



Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Alumni Association

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Spring Commissioning

Spring Commissioning was held on May 11, 2018 at Kinnick Stadium in the press box. The presiding officer was BG Dami-an Donahoe of the Iowa Army National Guard.

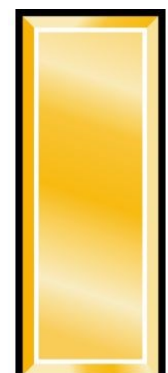


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Commissionees:

Mikhail Acherkan, Active Duty, Signal Corps – Detailed Infantry
Tyler Board, Active Duty, Military Police
Nathan Dittmer, NG, Iowa, Signal Corps
Harvey John Morrell, NG, Iowa, Field Artillery
Duncan Wyrwas, Active Duty, Ordnance
Christian Zvokel, Active Duty, Military Intelligence



Department News



The Department teamed with the AF ROTC and sent a joint team to participate in the Bataan Death March at White Sands Missile Range on March 25, 2018. The team finished in 8 hours and 5 minutes, placing 15th over 57 other ROTC programs.

The University of Iowa graciously supported the team financially for all travel and amenities. They are very grateful!

Way to go cadets!



Military Ball

Thanks to all of our alumni that were able to attend the annual Military Ball. Many thanks to all who were able to sponsor a cadet to attend the ball. This is a wonderful tradition that we pass on to the next generation of leaders. We are grateful to all who were able to join our current cadets in this tradition. We hope to see many of you next year!

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@HawkeyeBnAlumni

Military Ball Alumni



Back row: Tony Wolfe, Brett Chenoweth,
MG Wallace, Kim Karnstadt, Ken Maden,
Kurt Karnstadt,
Luke Peters,
FRONT Row: Walter Prentice, Katie Hanna,
Zach Buettner, Melanie Young,
Rob Hedgepath



Milestones

Scott Ayers ('83)

Scott Ayers retired from the United States Army on May 6th, 2018 at a ceremony held at Camp Dodge, Iowa.

Scott was commissioned as a Engineer Officer from the University of Iowa where he also received a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Scott served in numerous positions to include C. Company, 682nd Engineers (Combat) in Davenport, IA; 1st Aviation Training Brigade, Fort Rucker, AL; B Company, 2-147th Aviation (Air Assault), Davenport, IA; 171st Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Selfridge ANGB, Michigan; 82nd Flying Training Wing, USAF, Williams AFB, Arizona; HQ Det, 1-109 Aviation Bn, Boone, IA; D Co, 109th Aviation (AVIM), Boone, IA; State Area Command, IA Camp Dodge, IA; Camp Dodge Training Site; Construction & Facilities Office, IA, Camp Dodge, IA.



Scott is a Professional Engineer and is employed as the Director of Capital Projects for Facilities Planning & Management at Iowa State University.

Scott and his wife Debra , and their two sons (Jonah and Shane) make their home in Johnston, Iowa.. Son, Brennan, lives in Iowa City and daughter Justine, lives in Des Moines.

Congratulations Scott!

Quotable Quotes

“Nothing is assured, until after it happens”

“Have you considered opportunities with the Iowa National Guard?”

“Scientists dream about doing great things. Engineers do them”



Milestones

David J. Pinter Sr. ('89)

Col. David J. Pinter Sr. Col. Changed Command with Col. Hui Chae Kim who became Fort McCoy's newest garrison commander at a change-of-command ceremony May 19 at the installation's Rumpel Fitness Center.

Kim assumed command from Col. David J. Pinter Sr., who held the position since March 11, 2016. Installation Management Command (IMCOM)-Readiness Director Brenda Lee McCullough officiated the event. Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Reinert, commanding general of the 88th Readiness Division and senior Fort McCoy commander, also addressed the gathering.

As garrison commander, Kim is responsible for day-to-day operation and management of the only U.S. Army installation in Wisconsin. A garrison commander also represents the Army and the installation in the surrounding community, approves and issues garrison policies in accordance with respective Army regulations, approves and issues policies for the civilian workforce, and supports mobilization station requirements.

