

Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Alumni Association

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 27 AUG—Order date for Tailgate pickup/no shipping
- 7 SEP—Game Ball Run
- 8 SEP—3rd Annual MHBAA Tailgate

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Board of Directors Elections in September

If you are interested in running for a position, submit a bio to Katie Hanna, MHBAA Board Secretary at katiebhanna@gmail.com

MHBAA Logo and Apparel



The US Army star is centered on our logo emblazoned over a yellow shield, symbolizing the U of I & ROTC (the three organizations we have in common). The lettering is our alumni association and the year it came into existence. The shirts are by Port Authority and are of quality appropriate for business casual. Shirts are for sale at Stitch N Time (POC Jim Halvorson) 319-338-2466 or stitch@gwestoffice.net.

Women's: S-XL - \$32 Men's: S-XL a- \$38
XXL - \$2 extra, XXXL - \$4

\$3 from each sale goes back to MHBAA

Orders made by AUG 27 will be ready for pickup at the SEP 9 tailgate (no shipping fee).

Shipping charges apply to other orders. Items can be embroidered for an add'l \$13 charge.

Special thanks to Melanie Young for getting this setup for us!



Melanie (Pinter) Young, '87, is wearing a women's Large



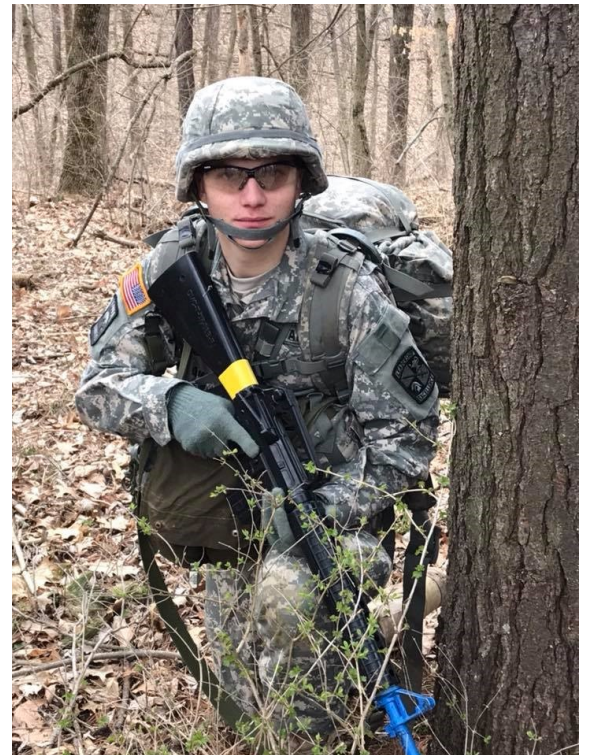
Wreaths Across America

Every December, 15th Wreaths Across America lays Christmas Wreaths at veteran's graves across the country. In an effort to continue to raise money toward our goal of raising funds to support the ROTC Department; we are partnering with Wreathes Across America to help spread the word to purchase wreaths for veteran's graves over Christmas. For every \$15.00 wreath that is donated, \$5.00 will come back to the MHBAA. Please follow this link to donate for as many wreaths as you would like, and please let your friends and family know also, <https://wreathesacrossamerica.org/pages/150713/Overview/?relatedId=16068> All wreaths donated through the MHBAA will be placed at the Iowa Veteran's Cemetery in Van Meter, IA.

Department News



Superlab 22 APR at McBride



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Milestones

Thomas Gorman ('07)

CPT Mark J. Lucas 08' Iowa Army National Guard, crossed paths with CPT Thomas R. Gorman, 8th Army, Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea. Their paths met at MAJ Gorman Promotion Ceremony where Mark pinned one of his shoulder boards.

Congratulations Thomas!



Milestones



Matt Anastasi, ('98)

Matt Anastasi changed command on 24 MAY 18 at Ft. Lee, VA.

The photo shows him passing the colors to COL Wigglesworth, the Army Logistics University Commandant. His Battalion is the Army Logistics University Support Battalion.

His follow on assignment is to Raytheon in El Segundo, CA as

part of the SecDef Corporate Fellowship for the War College for one year.

Congratulations Matt!

Dena Dietzler ('99)

Dena Dietzler was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 5 AUG 18 in Iowa City, Iowa Kimat the Iowa Readiness Center by COL Wesley Golden, 67th Troop Commander. Her husband, mother, and daughters pinned her on. Her brother, sister, and father in law were in attendance and all have served in the military. Most of the 109th MMB attended as well.

Dena was the Commander of the 209th ASMC 2012-2015. Richard (Tank) Bryant, Dena's father, served as the 209th ISG during their deployment to Desert Storm and for many years to follow.

Dena was commissioned as a Signal Corps Officer from the University of Iowa on 15 MAY 1999 where she also received her BS in Education. She transferred to the Medical Service Corps in 2004.

Dena serves as an Administrative Officer for Surgery/Specialty Care at the Iowa City Veteran Affairs Health Care System for her civilian career and serves as the SI for the 67th Troop Command at the Iowa City Readiness Center.

Dena is married to Bryan Dietzler (an Army active duty veteran), her daughters are Cora and Jocelyn Bult.

Congratulations Dena!



Alumni Highlight

Gary Calhoun—Class of 1968

Gary entered the U.S. Army in May 1968 and attended training to become an Army Medevac pilot. He deployed to Viet Nam in May 1969 through May 1970. He flew Medevac missions for the 45th Medical Corps (Air Ambulance) in Long Binh. He also served as an Aide de Camp for Brigadier General David Thomas, Medical Command Viet Nam and Surgeon USARV. Gary flew over 900 hours of medical evacuation combat flights. Gary was shot down and spent the night in the jungle awaiting rescue. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) for his actions and service.

