

Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Alumni Association

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 14 April—
Military Ball
- 11 May—Spring
Commissioning

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Let's Have a Ball!!



*Lieutenant Colonel Zachary Buettner and
The Cadets of The Mighty Hawkeye Battalion
Respectfully request the honor of your presence at
The University of Iowa Army ROTC Military Ball
on Saturday, the 14th of April 2018
at five o'clock in the evening
at the Iowa Memorial Union
125 North Madison Street, Iowa City, IA 52242*

Menu

- #1 – Almond Crusted Chicken Breast
- #2 – Herb Roasted Sirloin Strip with Merlot Glaze
- #3 – White Cheddar Mac & Cheese Stuffed Poblano Pepper (Vegetarian)

\$30 per person

R.S.V.P. NLT 6 April 2018

Military: Dress Mess or ASU with Bow Tie

Civilian: Tuxedo or Business Suit

*Return this form with your payment to:
Call (319)335-9187 University of Iowa Army ROTC
101 South Quad
ATTN: Sharyl Grim
Iowa City, IA 52242*

The MHBAA is asking alumni to support our campaign to **sponsor cadets** to attend the Military Ball. If you are able to, please fill out the form or send a check to Sharyl Grim to cover the cost of a ticket (s). Thanks for considering support to these future leaders!

Name . _____ *Rank* _____ *Menu #* _____

Guest Name _____ *Rank* _____ *Menu #* _____

Request seating next to _____

Amount remitted: .

Cash

Check (please make checks payable to U of I Army ROTC

I would like to sponsor _____ Cadet(s) to attend the MHBAA Military Ball

Department News



The Department is teaming with the AF ROTC and sending a joint team to participate in the Bataan Death March at White Sands Missile Range later this spring. CPT DeLeon will chaperone, and participate with, 3 Army & 2 AF Cadets.



Six cadets will participate in the Cultural Language and Understanding Program (CULP). UI cadets will travel to Angola, Argentina, Guyana, Mozambique, Paraguay and Senegal this summer. LTC Buettner will be the CULP commander for cadets going to Poland.

Military Ball

We would love to see as many of our alumni as possible at this years Military Ball. Please join us if you can to show the next generation of leaders how important these military traditions are.



Cadets tackle an obstacle at the Fall



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@HawkeyeBnAlumni

MILESTONES

Chris Hanna ('94)

Chris Hanna retired from the United States Army on March 31st, 2017 with over 23 years of service.

Chris was commissioned as a Field Artillery Officer from the University of Iowa on 14 MAY 1994 where he also received his BA in English.

Chris served in numerous positions on active duty to include: Service Battery Commander, MITT Operations Advisor and Effects Coordinator, Brigade FSO, Battalion S3, Brigade Rear Detachment Commander for 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division,

Operations Officer and DCO for 19th BCD, G33&35 for FIRES Center of Excellence, and Chief of Lethal Fires for Combined Joint Task Force, Operation Inherent Resolve.

Chris and his wife Katie ('94), and their four children make their home near Boston, Massachusetts.

Congratulations Chris.



Chris retires at the Fort Sill, Oklahoma Post Retirement Ceremony escorted by the Half Section.



Katie Boesen Hanna ('94)

Katie Hanna was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 23 FEB 18 in Falls Church, VA at the Office of the Surgeon General by BG Jill Faris, Deputy Surgeon for National Guard Affairs. Her husband and children pinner her on, while her father-in-law, COL (ret.) John Hanna (U of Iowa Medical School Grad Class of 1979) gave her the Oath of Office.

Katie was commissioned as a Medical Service Corps Officer from the University of Iowa on 14 MAY 1994 where she also received her BS in Psychology.

Katie serves as an Operations Officer in the Office of the Surgeon General, Reserve Affairs.

Katie is married to Chris Hanna ('94), and they four children. Congratulations Katie.

Alumni Highlight

Brien Waldron, class of '11, is the J1 for the HRF (Homeland Response Force), a Brigade level staff overseeing multiple Chemical Enhanced Response Force-Package's (CERF-Ps) or CBRN Task Force's and Civil Support Team's (CSTs) in the event of an incident. He recently participated in an exercise in Alaska called "Arctic Eagle."



