cyclone Battalion wins 2011 MacArthur Award

Iowa State University Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) department (The Cyclone Battalion) has won one of eight MacArthur Awards for the school year 2010-2011.

The prestigious awards, presented by the U.S. Army Cadet Command and the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Foundation, recognize the ideals of, "duty, honor and country" as advocated by MacArthur.

There are 273 ROTC programs on college campuses in 8 brigades around the United States, as well as in Guam and Puerto Rico. Iowa State University AROTC department represents Cadet Command's Third Brigade, which consists of the 40 senior Army ROTC programs in the Midwest region.

"It's an honor and a privilege to have Iowa State University’s Army ROTC program recognized as the 'top' program within the Midwest region, said Major Rick Smith, who is a professor of military science at ISU and the battalion commander."The performance of the students in this battalion is nothing less than remarkable. This program consistently ranks as one of the top programs in our region, which includes 40 schools and 11 states. These students are leaders of character, agile and adaptive thinkers who strive for excellence. They are true leaders, athletes and scholars who represent the best the university has to offer our nation and our Army."

The award is based on a combination of the achievement of the school's commissioning mission and its cadets' performance and standing on the Command's national Order of Merit List and its cadet retention rate.

Cadet Command and the MacArthur Foundation have given the awards annually since 1989. The award will be presented to the Cyclone Battalion at the commissioning ceremony by Colonel Dean P. Shultis, 3rd Brigade Commander.
Cadet Timothy Brincks

Joining the Iowa State University ROTC program has been one of the most rewarding times in my life. As a prior Staff Sergeant on active duty, the decision to join ROTC did not come lightly. However, looking back on the last 2 years as a Cyclone Battalion cadet, I would not change anything. The opportunities I have had here are immeasurable. In my time here as a cadet, I have attended both Airborne and Air Assault schools and graduated from the Leadership Development and Assessment Course. Airborne and Air Assault schools taught me that I can push myself beyond my fears to overcome them. I’ve learned valuable skills that will benefit me in my future career as an Army officer. The schools gave me an opportunity to work with cadets from across the country, giving me the chance to grow in both my professional and personal life. Most recently, I attended the Leadership Development and Assessment Course, otherwise known as LDAC. While there I was evaluated among my peers from across the country. We were tested in various military skills, such as Physical Fitness, Land Navigation, confidence, and leadership skills.

Many of the cadets here at Iowa State University have looked to me as a mentor and teacher. Having that opportunity to mentor these dedicated young men and women is something many people will never experience. I am truly grateful for the opportunities that I have had here and could not have accomplished those opportunities without the support, training, and mentorship that the cadre, other cadets, and Iowa State University professors have for the Cyclone Battalion.
Cadet James Salerno

This will be my last year as a cadet. Looking back at all the training and development, I realize how much I’ve grown. Freshman orientation seems so far away, but at the same time like it was only yesterday. Now, in my last year serving the Cyclone Battalion, I have the honor of serving as the Cadet Command Sergeant Major. Of all the opportunities that have been afforded me during my time at Iowa State, serving as c/CSM means the most.

Looking back at all of the leadership positions that I’ve held, in Ranger Challenge (our light infantry competition), Color Guard Commander, flying to Tanzania through CULP, having been chosen as c/CSM is the highest honor. I can only thank the outstanding NCOs that teach us to live the standard each and every day, and ask for nothing in return.

I step into this position coming out of one of the most successful MSIV classes in Cyclone Battalion history. I’m proud to say that my class performed in an excellent manner at Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC). LDAC serves as the benchmark by which all Army ROTC cadets are measured. The Cyclone Battalion has the highest Army Physical Fitness Test average score of any ROTC program in the nation with a 295/300. We had four cadets stand out as the top individuals in their respective regiments, approximately 400 cadets, myself included.

This is not boasting. These are the results of a culture of success that we all work hard to pass on to the next class. These are the results of cadre and cadets that care about what they do, and set a high standard every day. Our Cyclone Battalion motto is “Strong and Courageous.” This comes from Joshua 1:9, “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” While not every cadet follows the theology of that verse, we all put forth the effort to maintain and exceed the standards that come with upholding the motto.
It has been two years since I first enrolled in the Iowa State Army ROTC program, and I am astonished by the self developed that has occurred and the incredible opportunities that I have been provided. I have been given opportunities to develop my skills as a cadet, student, and person. Some of the greatest opportunities I have been offered occurred during the summers after my freshman and sophomore years.

The summer after my freshman year I was offered the opportunity to attend the U.S. Army’s Airborne School. During training I learned about static line operations and how to properly exit an aircraft using a T-10D or T-11 parachute. The school culminated with 5 jumps from an aircraft, which needless to say was one of the most exciting events of my life.