Gary was stationed at the 507th First Medical Attachment, Fort Sam Houston, TX from May 1971-1972. He also co-established the First Medical Assistance to Safety and Traffic (MAST) Unit for the state of Texas. He was honorably discharged in March 1972. Gary also has a Masters of Hospital Administration from Trinity University, San Antonio, TX from 1973.

Gary is married to the former Judy Grovenburg (Iowa 68) of Grinnell, Iowa and they reside in Ann Arbor, Michigan.



“My ROTC Story”

By Cadet Jeffrey Garcia

I was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico to Ronald and Donna Garcia on July 23rd 1997. During high school I was involved in a Marine Corps Junior ROTC program and I learned about College ROTC while I was a part of that program. Because of my age, I was unable to apply for any of the service academies and due to family complications, I was unable to apply for an ROTC scholarship. Despite this, I still had my heart set on joining ROTC and pursuing a commission and so I reached out to the college of my choice, Coe College, and sought out information about the program. I spent the summer before my freshman year getting in better in shape and continued my physical training until I was fit enough to meet the standards to enroll in the program. In September of my first year, I enlisted in the National Guard as a Combat Engineer and I attended OSUT training between my first and second year of college. Upon returning from training I pursued an ROTC contract as an SMP cadet so that I could remain with my guard unit (formerly the 832nd EN Co, currently A Co 224th BEB) and gain valuable leadership experience as both a cadet and a guardsman.

During my second year of college I led a combat engineer platoon during the 5th year of our training cycle with my platoon leader time concluding after my first annual training that summer. Afterwards I attended the ROTC Cyberspace Internship Program in Ft. Meade MD with the NSA and the 780th MI BDE where I worked as a member of a software and hardware development team. During my junior year I began my advanced studies, rounding out my computer science and chemistry knowledge and preparing for my capstone projects. During this time, I also broadened my knowledge of engineer operations and company leadership by shadowing a horizontal company platoon leader and my unit XO.

I attended CST during the summer after my junior year where I graduated second in my platoon before proceeding to the Advanced Cyberspace Education program (ACE) at the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton Ohio. While at ACE I developed a fundamental understanding of offensive and defensive cyber operations. During our capstone project I led a team of my peers as we constructed and defended a network against opposing teams and assaulted their networks in return.

After returning to Coe, I began working on my capstone projects for my chemistry and computer science majors. In chemistry I built a foundational knowledge of inorganic synthesis and am currently working on recreating a synthetic study into the effects of nuclear distance on the viability of qubits for quantum computing. In computer science I am writing software for use in Coe's water quality research as well as a network administration project focused on appraising the effectiveness of our current network architecture in balancing security needs with academic usefulness. I also spent the first 5 months of this academic year leading a heavy equipment platoon in A Co before transferring to C Co 224th BEB so that I could learn about the operations of a signal company.

Throughout the last four years I have held no less than 2 jobs at a time (including IT worker, speaking consultant, and math and science tutor) in addition to taking roughly 20 credit hours each semester. Through these experiences and my everyday interactions with leaders and mentors in both the guard and ROTC, I have learned a great deal about what it means to be a citizen, a soldier, and a leader.

I hope to be an offensive operator, and later lead a team of offensive operators before eventually becoming a senior mission planner or a developer of new technologies or techniques. As a Cyber Officer I hope to be one of the few that will shape the face of cyber warfare for the next generation. Just as the use of military radios during the first world war would change the face of the modern battlefield, I hope to be one of the soldiers that plays a part in shaping tomorrows battlefield.

“My ROTC Story”

By Cadet Michael Acherkan

My ROTC story is a little bit unusual. It does not begin in the United States.

I was born in Russia in 1995 and my family immigrated to the America shortly after. I think being an immigrant, in my case, made me more likely to join the military because I grew up with the knowledge that my parents *wanted* me to be an American.

I grew up in Denver, Colorado where there was always a strong military presence but in truth I did not start seriously thinking about the military until my junior year of high school. I was going to school at Iowa City West High with plans of attending my local University, the University of Iowa. Shortly after graduating high school I started to feel like I did not really know what I wanted to do. Joining the Army is a choice I ended up making because I saw two opportunities in the military that I just didn't see anywhere else. The first, I saw the chance to be a part of the seminal events of the time. I grew up in the post 9/11 world, and the images I saw on TV, of Marines and Soldiers in blown out city squares, on patrol, handing out food and aid, and in combat made a huge impression on me my entire life. I think I was always bound to become one of them. The second, was I felt that being a Soldier is one of the most difficult things anyone can do, and I wanted to do something difficult to prove my potential to myself.

I enlisted in the Army Reserve on October 17, 2013 and I shipped out to basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina on New Year's Eve. I contracted at the University of Iowa shortly after coming back from my semester off. This fall, I will accept a commission as an active duty Infantry Officer.

Alumni Info

3rd Annual MHBAA Tailgate

Third Annual MHBAA Tailgate will be held on the day of the Iowa/Iowa State game which is **8 September**. Kick-off is at 1600 and we will start around 1030/1100 at the Rec Center Lot at the corner of South Capitol and West Court Streets (the same lot as last year). Anyone that would like to attend please rsvp to Luke Peters at luke.peters2325@gmail.com



Address for Donations

If you wish to make a donation 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](#)

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.

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.

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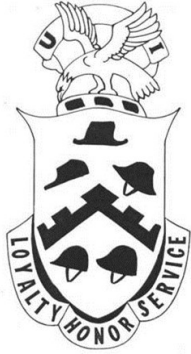
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Please let us know if you would like to serve as a post sponsor in your location or duty station!!

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

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