Approximately 250 Air and Army Guard members and personnel from other agencies participated in Exercise Arctic Eagle 2018 during field training exercises in Valdez, Feb. 21 to Feb. 26. Arctic Eagle 2018 is a statewide exercise involving national, state and local agencies designed to provide opportunities for 1,100 participants to conduct sustained operations in arctic conditions. National Guard members from Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Indiana, South Dakota, Utah and Washington participated in cold weather training in Valdez on Feb. 22.

Waldron stated "Probably 2/3rds of the mission was just air loading all of our equipment up there and then moving from Whittier to Valdez via ferry boat (6 hour ferry ride) after passing through the Whittier Tunnel." He also stated, "I didn't get to play in the over night incident that was real world. They only woke up mission critical personnel. But all the same it was a cool mission and one that a majority of Guard (or even active duty) soldiers don't even know exists." Brien shared "Some of the Title 10 officers that I was talking to are ready to jump ship to check it out now that they are aware. It was a pretty cool mission!"

Links to the PAO story for the exercise can be found at the following links:

<https://www.facebook.com/AlaskaNationalGuard/videos/10156135917841796/>

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/268693/alaska-national-guard-advances-fortifies-arctic-emergency-response>

Waldron also stated, "we had an unfortunate real world activity while we were there for the exercise,"

<http://www.valdezstar.net/story/2018/02/28/main-news/crash-of-oil-tanker-at-dayville-road-intersection-prompts-massive-response/1839.html?m=false>



Photo By [2nd Lt. Marisa Lindsay](#) | Members of the decontamination team assigned to the 103rd Civil Support Team, Alaska Army National Guard, prepare to conduct radiological reconnaissance during exercise Arctic Eagle in Valdez, Alaska, Feb. 23, 2018. The goals of AE18 are for participating forces to operate in a joint, interagency, intergovernmental and multinational environment; assess ability to conduct sustained operations in arctic conditions, and integrate new and emerging capabilities.

Brien welcomed Leif James on July 23rd. Congrats! He had to leave him for about 3 weeks to fight wildfires in September. Busy Dad!



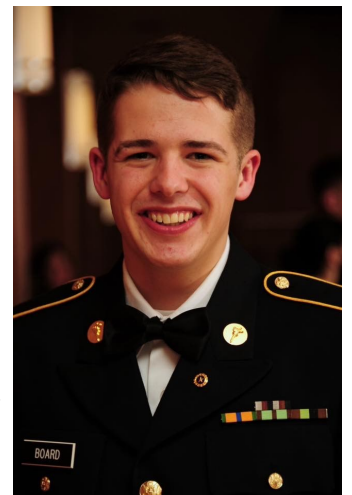
“My ROTC Story”

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By Cadet Tyler Board

My name is Tyler Board, and I am from McKinney, Texas. I am a 2014 graduate of McKinney North High School. Throughout high school, I knew I wanted to go to college but at the same time be a part of the Army. I grew up in military family, where we have served in every modern-era war. My great grandfather served in World War II and Korea, my grandfather served in Vietnam, my father served in Desert Storm, and my oldest brother served in Afghanistan. Being a part of the military was in my family’s DNA. In 2010, my oldest brother, Cody, was KIA in Afghanistan. My brother’s sacrifice was the ultimate reason I decided to pursue the Army. I then decided to follow my dad’s footsteps and attend West Point. My junior and senior year were dedicated to try and receive a nomination and appointment to West Point. However, I knew I needed a backup plan just in case I did not receive an appointment. I decided to apply for the National Army ROTC scholarship as well. I can thank my Godfather, Dave, for that. Dave is a retired Lieutenant Colonel and former Professor of Military Science at the University of Iowa. He is the one who gave me advice and information about ROTC. During my senior of high school I received news that I would not be getting a nomination for West Point. A month later, I received news that I had been given a three year A.D. scholarship for ROTC. Now it was time to pick a school that I wanted to attend. My Godfather, Dave, then encouraged me to look at the University of Iowa. On top of that, Cadet Command notified me that they would now be giving me a four year scholarship.

