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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sep 1-14 —
Board Elections
- TBD—Tailgate
- Nov 07 —
Homecoming

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114th Military Ball



The 114th Annual Military was held at the Iowa Memorial Union (IMU) on 22 April 2017 with well over 100 cadets and guests in attendance.

MG(r) Stewart Wallace ('67) was the keynote speaker for the event which included 23 alumni and faculty were able to attend (a huge increase from 8 last year). Additional-

ly, the University Deputy Provost, Dr. Lon Moeller, was able to attend for the second year.

Thanks to the generosity of the MHBAA we were able to cover the cost of every Cadet's admission for the third straight year.

DEPLOYED HAWKEYES



Current Deployed Hawkeys:

CPT Nate Hayes ('09), Commander of HHC 185th CSSB, Iowa Army National Guard in Bagram, Afghanistan.

CPT Todd Van Syoc ('09), S3/S4 for the 401st Army Field Support Battalion in Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar.

ILT Kevin Sipple ('13), Bagram, Afghanistan.

CPT Sam Crothers ('10), 1st Infantry Division in Iraq

CPT Cody Tebbitt ('11), 21 EN BN, 3 BCT, 101 ABN DIV (AASLT), Kandahar, Afghanistan.

If you are currently deployed, returning from deployment or preparing to be deployed let Luke Peters ('89) know and we'll make sure we recognize this in our newsletters. We be-

lieve it is important to keep track of all of our deployed Hawkeys. Remember, even though Ft. Polk is a 3rd world country it doesn't count as a deployment.....

Bill Alteneder

For the last several months we at the MHBAA have been sending letters to alumni that we have physical addresses for but not an email address. On 8 May we received a very nice note from Mrs. Ruth Rowland Alteneder the wife of Bill Alteneder ('56).

Dear Mr. Peters,

I am responding to your MHBAA letter. My husband Alfred (Bill) Alteneder would have been very happy to hear from you but he passed away in May of 2002.

He was commissioned when he finished his first 4 years at Iowa. He went to Korea and

after two years returned to Iowa when I met him on a blind date. He graduated in 1956 and we were married in 1960.

His hometown was Iowa City but we lived first in Fort Dodge, then Chicago and finally here near Toledo, OH. He worked for US Gypsum.

I am a 1955 grad of Iowa in Nursing—a check is enclosed in memory of my husband.

Best of luck in all your activities.

*Ruth Rowland Alteneder—
GO HAWKS*

Mrs. Alteneder enclosed a check for \$50.00 in the name of Bill. Thank you very much ma'am, it is greatly appreciated.

- GO HAWKS

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MILESTONES



Chris Van Fossen ('00)

Chris VanFossen ('00) was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in February 2017. Chris will graduate with a PhD in Nursing from The University of Texas-Austin in August 2017. Upon graduation Chris will be assigned as a Nurse Scientist at the US Army Institute of Surgical Research at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Sergio de la Pena ('78)

On May 18, 2017, Secretary of Defense James Mattis announced that Sergio de la Pena ('78) has been selected for appointment to the Senior Executive Service and for assignment as the deputy assistant secretary of defense for Western Hemisphere Affairs. Mr. de la Pena was most recently CEO of de la Pena Consulting, LLC, where he developed and executed business strategies to strengthen relationships between US businesses and Latin American governments.

Congratulations Mr. de la Pena.

Paul Kilgore ('08)

Paul Kilgore ('08) completed the Army Basic Contracting Course. Paul will be assigned as a Contracting Officer at the Mission and Installation Contracting Command (MICC) at Fort Bragg, NC.



Jared Longfield ('95) at Omaha Beach, June 2016.

HOME BASE IOWA

If you are transitioning from the military or a veteran looking for a new job consider coming back to Iowa. The Home Base Iowa initiative was put forward by former Governor Terry Branstad and Major General Tim Orr, the Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard. With the downsizing of the military, Gov. Branstad and MG Orr recognized an opportunity to recruit veterans and transitioning service members to help them find private-sector careers in Iowa.

In 2014, the Iowa Legislature overwhelmingly passed the Home Base Iowa Act (HBI Act). This act provides the following incentives:

Military Pension Income Tax Exemption: The HBI Act fully exempts military pensions from state income tax.