McCullough discussed how the Fort McCoy Garrison has been very successful the past two years under Pinter and noted the installation will continue to do well under Kim's leadership.

"It's always an awesome day when we salute an outstanding garrison commander for a job well done and celebrate the arrival of an equally outstanding Soldier to assume leadership of U.S. Army Garrison Fort McCoy," McCullough said. "Dave, your efforts have affected Fort McCoy for many years to come. ... And like Col. Pinter, Col. Kim is a proven leader. He is ideally suited to lead the Fort McCoy team for priorities and requirements set forth by the senior commander and the IMCOM priorities set forth by Lt. Gen. (Kenneth R.) Dahl (IMCOM commanding general).

"I am fully confident you will lead this garrison with the same professionalism, pride, and expertise that you have throughout your career," she said.

"I know that you will continue the work started by Col. Pinter while bringing in, at the same time, a new vision that ensures the garrison will continue to be able to enable the readiness of Soldiers working and training at Fort McCoy while also taking care of Families."

Reinert's comments reflected McCullough's in that Fort McCoy should continue its excellence with Kim.

"Col. Pinter's leadership these last couple of years has actually led us to an unprecedented amount of change at Fort McCoy," Reinert said. "Col. Kim is going to bring a different style of leadership and different expectations. But he's going to be the same kind of focused, dedicated leader that we've come to expect. He's going to drive readiness. He is going to drive change. And he is going to continue to seek excellence here at Fort McCoy."

Pinter said he was thankful to have been the garrison commander the past two years and said the installation is poised for continued success.

"Every success, while in command at Fort McCoy, is credited to Team McCoy and the coalition of our team partners both on and off the installation," Pinter said. "Team McCoy's motivation and efforts have resulted in numerous individual, organization, and installation awards at the IMCOM, Army, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense levels. Team McCoy's results-based focus and process-improvement business model crafted on the framework of performance and excellence have allowed Fort McCoy to successfully transition its business model into a four-season institution and cold-weather focused business plan.

"The last 30 days, Col. Kim and Doris have been able to meet with the team of Fort McCoy," Pinter said. "They have been impressed with the drive, readiness, and motivation of the team. Congratulations on your opportunity to command the best Army Reserve garrison."

An excerpt by SCOTT T. STURKOL *Public Affairs Staff The Real McCoy*



Installation Management Command-Readiness Director Brenda Lee McCullough passes the U.S. Army Garrison Fort McCoy flag to Col. Hui Chae Kim making Kim the new garrison commander during a change-of-command ceremony May 19. Photo by Nick Radloff/Multimedia/Visual Information Office

“My ROTC Story”

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By Cadet Duncan Wyrwas



Joining the military was something I had always dreamed of.

Growing up an Army BRAT, I was constantly surrounded by the military. I come from a family with an extensive military background, where most of my aunts, uncles, grandparents, and even great grandparents, had served in the military. I was no stranger to the military. Whether it was walking around post, going to my dad’s change of command ceremonies, or visiting him during training exercises out at the TOC, I was

enamored with the Army lifestyle and I couldn’t imagine myself doing anything else than being an Officer in the Army.

When it came to my junior year of high school, I wasn’t exactly sure what route I was going to take after graduation, but I knew that it would involve the military. I had several options between enlisting, applying for service academies, or applying for an ROTC scholarship. I investigated all of these avenues that the two I was interested in were either enlisting or getting an ROTC scholarship. While I was in the process of researching different enlisted routes I could take in the military, I learned that I had been selected for a 4-Year National ROTC Scholarship. Naturally, I accepted. I would be earning my college degree while working towards my dream job of being an Army Officer.

I could not be happier with the decision I’ve made. I have learned valuable skills from the ROTC program and gained an incredible education from the University of Iowa in the process. Both of these will help me as I commission in the US Army and start my career as an officer. I plan on staying in the Army as long as I can. I honestly cannot picture myself doing anything else as a career and the small taste I’ve had of military life, both as a child and cadet, only makes me more excited to start this rewarding undertaking as an officer.