Four years later, I am a Senior, and Army ROTC Cadet at the University of Iowa. In May, I will be Commissioning as a Second Lieutenant into the Military Police Corps. Joining ROTC has been one of the best decisions I have made in my life. ROTC has done so much for me than just pay for my school. It has prepared me to become an Officer in the United States Army. ROTC allows you to stand out from your other college peers. On top of being a college student, you are also training to become an Officer, which means being up at the crack of dawn for Physical Training (PT), Field Training Exercises, and summer training. ROTC has given me a lot of opportunities for my career in the Army. I had the privilege of attending Air Assault School where I learned how to sling load equipment off helicopters and rappel 90 feet out of a UH-60 Blackhawk. ROTC and the Army in general have also allowed me to meet some of the best men and women America has to offer. ROTC is one of the best decisions I have ever made. I know that I’m well prepared to be an Army Officer and



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.

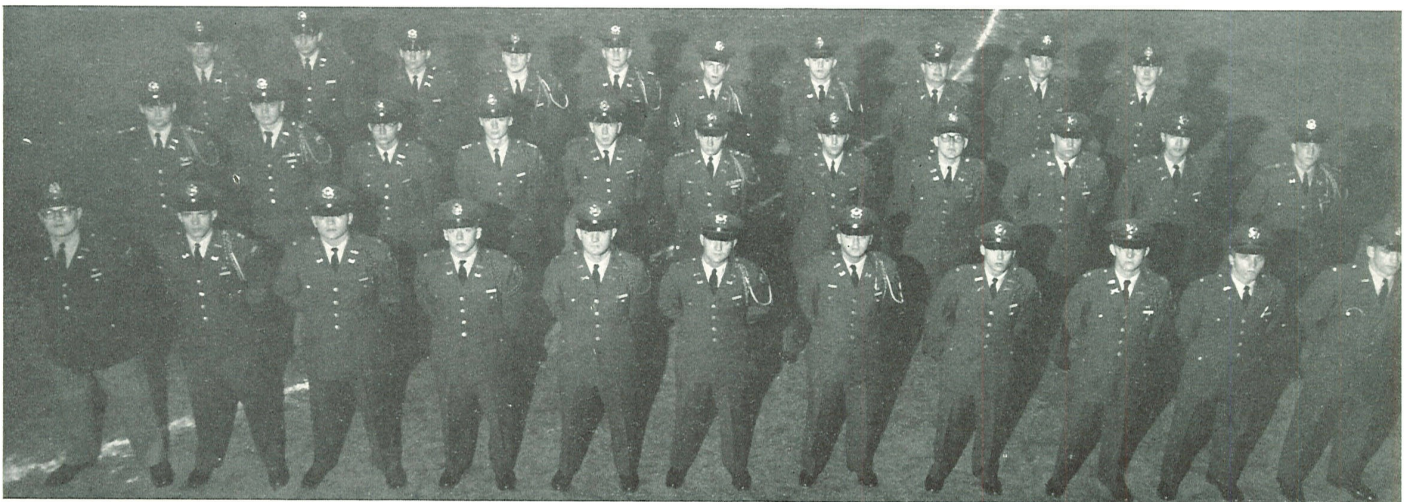
Third Row: B. Dorfman, W. Hise, E. Karlenzig, J. Grandrath, W. Burns, H. Haugen, D. Rochau, J. Bouma, J. Price, D. Whitehead, L. Sprowls.

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.



Spring Commissioning

On 11 May, 2018 the University of Iowa Army ROTC Department will have Spring commissioning. This will take place at Iowa's iconic venue, Kinnick Stadium in a press box.

We will keep you posted in the next issue. The MHBAA will again provide a set of OCP rank for these cadets as a symbol of our support to their future in the Army. Hooah!



Farewell and Godspeed

Our MHBAA Treasurer, Joe Poch, is deploying this month. We wish him a safe and speedy return. During his absence, Bryce Parker, '10, has stepped up to be the interim MHBAA Treasurer.