Permissive Veterans Preference: The State of Iowa and its subdivisions provide veterans preferential treatment in hiring decision. The HBI Act clarifies that it is legal for private businesses to do so as well.

Military Home Ownership

Assistance Program: This one time use grant program offers up to \$5,000.00 to eligible veterans through the Iowa Finance Authority program for the down payment or closing costs of a home. This program can be combined with other programs for up to \$7,500.00 in resources.

Education: The HBI Act grants automatic in-state tuition to veterans, their spouses and their dependents. The State Board of Education is working toward shaping policy for awarding educational credit for skills and training obtained through military service.

Occupational Licensure: The HBI Act directs each of Iowa's occupational licensing boards to adopt rules allowing credit for military training and experience in the licensing process. Further, each board must outline how those licensure restrictions may be eased for spouses of military members and veterans.

License Plates: Eligible applicants will be issued veterans related license plates (i.e. Purple Heart, Bronze Star, etc) at no charge. Veterans will continue to pay applicable vehicle registration fees.

For more information go to <https://www.homebaseiowa.gov/> where you can post a resume, search for job fairs, find businesses that are hiring, etc.



Spring Commissioning

On 12 May 2017, The UI Army ROTC Department commissioned several the newest group of Army Second Lieutenants.

Isaac Anderson ('17) was commissioned in the Adjutant General Corps detailed to the Armor branch. 2LT Anderson is a music major from Davenport, IA, and will serve on active duty.

Daniel Bartz ('17) was commissioned as a Military Intelligence officer detailed to the Infantry. 2LT Bartz is a Marketing major from Rockford, Ill, and will serve on active duty.

Ryan Driscoll ('17) was commissioned as a Military Intelligence officer detailed to the Armor branch. 2LT Driscoll is a Sociology and Political Science major from Clinton, IA, and will serve on active duty.

Dakota Longley ('17) was commissioned in the Medical Service Corps. 2LT Longley is a Health Science major from Concord, Ill, and will serve in the Army Reserve.

Bryce Mann ('17) was commissioned in the Transportation Corps. 2LT Mann is a Political Science major from Waterloo, IA and will serve in the Iowa Army National Guard.

Rachel Schlitter ('17) was commissioned in the Transportation Corps. 2LT Schlitter is an Environmental Science major from Lombard, Ill, and will serve on

active duty.

Gregory Windeknecht ('17) was commissioned as a Military Intelligence officer detailed to the Armor branch. 2LT Windeknecht is an International Relations and Political Science major from Blue Grass, IA and will serve on active duty.



The following Second Lieutenants were commissioned from Coe College on 7 May 2017:

Bradley Fitzpatrick ('17) was commissioned in the Military Police Corps. 2LT Fitzpatrick is a Political Science and History major from Marion, IA, and will serve on active duty.

Kristin Granata ('17) was commissioned as a Quartermaster officer. 2LT Granata is a Biology and Environmental Science major from Plainfield, IL, and will serve on active duty.

Congratulations to all of these new Lieutenants and Hawkeye Battalion Alumni. Always lead from the front.

MAJ Tom Hove ('04)



Major Thomas Hove is retiring with 21 ½ years of combined active and reserve component service. He enlisted in the Illinois Army National Guard in 1995, attended Basic Training in Fort Sill, OK, and Advanced Individual Training in Fort Huachuca, AZ to be an Intelligence Analyst. He was commissioned by the University of Iowa ROTC program in 2004. During his career, he served as a battalion intelligence analyst, Army Airspace Command and Control NCOIC, Assistant Battalion S2, Battalion S2, Platoon Leader, Traditional Commander's Activities Coordinator, Assistant Operations Officer, Operations Officer, Assistant Air & Missile Defense Officer, and Facilities Engineer, and Area Operations Engineer Officer. He participated in Hurricane Katrina Relief Operations and Operation Enduring Freedom. His additional deployments include: Barbados as a TCA Coordinator in the US Embassy-Eastern Caribbean (2007); Chile, Colombia, Dominican

Republic, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, and Peru as a member of the US Southern Command Staff (2007-2010), Poland as a member of the Illinois Army National Guard's Bilateral Embedded Staff Team (2013, 2014), and Korea as a member of the 244th Digital Liaison Detachment (2017).