Duncan is the Cadet Battalion Commander for the class of 2018 and will be commissioning in the Ordnance Corps.

Hawkeye History

Class of '58 Seniors



First Row: J. Calhoun, J. Milani, T. Shaheens, G. White, B. Bathey, J. Macy, S. Norman, W. Pierson, R. Runke, R. Wylder, W. Zunkel, D. Moen, T. Havens.

Second Row: G. Van Dyke, R. Coppotelli, K. Wollin, G. Robey, R. Stoltenberg, G. Meyer, C. Boehm, A. Chapman, W. Kirtley, T. Hamilton, R. Wolfe, J. Johnson.

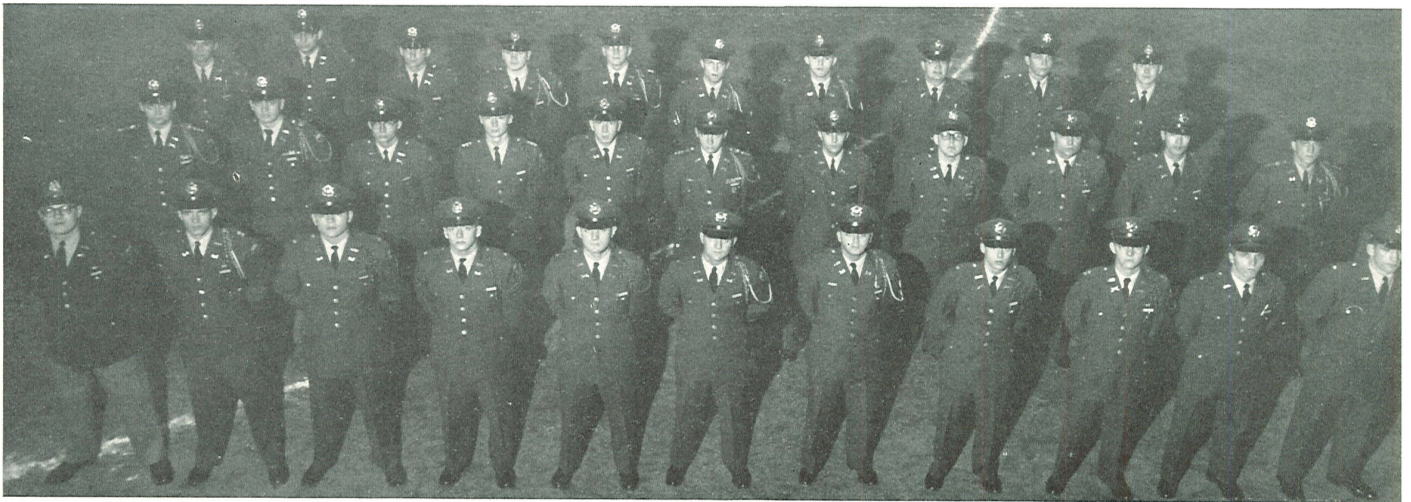
Third Row: B. Dorfman, W. Hise, E. Karlenzig, J. Grandrath, W. Burns, H. Haugen, D. Rochau, J. Bouma, J. Price, D. Whitehead, L. Sprowls.

Army Seniors

First Row: D. Heineking, D. Dittmer, H. Elder, A. Leff, T. Nugent, J. Steenhoek, A. Prosser, D. Gifford, T. Epperson, D. Bliss, G. Kurdelmeier.

Second Row: R. Burns, D. Carter, C. Van Fossen, P. Eells, T. McGee, J. Wolford, F. Folbrecht, E. Strom, D. Kloewer, R. Gaede, C. Fretwell.

Third Row: D. Sherk, W. Spray, N. Slocum, R. Doane, R. Baach, J. Phinney, R. Stafford, S. Skaar, A. Stein, J. Fries.



