

# Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Alumni Association

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 23 AUG—  
MHBA Board  
Nominations due
- 31 AUG: 1st  
Home game
- 1-5 SEP 19 :  
MHBA Board  
Elections

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## GOLDRUSH!!

LETS REPRESENT at the ARY TENMILER!!

We are sending a **running team** to the Army Tenmiler! With the support of the Quad Cities AUSA, we have some funding.

We still need to fly each cadet to DC. This cost is approximately \$300-400 per cadet.

**Donations** for the Iowa Army ROTC Cadets to compete in the Army

Tenmiler can be made to:

<https://goldrush.uiowa.edu/project/15999>

**Donations through this link** will go directly to our Foundation account and the donations are tax deductible. Checks can also be sent to Sharyl and she will deposit them into the account.

Make **checks** to: UI Army ROTC, ATTN: Sharyl Grim. Dept of Military Science

107 South Quad, IA City, IA, 52242

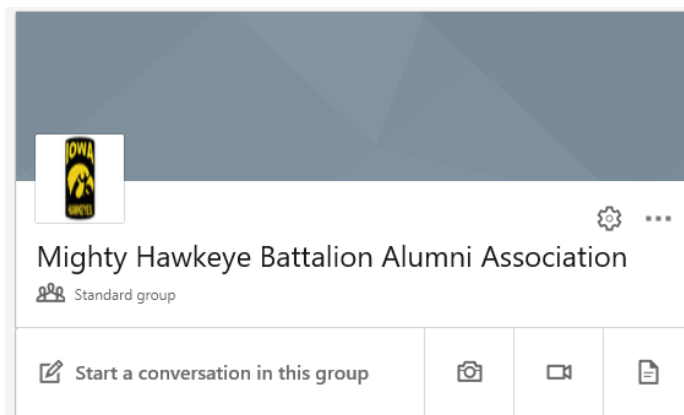


## Are you ?

We are looking to connect with  
Mighty Hawkeye Battalion

Alumni!

Send us a request on Linked In!



## Seeking MHBAA Board Nominations

The Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Alumni Association is seeking board nominations. These can either be self-nominated or nominated by another Alumni. Please send nominations and a short bio to MHBAA Secretary Katie Hanna: [katiebhanna@gmail.com](mailto:katiebhanna@gmail.com) by FRI AUG 23.

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## Homecoming Tailgater!

OCT 19, 11:00 am kickoff (vs. Purdue)

Tailgate starts at 0800.

Location near Sheriffs Dept and Rec Center.

Rsvp to Luke Peters at [abnhawk@mchsi.com](mailto:abnhawk@mchsi.com)

By SEP 15 if interested in attending

# MHBAA Cadet Mentorship Program

It's time to start looking for mentor volunteers for this year's Mighty Hawkeye Battalion MSIV class! This will be our third year of pairing MHBAA mentors with the senior cadets before they graduate and our first year working with the new U. Iowa Army ROTC Professor of Military Science, LTC Kevin Salge.

The purpose of this mentorship program is to provide a way for MHBAA members to 'give back' to support the next generation of warrior-leaders coming through the Iowa Army ROTC Program. We try to provide additional perspective (based on our real-world military careers and experiences) to what MSIV cadets already receive from the U Iowa Army ROTC staff and faculty; hopefully enabling them to become better leaders and learn from lessons that many of learned the 'hard way.' A couple of mentor excerpts from this past year's AAR summarize the program benefits (to both cadets and mentors):

*"Both CDTs mentioned that they enjoyed being able to have candid conversations about career progression, assignments, and navigating Army and civilian career opportunities after school."*

*"Any time I get to engage with someone else in this type of capacity forces me to learn and grow. This is a two way street, I am looking forward to hearing more about my mentee's experiences at Ft. Lee and also his take on the logistics community."*

*"I enjoyed the opportunity to connect with my Cadet. She was interesting, respectful and ready to attack! It feels good to continue paying it forward and happy to support future efforts."*

*"As an APMS at a different school the MHBAA and this type of initiative has been a model upon which our program has begun to explore."*

If any of these comments interest you and you'd like to volunteer to possibly mentor a cadet during this upcoming academic year, please look for an e-mail you should be receiving soon with all the information. If you don't want to wait, please e-mail me, Brad Cook (the MHBAA Mentorship Program Manager at [bjasonc73@yahoo.com](mailto:bjasonc73@yahoo.com)) for more information. NOTE - I need to receive biographies from any interested volunteers by Saturday, 31 August 2019!

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you supporting our cadets.

Go Hawks!