Tom has been assigned to the following units: 1/202 ADA Bn (ILARNG), 2/106th Cavalry (ILARNG), 3/265th ADA Bn (FLARNG), US Military Liaison Office-Eastern Caribbean (Joint), US Southern Command (Joint), 244th Army Liaison Team (ILARNG), Bilateral Embedded Staff Team A-10 (ILARNG), 244th Digital Liaison Detachment (ILARNG), 1886th Engineer Facilities Detachment (ILARNG), and 404th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (ILARNG). His military and civilian educa-

tion includes Military Intelligence Analyst Course, Primary Leadership Development Course, Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic Course, Engineer Captains Career Course, Tactical Information Operations Course (Distinguished Honor Graduate), Defense Support to Civil Authority Level I Course, and Consequence Management Course (Joint); a Bachelor in Science degree from the University of Iowa with a major in Athletic Training, a Master of Healthcare Administration Degree from the University of Illinois-Chicago, and a Master of Prosthetics and Orthotics degree from Northwestern University.

Tom's awards and decorations include: Joint Meritorious Unit Award (2), Meritorious Unit Commendation, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commen-

dation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3), Joint Service Achievement Medal (2), Army Achievement Medal (4), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (5), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal (2), Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (w/ Mobilization Device), NATO International Security Assistance Force Medal, Bronze Medal of the Polish Army, Afghan Star of the Polish Armed Forces, Army Overseas Service Ribbon (2), Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, Louisiana Emergency Service Commendation Medal, Illinois Long & Honorable Service Medals (2), Illinois Lincoln Medal of Freedom, Illinois Military Attendance Ribbon (6), and the Illinois State Active Duty Medal.



Andy Anderson (Fmr APMS), second from left, and Janice King ('88), second from right, were at Normandy in 2016.

Post Sponsors

Would you like to assist new Hawkeyes coming to your duty location? If so please contact MHBA Secretary Luke Peters ('89). 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:

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Above: Joel Miller ('88), Right in picture, and US Rep Steve King (IA-4) show their Hawkeye Pride in Iraq. Left: Brien Waldron ('11) scuba dives with the Hawks in the Siani during a MFO deployment.

Commissioning Anniversaries

Class of '67— 50 YEAR

Top Row (L-R): Richard Beaver, Raymond Beemer, [Robert Bierscheid](#), Ted Boston, Darrel Brown, [Gary Calhoun](#), [Don Carlson](#), Kenneth Collman, Kenton Coons, Alvin Davenport, Thomas Elstad, Thomas Fennelly

Row 2 (L-R): Charles Fields, *Phillip Gee*, David Gervich, Gary Goldsmith, Charles Halverson, Brooke Harris, Jack Hazan, *Randall Heim*, [Raymond Helmer](#), Ralph Herring, William Hierstein, Francis Holt

Row 3 (L-R): Dennis Houl, Frank Iossi, Greg Irwin, [Jay Jeffries](#), James Johnston, Myron Kautsch, Thomas Kuntson, Jeffrey Lewis, *William Love*, James McHugh, Donald Mehrens, Donald Montgomery

Row 4 (L-R): Stephen Moss, [Terry Mulligan](#), Peyton Narum, David Nolte, [John Peil](#), Robert Person, Marc Peterson, Thomas Roberson, James Rochette, John Roof, Marck Roth, John Scherrer

Row 5 (L-R): Elton Sheets, David Simpson, Thomas Skillcorn, Randy Sprout, [Kenny Steelman](#), Robert Swanson, *Eldon Van Arkel*, [Stewart Wallace](#), Wayne Walters, Van Wells, George White

Photo from the 1967 Hawkeye Yearbook p. 274

** Names in [Blue](#) are the alumni that the MHBA has confirmed contact with; Names in *italics* are alumni that have passed away.