Veteran Volunteer Opportunity

Dessie (Bryant) Myers 1995 BSN shared a great opportunity. (dessiemyers@gmail.com)

Dessie is the Clinical Manager for the ICU at the Iowa City VA. The VA has a National Event every year in the fall called the TEE tournament. We are always looking for volunteers to help with this event. The "duties" are include gold buddy and general runner. It is a fun event with fellow veterans. Here are more particulars:

1. The 2018 NDVTEE Tournament is accepting volunteers!
 - a. The **2018 NDVTEE Tournament will be held September 9-14, 2018**, with registration being on Sunday, September 9th. We are expecting 260 Veteran participants from across the United States to be at this year's event. As always, we will need many volunteers throughout the week. We will try to place you where you have selected to volunteer but it will depend on the needs of our event and our Veteran participants.
 - b. If you or someone you know is willing to help in this rewarding experience, please go to our web site and sign up now! You can sign up at <https://tools.eventpower.com/reg/index/naQpMuE5Wb>. The volunteer website will be open until **May 1st**.
 - c. Keep in mind that the transportation committee needs a few VA Employees to drive government vehicles from their current locations to Riverside Hotel and Casino on Friday, September 7th and drive them back to the original location on Saturday, September 15. If you would be interested in assisting with this process, please contact:
 - i. Lisa Lewis- X6148 lisalewis6@va.gov
 - ii. Laurie Frantz- [319-358-5996](tel:319-358-5996) laurie.frantz@va.gov
 - iii. Allen Moore- X 6280 allen.moore@va.gov



Address for Donations

If you wish to make a donation to the MHBA Operational Fund please send a check made out to the Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Alumni Association to our

Interim Treasurer, Bryce Parker at

[517 South Governor street, Iowa City, IA 52240](#)

Post Sponsors

Would you like to assist new Hawkeyes coming to your duty location? If so please contact MHBA Secretary Katie Hanna ('94). We will put your information in the newsletter so

fellow Hawkeyes can make contact with you and get Intel on their new duty location.

Our current post sponsor's are:

Carlisle Barracks

COL Scott Sanborn ('85)
s2sanborn@yahoo.com

DC Area

Ruben Rangel ('06) thru summer 18
Rangel_ra@yahoo.com

CPT Pat O'Connor ('09)
patrick.k.oconnor.mil@mail.mil
563-543-8556

Ft. Bragg, NC

LTC Steve Fredericks ('97)
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MAJ (r) Sharm Kuch
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515-782-5582

CPT Sam Crothers ('10)
Samuel.crothers@socom.mil
319-855-3033

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CPT Greg Horsley ('11)
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Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, IL

COL Brad Cook ('95)
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563-332-5377

Yakima Training Area, Yakima, WA

CPT Brien Waldron ('11)
brienwaldron@gmail.com
319-389-0756

Please let us know if you would like to serve as a post sponsor in your location or duty station!!

*If you are no longer at this duty station, please email Katie Hanna for corrections at katiebhanna@gmail.com

Financial Assistance Request

Since 1960 approximately 1600 officers have been commissioned through the University of Iowa Army ROTC Department. Over the past two years, the Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Alumni Association (MHBA) has been able to make confirmed contact with 490 alumni. We are continually trying to establish contact with others with the goal of finding everyone.

During the past several years, the MHBA has appealed to alumni for monetary donations and have been able to support the following events:

1. Sponsoring Cadets to attend the Military Ball. In 2015 the alumni funded all MS I-III tickets for the Military Ball. For the last two years, alumni contributions funded tickets for ALL Cadets to attend.
2. Providing transportation for several Cadets to attend a "GORUCK" team building event in 2016 in Indianapolis.
3. Provided over \$600.00 and a plane ticket on very short notice for a Cadet to return to summer training in Germany in 2016 (due to DOD rules governing the training the Cadet was not able to return to Germany).
4. Conducted alumni tailgates and 50-50 raffles for the 2016 Iowa-Iowa State and the 2017 Iowa-Illinois football games.