Address Change 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](#)

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)
Steven.fredericksii@gmail.com
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MAJ (r) Sharm Kuch
Sharm.kuch@yahoo.com
910-286-5266

CPT Paul Kilgore ('09)
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515-782-5582

Ft. Campbell, KY (thru MAY 18)

Nicholaus Cortez ('08)
Nicholaus.j.cortez.mil@soar.army.mil
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Ft. Carson, CO

CPT Greg Horsley ('11)
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Italy

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COL ® Karl Krause ('87)
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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)
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319-389-0756

Good News Story!

Alum Brad Cook, Rock Island Army Arsenal, IL was contacted by an alum PCSing from Hawaii to Rock Island. He found the contact in a previous newsletter. Brad was able to provide local housing & commute info. Way to connect! Go Hawks!

*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.



Commissioning Anniversaries

Class of '58— 60 YEAR

John Calhoun

Class of '68— 50 YEAR

Richard Allan; [David Arkovich](#); [H. Dennis Brown](#); Steven Brown; Dennis Bull; *Thomas Dostal (Vietnam-1969)*; Willis Roberts

* These are the only names I've been able to find from the commissioning class of '68. If anyone knows of the names of any other alumni from this class please contact Luke Peters at luke.peters2325@gmail.com.

Class of '78— 40 YEAR

Burton Adrian; Thomas Anderson; Stanely Bemby; [Randy Borland](#); *Gerald Brockus*; Paul Busch; Mark Dawson; [Sergio de la Pena](#); Vincent Figliomeni; Marcus Henley; Thomas Mapp; [Kent Morgan](#); James Morse; John Strovers; Floyd Williams; Jolund Luther; *Ronald Determan*; Steven Froniabarger; Glen Hollingsworth; James Lund; [Randy Spilde](#); [Jeff Thurman](#)

Class of '88— 30 YEAR

[Dave Ashton](#); [Brian Clubb](#); [Nick Fuller](#); [Claire Gallardo](#); [Orville Gardner](#); Brett Kelly; Nathan Maypole; John Vogel; Stephen West; Michael Whitaker; Michael Whited; David Williamson; [Joel Miller](#); Brad Clark; Irene Carillo; Douglas Harper; [Rob Hedgepeth](#); [Todd Jacobus](#); Theodore Johanns; [Kevin Loney](#); [Janice \(Ripley\) King](#); [Kevin Kruse](#)

Class of '98— 20 YEAR

[Matthew Anastasi](#); [Kevan Bakewell](#); Theresa Ball; Leisa Birch-Horn; [Steven Clarke](#); [Shane Garrison](#); [Laura Hanna-Bergen](#); Robert Hruska; Richard Jacobson; [Craig Meling](#); [Timothy McCulloh](#); [Bobbie \(Noack\) Galiotos](#); Shawn Pecinovsky; [Todd Prichard](#); Ryan Ward; [Nathaniel Weaton](#); Benjamin Pugh; [Andy Chenoweth](#)

Class of '08— 10 YEAR

[Tadashi Abe](#); Ryan Anderson; [Mark Chappen](#); [Daniel Corn](#); [Nicolaus Cortez](#); [Stephen Gauger](#); Rebecca Hawkins; [Casey Keenan](#); [Blake Kinnetz](#); [Ryan Lett](#); [Mark Lucas](#); [Anthony McClanahan](#); Ronald Mortenson; [Jason Neff](#); Nicholas Rasmussen; [Ashlie \(Rueber\) Obrecht](#); Tyler Smith; [Michael Stevenson](#); [Adam Stoddard](#); [Laura \(Walker\) Miller](#)

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

Reconnections

We are continually trying to reconnect/connect with our alumni. No new alumni "found" since the January Newsletter.

* If you know of alumni that don't know about the MHBAA please have them contact Katie Hanna at katiebhanna@gmail.com

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1st Place Regimental Tactical Meet 1974
 left to right
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 Back Row
 Ron Horn, Garry, Vesely, Lonnie Veldhouse, Dave Maliszewski, Craig Selyntjes