



Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Alumni Association

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 6 OCT— Iowa vs. Minnesota

Game Ball Run 2018



UI ROTC Cadets, along with PMS Zach Buettner and cadre, accept the game ball from UI Coach Kirk Ferentz.

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MHBAA Board Openings

We have 5 Board positions coming open.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Katie Hanna,
katiebhanna@gmail.com

Department News



Scholarship Awardees: Phillip Luba, Zachary Silver, Gabriel Bautista, and Kohl Kraus



Game Ball Run



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[@HawkeyeBnAlumni](https://twitter.com/HawkeyeBnAlumni)

Milestones

Nick Cortez ('08) and Jamie Clasen ('07)

Both Nick and Jamie are students at the Command and General Staff Officer College, Fort Leavenworth, KS.

Go Hawkeyes! Way to represent!



UI ROTC Cadets prepare to do the Game Ball Run.



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 Wreaths 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 <https://wreathscrossamerica.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.



“My ROTC Story”

By Cadet Christian Zvokel

I have been driven to serve in the military from a young age. Joining the military is one of the oldest goals I remember having. I do not have any immediate relatives that have served, although some of my grandparents and great-grandparents did. When I was a kid, I wanted to join the Air Force and be a pilot. Near the end of high school, however, I had changed my mind and decided I wanted to join the Army. Originally, I planned on enlisting immediately after graduation, but advice from a relative steered me toward going to college first and joining an ROTC program.

So, after I graduated high school, I went to the University of Iowa and enrolled in Army ROTC. I competed for a scholarship first semester of my first year, and I got one. After my first year as an enrolled cadet, I went to Fort Knox for Cadet Initial Entry Training (CIET). Upon my return to Iowa, at the beginning of my second year, my scholarship began, and I became a contracted cadet. Now, as graduation approaches, I know that I will commission as an Armor officer. After a few years I will transition to Military Intelligence. I have been given a training date of February 27th, 2019, although I hope that date will be moved up. I am excited to commission as a 2nd Lieutenant, and fulfill my dream of military service.

Alumni Info

3rd Annual MHBAA Tailgate

Third Annual MHBAA Tailgate was held before the Iowa/Iowa State game which is 8 September. Good fun and food was had by all. Thanks to all who were able to make it out!



Included are alumni David Pinter '89 and Melanie Pinter Young '87 with family members making the Tailgater a family affair!

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 MHBAA 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:

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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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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@qwestoffice.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****

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