All of these alumni donations came from calls for assistance throughout the year. We believe the MHBA has now grown to the point where we can start doing more for the U of I Army ROTC Department and our alumni through a fundraising drive, as opposed to "nickel and diming" everyone.

If each of the 490 alumni we are in contact with donated at least \$100.00, we would have \$49,000.00 to start the larger projects we feel would make a more substantial, enduring impact on the Cadets, the Department and our alumni.

"What will you do with that money?" is a very legitimate question and one I would ask. We have set forward several funds that we are asking you to consider supporting.

1. MHBA Operational Fund: This funds our tailgates and reunions; Seed money for additional alumni activities; Hospitality Room at the Military Ball; Alumni Golf outings; Military Ball tickets for cadets; Extracurricular events (i.e. GO RUCK Challenge, etc); Chief of Staff reading library; Emergency Fund (to assist cadets who experience an emergency, similar to Army Emergency Relief); etc. This fund is located at the UI Community Credit Union and is not tax deductible. Unfortunately, when the University consolidated the UI Alumni Association and UI Foundation any money that is contributed to a University of Iowa fund must follow university spending guidelines and we would not be able to use any money donated through the UI Foundation for these events. Any money in excess of \$7,000.00 at the end of the tax year would be moved to the Scholarship Fund.
2. Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. This fund is located at the UI Center for Advancement (formerly the UI Foundation). This is an endowed account and all donations are tax deductible. We will be able to start providing scholarships for Cadets once this account reaches \$50,000.00. Our goal is to reach this mark no later than the beginning of the 2019 school year. We will continue to solicit for this account as the more money that contains, the more Cadets we can assist.
3. Army ROTC Facilities Fund. This fund is also located at the UI Center for Advancement and is tax deductible. Our long term goal is to get a new building for the department or renovating an existing structure however, we know we also need to solicit outside assistance for this to become a reality.

Financial Assistance Request (cont.)

Our plan is to conduct an annual fundraising campaign so we can continually build our resources in order to assist as many cadets as we can with some sort of scholarship. We also believe this can serve as a recruitment tool to attract even more quality young men and women into the program and continue to grow it. Rest assured that 100% of all donations will go toward these endeavors and that we will publish a financial report in each newsletter in order to ensure transparency and accountability.

The MHBAA isn't currently (and won't be in the future) charging membership dues. Every one of us raised our right hand to serve our country and that, in our opinion, is enough dues paid. We are however asking for your financial assistance to give back to an organization that helped mold us into who we are today. If you are financially able, please consider donating \$100 to one of the three funds prior to the end of this calendar year; if you would like to donate more or to all three please do.

To donate to the MHBAA Operational Fund please send a check made out to the Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Alumni Association to our Interim Treasurer, Bryce Parker at [517 South Governor street, Iowa City, IA 52240](https://www.google.com/maps/place/517+South+Governor+Street,+Iowa+City,+IA+52240)

To donate to the Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Alumni Association Scholarship Fund or the Army ROTC Facilities Fund follow these steps to donate online:

1. Go to <http://Givetoiowa.org/armyrotc>
2. Chose the fund you would like to donate to.

Once you make a donation (in any amount) on the website you will receive a letter from the UI Center for Advancement that you will be able to use to deduct the donated amount from your taxes. Please note that there is a place to donate to the "Army ROTC General Fund" on the website. This fund is not controlled by the MHBAA and we cannot use these funds for our activities.

Some may say that achieving the goals we've outlined above is a steep hill to climb, but we believe that maintaining our shared connections, as former and current Army officers, and helping to grow the next generation of Army officers is a noble effort and worth that climb.

Our Current account totals are:

MHBAA - \$3366.77; MHBAA Scholarship Acct - \$1957.00; Army ROTC Facilities Fund - \$522.50.

Thank you for your time and GO HAWKS.



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1st Place Regimental Tactical Meet 1974
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