Commissioning Anniversaries

Class of '77— 40 YEAR

Bruce Bennion, Duane Boggs, Donald Arnold, David Gaule, [James Gilliam](#), [Daniel Greenber](#), [Larry Hanson](#), Paul Hollingsworth, Craig Solyntjes, James Harvey, John Morrell, Michael Hall, Ronald Horn, Paul Laue, Michael St. Germain

Class of '87— 30 YEAR

David Berg, Todd Boothroyd, [Jeff Borland](#), [Danny Bottoms](#), [Joel Clark](#), [Steven Dean](#), Michael Faley, [John Gabby](#), [Daniel Hlase](#), [Chris Higgins](#), [Dwight Kellicut](#), [Paul Kenney](#), [Mitch Kilgo](#), [Karl Kraus](#), [Cathy Mallary](#), Cameron Miles, [Brett Mott](#), [Roger Nell](#), [Melanie \(Pinter\) Young](#), Brian Porter, John Shin, [Kurt Karnsted](#), [Dan Darland](#), [Robert Levis](#), [Robert Moriarty](#), Leland Belding, [Michael Brothers](#), Shawn Cheney, [Ronald Frantz](#), [Lonnie Lenaburg](#), Michael Reil

Class of '97— 20 YEAR

Christian Anderson, Jason Bavlnka, [Zach Buettner](#), [Steven Fredericks II](#), [Benjamin Seeley](#), [Bruce Thoms](#)

Class of '07— 10 YEAR

[Jaclyn Adams](#), [Jamie Clasen](#), [Thackery Faugstad](#), [Thomas Gorman](#), [Shane McKinley](#), [Benjamin Johnston](#), [Eric Lamp](#), [Lindsay \(Larson\) Fones](#), [Collin McKinley](#), [Mark Omundson](#), [Calvin Shadden](#), [Spencer Shields](#), [Kara \(Vanderkrol\) Young](#), [Emily Vorland](#), [Kenneth Wall](#)

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Reconnections

We are continually trying to reconnect/connect with our alumni. Here are the alumni we have "found" since the January Newsletter:

Don Adams III ('61)
 Jaclyn Adams ('07)
 Jeffery Adams ('03)
 Kurt Adams ('93)
 Jim Andrew ('71)
 Andre Bell ('90)
 Robert Berens ('49)
 Robert Blank ('59)
 Norm Briggs ('67)
 Chelsea Brinson ('14)
 Don Carlson ('67)
 Orwin Carter ('64)
 Matt Clark ('95)
 Steve Clarke ('98)

Mike DeBoer ('96)
 Dena Dietzler (Bult) ('99)
 Dan Drewiske ('09)
 Josh Busard ('99)
 Lindsay Fones (Larson) ('07)
 Juan Garcia ('03)
 Bobbie Galiotos (Noack) ('98)
 Thomas Gorman ('07)
 Dan Halse ('87)
 Adam Heckelsmiller ('14)
 Joe Honeck ('12)
 Jay Jeffries ('67)
 Steve Jones ('96)
 Mitchell Kilgo ('87)
 Larry Kudej ('73)
 Mike Magnusson ('94)
 Robert Mahowald ('85)
 Sheryl Maxwell ('94)
 Collin McKinley ('07)

Shane McKinley (Hunt) ('07)
 Craig Meling ('98)
 Devin Miller ('99)
 Laura Miller (Walker) ('08)
 Tom Moore ('61)
 Robert Moriarty ('87)
 Terry Mulligan ('67)
 Ashlie Obrecht (Rueber) ('08)
 John Peil ('67)
 Chad Pickering ('15)
 Alex Repsholdt ('13)
 Ruth Rich ('89)
 Spencer Shields ('07)
 Andrew Smith ('10)
 Mollie Steele (Sabo) ('99)
 Ken Steelman ('67)
 Dave Sullivan ('72)
 August Taddeo ('16)
 Cody Thompson ('09)

James Updegraff ('66)
 Chris VanFosson ('00)
 Sony Vo ('09)
 Kenneth Wall ('07)
 Kara Young (Vandekrol) ('07)

* If you know of alumni that don't know about the MHBAA please have them contact Luke Peters at luke.peters2325@gmail.com

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DID YOU KNOW- The University of Iowa Army ROTC Department ran a pilot training program. Pictured are the 1968 seniors that participated in the program: (L-R) Richard Miller; Steven Fredericks; Allen Morgan; James Kerr; John Hotz; Robert Penwell. Picture from the 1968 Hawkeye Yearbook, p. 260.