

# Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Alumni Association

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 13 April—Military Ball & In Person Board Meeting

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## 2019 MHBAA Board of Directors:

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Secretary	Katie Hanna
Treasurer	Melanie Young
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Thanks for your willingness to serve! Special Thanks to Luke Peters for serving as our President last year!

## New MHBAA WEBSITE!!

The new MHBAA Website is online...check it out!

<http://www.mhbaa.com>

This is a great resource for all alumni featuring information, newsletters, and meeting minutes and resources linked to our committees and endeavors.

Also, there are links to fundraising opportunities and MHBAA merchandise.

# Get the MHBAA Look!



New MHBAA  
Logo Apparel

## 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](mailto: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.

Contact Melanie Young with any apparel questions or suggestions: [meceyoung@gmail.com](mailto:meceyoung@gmail.com)

# Department News



Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Cadets rappel into a Hawkeye Basketball game at Carver Hawkeye Arena!



PMS Zach Buettner awards Brett Shutts a 2 year scholarship at Coe College on behalf of Cadet Command.

Congrats!

Follow the MHBAA on Twitter:

@HawkeyeBnAlumni

# Milestones



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

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

Go Hawkeyes! Way to represent!



## Alum **MG Stewart Wallace** and **PMS LTC Zach Buettner**

present Hawkeye Distinguished Veteran's Awards at Iowa Memorial Union. MG Wallace was the keynote speaker.





## 2018 Alumni Color Guard

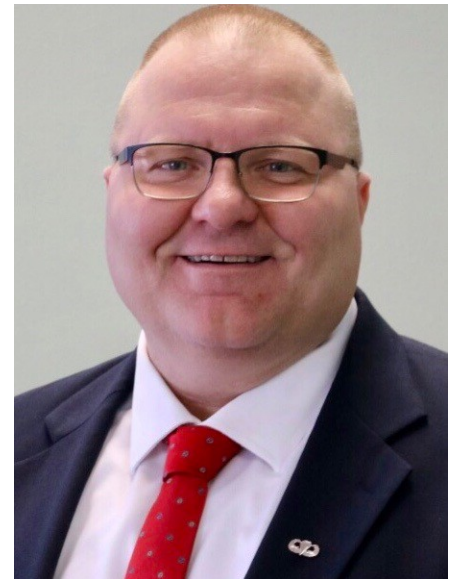
COL Karl Kraus, 1989

Cadet Kohl Kraus, 2022

LTC (Ret.) Steve Fredericks, I. 1969

LTC (Ret.) Steve Fredericks. II. 1997

ISG (Ret.) Allen Moore



## Richards for Congress! Iowa's 4th District

Bret Richards is a third generation Iowan, MHBA Class of 1995, and is running to represent Iowa's 4th District in Congress. He graduated from Iowa with a degree in Civil Engineering and married fellow Iowa Alum, Jill Borchert. Following active duty, Bret and Jill returned to Iowa to raise their family in their hometown of Irwin, IA. He helped work in his growing family business. He also continued his education with a Masters in Leadership and a Ph.D in Human Capital Management from Bellevue University. He has had several adjunct professor positions, most currently with Creighton University. Bret is very active in the community including coaching baseball and basketball. He sat on the school improvement advisory committee for five years. He was a city councilman for three years and the mayor of Irwin for two years. He is also the president of the board of directors for the Manning Regional Healthcare Center. His top issues are: Rural Prosperity and agricultural success, healthcare costs, Veterans, Renewable fuels, and debt and deficit.

His FB page is: Richards4Congress

Webpage: richardsforcongress.com

## Hawkeye Game Watch

Alumni David Pinter '89 and Kyle Kolthoff '89 reunite on the field!



Five Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Alumni and their sons! (Brett Chenoweth, Kyle Kolthoff, Karl Kraus, Kevin Gamble, David Pinter ) with Cadets Chenoweth x 2 and Cadet Kraus gathered for the game against Northwestern...a few even made it onto the field!

Alums Courtney Gustin, '01, Katie Hanna, '94 & Chris Hanna, '94 at the Office of the Surgeon General Holiday Ball in Falls Church, VA



MHBAA Alums Katie Hanna ('94) and Courtney Gustin('01)  
With the Surgeon General of the U.S. ,  
(Dr.) Vice Admiral Jerome Adams.

# 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 add you to the newsletter so fellow Hawkeyes can make contact 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](mailto:katiebhanna@gmail.com)

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**ALL DONATIONS ARE WELCOME!**

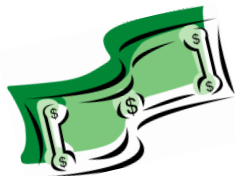
If you wish to make a donation to the MHBAA Operational Fund please send a check made out to the Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Alumni Association to our

**Treasurer, *Melanie Young* at**

**805 Melville Avenue West Burlington, IA 52655**

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.