Brad Cook (class of 1995)  
Strategic Vision Committee



# Department News

## WELCOME New UI Army ROTC PMS!!



Lieutenant Colonel Kevin A. Salge hails from Clear Lake, Iowa. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Infantry in 1999 from the University of Iowa. Following attendance at the Infantry Officer Basic Course, LTC Salge was assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 87<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division in Ft. Drum, New York where he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Scout Platoon Leader, and Headquarters and Headquarters Company Executive Officer. During this assignment he deployed to Egypt in support of Multi-National Forces and Observers-Sinai. Prior to the Maneuver Captains Career Course, LTC Salge commanded a company in 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment training new Infantry Soldiers at Fort Benning, Georgia.

After attendance at the Maneuver Captains Career Course, LTC Salge was assigned to 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 20<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division (SBCT) in Fort Lewis, Washington as an Assistant Operations Officer. In April 2006 he assumed command of Alpha Company in 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment. LTC Salge deployed his company to Iraq, conducting operations in Baghdad and Baqubah over a fifteen month period.

After command, LTC Salge served as an Observer/Controller Trainer in 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 307<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment in Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania working with the Pennsylvania National Guard. During this assignment he was selected as the aide-de-camp to the Commanding General for 1<sup>st</sup> Army Division East in Fort Meade, Maryland. Following this assignment, LTC Salge attended the Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He was then assigned to the 172<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade in Grafenwoehr, Germany where he served as the Battalion Operations Officer in 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment. He deployed with the battalion to Afghanistan, coordinating operations in Nangarhar and Ghazi provinces. Upon redeployment, LTC Salge served as the Brigade Executive Officer and coordinated the inactivation of the 172<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade.

Following this assignment, LTC Salge was assigned to United States Pacific Command in Camp Smith, Hawaii where he served as the Future Operations Counter Terrorism Planner in the Operations Directorate. In November 2016, LTC Salge was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas where he served as the Deputy G3.

Most recently, LTC Salge served as the battalion commander for 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division in Fort Hood, Texas. During his command, the battalion deployed to Europe in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve where they trained alongside numerous NATO allies and partners.

LTC Salge holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Computer Science from University of Iowa, and a Masters of Arts in Executive Leadership from Liberty University. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with V device and 3 oak leaf clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (with 2 oak leaf clusters), the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab, the Basic Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge.

LTC Salge is married to the former Micki Davis from Shenandoah, Iowa and has two sons; Dylan and Gavin.

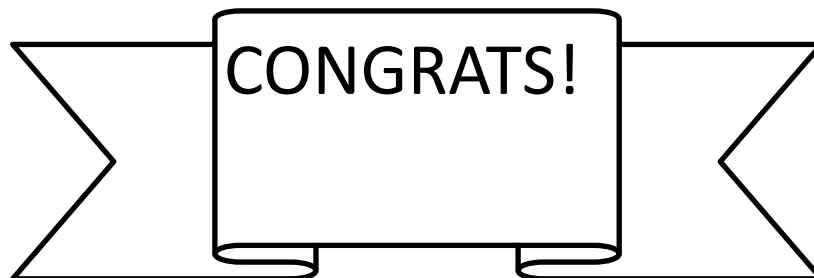
Follow the MHBAA on Twitter:

@HawkeyeBnAlumni

## Farewell LTC Zach Buettner



The Mighty Hawkeye Battalion and MHBAA wish a fond farewell to LTC Zach Buettner, Army ROTC PMS. Zach has been the PMS for 3 years and has been a HUGE supporter of the Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Alumni Association. We wish him well in retirement! He plans to stay in the Iowa city area and to continue to support the MHBAA!





**COL David Pinter** retires after 34 years of service. Ceremony was held Friday AUG 16, Pinter Pond, Ft. Atkinson, IA Holding the new MHBAA Banner are: Ron Mortenson, Brad Cook, Kyle Kolthoff, Melanie (Pinter) Young, Scott Sanborn, Randall Miller (former IA PMS), David Pinter, Wes Anderson.



**Alumni David Pinter (right), congratulates Kevin Gamble** deployed to Ft. Hood to support Mob Ops thru FEB 2020. He completed Air Assault School at age



Retiring, promoting, etc?

Send milestones to  
katiebhanna@gmail.com

## 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.



# Milestones



**LTC Nathan Schults ('95)**

**retired from AD on 1 APR 19.**

**Congrats!**

## Get the MHBAA Look!



## 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 \[stitch@qwestoffice.net\]\(mailto:stitch@qwestoffice.net\)](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)

# 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 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 [katiebhan-](mailto:katiebhan-)



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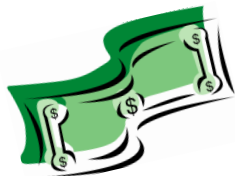
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**Treasurer, *Melanie Young* at**

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

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follow these steps to donate online:



1. Go to <http://Givetoiowa.org/armyrotc>
2. Chose the fund you would like to donate to.