This past summer I stayed busy constantly learning new things that will significantly help me in my developing Army career. First, I was offered the opportunity to attend the U.S. Army’s Air Assault School at Ft. Benning Georgia. This is where I learned about numerous military operations such as air assault operations, rappelling operations, and sling load operations which summed up is preparing various military equipment to be attached to certain helicopters in order to be quickly transported to another location. Finally the school culminated with a 12 mile road march and an opportunity to rappel out of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter. 3 weeks after I completed Air Assault School I was also offered another opportunity to attend a Cultural Understanding and Language Program assignment to the country of Costa Rica. To simply put it, the trip to Costa Rica was the trip of a life time. Costa Rica provided me an opportunity to totally immerse myself into a different culture as well as volunteer my time to help those that are less fortunate; opportunities that I feel will definitely help me on my path to becoming an Army Officer. Finally, as soon as I arrived back home from my trip to Costa Rica I returned to Iowa and began what was another great opportunity offered by the Iowa State Army ROTC department. This time I was able to volunteer my time and help mentor high school Junior ROTC cadets at their annual leadership camp called Junior ROTC Cadets Leadership Camp or JCLC. A few of personal qualities that I developed during this week included looking out for the welfare of young soldiers as well as communicating with my superiors and soldiers effectively. The event also provided an opportunity for me and my fellow peers to further develop and create opportunities to work with the area JROTC programs.

In summary, I was kept busy this summer but I enjoyed every moment of it. All of these opportunities of course would not have been possible without the support of the Iowa State Army ROTC program and those that support it. For these opportunities I am endlessly grateful because they have helped me further develop my capabilities that will motivate and help me as I continue on the path to becoming an Army Officer.
Where Are They Now  This section contains articles submitted by Alumni updating us on what they have been up to since they left Cyclone Battalion. If you would like to submit an article, contact Mike Tate at mtate@iastate.edu.


ROTC is a brotherhood who's relationships and experiences pass far beyond that of a simple college experience. ROTC has instilled in me the professionalism, competence and confidence to lead our Soldiers in today's Army and its benefits will pay dividends far beyond my days as a professional Soldier. "ATTACK" ~ Mark J Stephenson

Major Charles A. Hildebrand ~ Class of '84

I just recently retired from active duty on 1 OCT 11. Then was recalled back on 27 NOV 11 for two more years. I hope after that I can really, really retire. The one thing I’ve learned in my combine 35 plus years of military service is-change is constant.

Before retiring I had the honor of flying UH-1H one last time at the National Training center, Ft Irwin, CA. It was a fun 15 month assignment. My last flight was also the aircraft’s last flight. I also reached another milestone in my Army Aviation career while I was there. After 26 years I became day, night, NVG Readiness Level One (RL1) for the first time in Huey’s. When I transitioned to OH-58A/C’s back in 1986 I was only a few months out of flight school and never got that task completed.

Most of my career I’ve been in aviation maintenance, aviation logistics or logistics in general. I’ve been blessed to have worked as a flight line mechanic through depot and everything in between. This assignment here at DLA is interesting to say the least. I work with all branched of DoD here plus a very large civil service community. The industrial level is a challenge at times but for a long time logistics person I find it interesting. Granted I’d rather be flying but it is nice to be out of deserts for a while.
LTC Reggie Richardson ~ Class of ‘91, was born in Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Illinois; he joined the US Army as a Private First Class in 1986 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army Reserve in 1991. He holds a Bachelors of Science Degree in Economics from Iowa State University. His military education includes: The Adjutant General Corps Officer Basic and Advance Courses, The Combined Arms Exercise (CAX) and The Intermediate Level Education (ILE) – common core.

LTC Richardson has been in a variety of units within the US Army. His first assignment as a 2nd LT was Publication Officer, 103D COSCOM, Fort Des Moines, IA. In December 1995, LTC Richardson was mobilized as a part of Operation Joint Endeavor where he functioned as Chief of Plans, Deputy G-1, 3D COSCOM, Wiesbaden, Germany. In August 2002, LTC Richardson joined the 9th Battalion as the Personnel Officer. In December 2004, LTC Richardson was cross-leveled into a US Marine Corps HQs in Kabul, Afghanistan as a part of Operation Enduring Freedom, where he functioned as a Combat Advisor to the Afghan National Army. Upon the completion of his combat tour of duty in Afghanistan, LTC Richardson returned to the 9th BN where he held the positions of Operations Officer, Executive Officer and Commander. Currently, LTC Richardson functions as the Chief, Force Management, G-3, 103d Expeditionary Sustainment Command.

LTC Richardson’s awards and decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M device, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Reserves Components Overseas Training Ribbon and the NATO Medal.

