## Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Army ROTC Alumni Association Board of Director's Meeting Thursday, April 2, 2015 6:00-6:400 pm

## **<u>DIRECTORS</u>** (**□** indicates present for meeting)

	Brad Cook – 1995		Walter Prentice – 1969
$\overline{\checkmark}$	Dave Deyak – fmr PMS		Anthony Reynolds – 2010
$\overline{\checkmark}$	Steve Fredericks – 1969 and fmr PMS		Joe Rozek – 1973
$\overline{\checkmark}$	Rob Hedgepeth – 1988	$\square$	Vance Stewart – 1985
	Todd Jacobus – 1988		Scott Stribe – 2010
$\overline{\checkmark}$	Dave Lewis – 1989		Eric Winkie – 1984
	Luke Peters – 1989		Tony Wolf – 1985
$\overline{\checkmark}$	Dave Pinter – 1990		

## OTHERS PRESENT

Bryce Parker (representing LTC Joe Albrecht, PMS)

## **MINUTES**

- 1. A quorum was not present and no business was conducted. The following information was discussed with the Directors present.
- 2. There are still some conflict of interest forms due to Todd Jacobus. This is important to our progress with filing our tax status. Rob to ask Todd to get information from directors wrapped up quickly.
- 3. Dave Pinter to pursue information on all General Officers commissioned via UofI Army ROTC to help inform "Leader Wall" at the Iowa Memorial Union efforts.
- 4. There are NINE Alumni and former staff currently scheduled to attend this evening's Military Ball. There were a very good number of Alumni and former department staff came forward to sponsor 45 Cadets for the Military Ball, which is outstanding! This is so much appreciated, and LTC Albrecht sends out his appreciation to all those who have stepped forward to sponsor.
- 5. Social media: Our facebook page continues to gain followers, but the pace has slowed to 1-2 per week.
- 6. LTC Albrecht is out of town, and on his behalf, Bryce Parker reported that the Spring Commissioning Ceremony will take place on 15 May 2015. At our February meeting, it was reported that start time is still to be determined, as the university has many events on this day. Currently, it looks like it will be between 1700 and 1800 hrs. GEN Russell Honore' is scheduled to serve as the keynote speaker. The Department is currently tracking about 15 Cadets to commission as Second Lieutenants.
- 7. LTC Joe Albrecht will begin transitioning to his new battalion command following commissioning. The new Professor of Military Science, LTC Zachary Buettner was on campus for an introduction on 10-12 March 2015. He and LTC Albrecht held a brief VTC with Rob Hedgepeth during his visit. LTC Buettner will officially be assigned 1 July, and will be working transition and PCS move at that time.

- 8. Steve Fredericks noted that the Department will host an Awards Breakfast to honor cadets on April 23 at the Iowa City National Guard Readiness Center. He plans to attend.
- 9. Dave Lewis arranged a meeting with the President of the New Mexico State University Army ROTC Alumni Association, which is similar to the MHBAA. It was an informative call for Rob Hedgepeth, Todd Jacobus, and Dave Lewis. They will present additional information at the next board meeting.
- 10. Steve Fredericks asked about developing some alumni-themed merchandise to help raise money for the Association. Dave Lewis will explore some logo possibilities with a graphic designer. Rob Hedgepeth noted that, in the past, Tony Wolf has volunteered to help facilitate the Army ROTC tigerhawk logo use for alumni purposes.
- 11. Rob Hedgepeth noted that John Mikelson of Midwest Military Outreach has contacted the Association about a project he is working on with the UofI College of Education. They are trying to establish a database of former UofI students who are veterans to link them with current and future students who are veterans to assist with career mentoring. He is looking for ways to call out to our membership for volunteers to be listed in the database. Their emphasis is on teachers and counselors, but extends to all established professionals. Rob will bring this up at the next board meeting.
- 12. Rob mentioned that five director's terms will expire during the third quarter and that we must elect five replacements. The five current directors are welcomed and encouraged to run again. Directors should reach out to and encourage other interested members to consider running.
- 13. Meetings are being scheduled for Rob Hedgepeth to meet with the Dean of the University College and Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education Lon Moeller, who oversees the Army ROTC department on campus and P. Barry Butler, Executive Vice President and Provost of the University. Provost Butler was one of Rob's former Engineering professors and Rob intends to discuss ROTC's push for officers with STEM degrees during the meeting to spread awareness about Army ROTC at UofI among other college deans. Also on this day, Rob will meet with the Jeff Kueter, President & CEO of the University of Iowa Alumni Association.
- 14. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 7:00 pm to coincide with Rob's meetings.

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Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Hedgepeth President - Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Army ROTC Alumni Association (MHBAA)