LTC Richardson is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He is also a life member of the Reserves Officers Association (ROA) and is the current President for the ROA’s Department of Iowa. LTC Richardson resides in Ames, Iowa with his wife Michele and their two kids, Gina and Reggie II. As a civilian, LTC Richardson functions as a Commercial Underwriting Manager for General Casualty Insurance Company.
Colonel Steven A. Wieneke
~ Class of '82
State Command Inspector General
Iowa National Guard

Colonel Steve Wieneke is a native of West Branch, Iowa. He enlisted in the Iowa Army National Guard in January 1979 with the 209th Medical Company in Iowa City, Iowa, where he attained the rank of Specialist. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Medical Service Corps, in the Iowa Army National Guard upon completion of two years in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at Iowa State University in May 1982.

Wieneke graduated from Medical Service Corps Officer and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff Officer Course, and the United States Army War College. He is currently assigned as the State Command Inspector General of the Iowa National Guard.

Wieneke is a veteran of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm serving as Company Commander of the 134th Medical Company in Saudi Arabia and of Operation Iraqi Freedom serving as Battalion Commander of the 109th Medical Battalion in Iraq.

Wieneke was a high school agricultural education and FFA instructor for eight years following the completion of his BS degree from ISU (Solon and Tipton).

Wieneke received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education from Iowa State University, a Master’s of Science degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College and a Master’s of Education degree from Graceland University.

Wieneke has been an active Rotarian since 1985 and has been a member of the Iowa City Noon Club and Johnston Club. He was the Johnston Rotary Past President (2010-2011) and is currently serving as an Assistant Governor in District 6000 for a 3 year term.

Colonel Wieneke and his wife, Pam have four children, two grand children and reside in Ankeny. Wieneke will retire from the Army on May 31, 2012 after serving more than 33 years.
Cyclone Battalion Apparel

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 the best student athletes on campus...and it shows! Your donations will significantly assist us in outfitting our Cadets in the best gear!
Hall of Fame

Along with the establishment of the Alumni Association, we will be instituting the Cyclone Battalion Army ROTC Hall of Fame. Two individuals each year will be inducted 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 Association 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. The Hall of Fame inductees will be recognized at next year's Military Ball.

If you would like to nominate someone, request nomination packets from Michael Tate at mtate@iastate.edu.

Tribute to Classmates

The dedication ceremony for the Conway Classroom and the Giaimo Weightroom will be 31 August at 1600 in the classroom. There will be a brief ceremony followed by snacks and an open house. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you plan on coming, please contact Aaron Rosheim at arrosheim@iastate.edu.

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. To honor him, 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. The dedication will take place this Fall.

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 the new weight room 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.

Last newsletter we asked for donations to fund these projects. I am very happy to report that both projects have been fully funded by donations from their classmates and friends. Thank you for generosity.
Alumni & Donors:

ROTC Alumni and friends, your donations and support have made it possible for the Cyclone Battalion to be one of the premier programs out of all United States ROTC Battalions. The Cyclone Battalion was recently recognized as the top program in the 3rd Brigade with the MacArthur Award. Donations make it possible for Cadets to experience extra opportunities which in turn produce first-rate Officers in the United States Army. Donations make it possible to support numerous cadet scholarships, trips, clubs, intramurals; provide trophies and awards; attend training events (Bataan Death March,); and host alumni workshops, and much more.

ROTC accounts include:

Winlock Memorial Scholarship Fund  - (1900032) Used for individual scholarships.

Military Science Excellence Fund—(2703317) Used to fund training opportunities.

These accounts actively support the future Officers in the United States Army. Cadets time at camps, field trainings, and other required events make it difficult for them to have a job, therefore your donations help supplement their income to focus on Academics and ROTC. You may contribute to one of the existing accounts at any time or you can create you own charitable endowment fund.

Your gift will qualify you for a federal charitable tax deduction as gifts to Iowa State University qualify as charitable contributions to higher education for which the federal government permits a deduction for individuals who itemize on tax returns.

Additionally, you have an option of ensuring continued support for the ISU Army ROTC program through a gift designated within your estate. Legacy gifts can be made now or deferred to a later time. Some types of planned gifts enable you to support ISU and receive tax benefits up front, while allowing you to sustain your current lifestyle by making use of bequests through a will, retirement plan assets, and charitable trusts. For information regarding legacy gifts and the many benefits such planning has for your estate, contact Michael Tate at mtate@iastate.edu

This past year your contributions ensured the areas below plus others were paid for:

**Bataan Death March**—Cyclone Battalion participated in the annual Bataan Death March in Whites Sands, New Mexico for the first time. Cadets braved 26.4 mile march through the sand, sun, and heat that commemorates the march that WWII soldiers endured when they were forced to march from Mariveles to San Fernando in the Philippines.

**Classroom and Gymnasium Memorials:** Bronze plaques with their portraits and biography, a signs on the doors, and pictures of them during their time with the Cyclone Battalion.

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

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

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