

# Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Alumni Association

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 18 APR 20 -Iowa ROTC Mil Ball

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LTC Kevin Salge, Professor of Military Science,  
Respectfully requests the honor of your presence at  
The University of Iowa Army ROTC Military Ball on  
Saturday, the Eighteenth of April 2020

at five in the evening  
at the Iowa Memorial Union,  
125 North Madison Street, Iowa City, IA 52242

R.S.V.P. by enclosed form

Military: Dress Mess or Dress Blue  
Civilian: Tuxedo or Business Suit

University of Iowa Military Ball  
18 April 2020

Menu

#1 – Almond Crusted Chicken Breast with Lemon Butter Sauce  
#2 – Herb Roasted Sirloin Strip with Merlot Glaze  
#3 – Lentil Dal Stuffed Pepper (Vegetarian)

\$35 per guest- \$30 per Cadet

R.S.V.P. NLT 3 April 2020  
Call (319)335-9187  
with questions

Return this form with your payment to:  
University of Iowa Army ROTC  
101 South Quad  
ATTN: Sharyl Grim  
Iowa City, IA 52242

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 MHBN Military Ball

Cadet sponsorship can be completed at <https://uiowa.edu/armyrotc/giving> (Please select general fund after clicking on make a gift online)

Please make a comment about MIL Ball or drop us a note if you use the Online giving ([sharyl-grim@uiowa.edu](mailto:sharyl-grim@uiowa.edu)).



# Department News

Please consider sponsoring a cadet to attend the **Mil Ball!**

Our MHBAA has been proud to **sponsor ALL the cadets** who attend the Mil Ball for the last several years!!

See Invitation on page 1 to respond.

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**Event:** Benefit dinner concert for the University of Iowa Student Veterans.

Includes a delicious pork meal and music during dinner

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**Where:** [IC Eagles Club](#), 225 Hwy 1 West, near Fin and Feather.

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**Date:** Saturday March 7, 5:30 pm

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**Music by:** [HomeBrewed](#), Iowa City-based bluesy rock n roll band, playing classic blues and rock as well as modern indie blues and some original tunes.

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**Suggested Donation for Dinner and Music:** \$15 for adults, \$10 for students Tickets are available at the door or [online](#)

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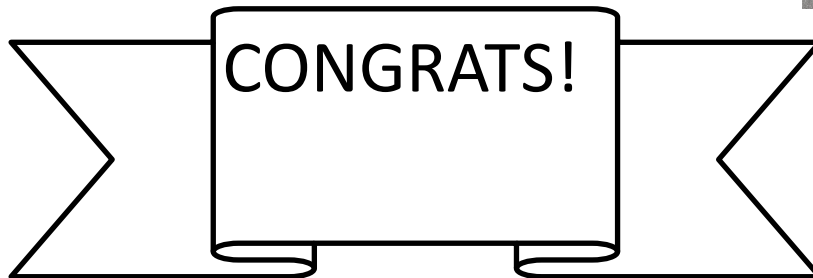
This 5th annual event will support the purchase of assistive technology for student Vets with disabilities.

Follow the MHBAA on Twitter:

@HawkeyeBnAlumni

# Congrats!

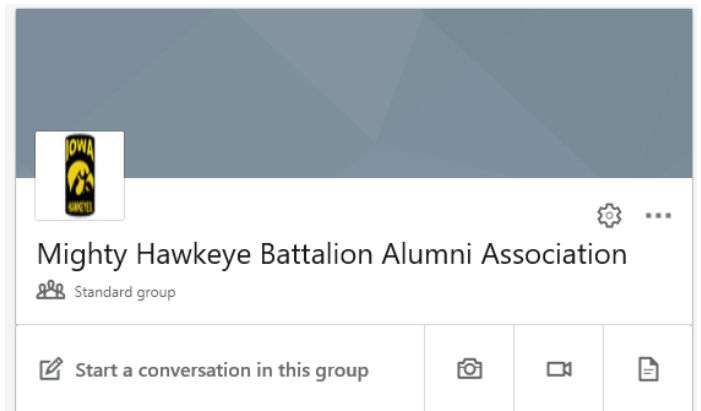
LTC Sean Madden, U of I ROTC class of 2002, was promoted to LTC in July 2019, at Ft. Eustis, VA. LTC Madden branch transferred from his basic branch, Air Defense Artillery, to Operations Research and Systems Analysis after numerous ADA assignments, and a three-year tour in Germany, 2008-2011. He is currently assigned to TRADOC, at Ft. Eustis and will be moving to a one-year joint NATO assignment in Izmir Turkey this summer.



Are you 

We are looking to connect with Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Alumni!

Send us a request on Linked In!



## National veteran entrepreneur nonprofit opens Des Moines chapter

**Bunker Labs**, a national non-profit helping veteran, military spouse, and active military entrepreneurs, is launching its newest chapter in Des Moines.

Bunker Labs seeks to inspire veterans, active military, and military spouses to start their own business by providing them proper resources and connections. The Des Moines chapter is the first Bunker Labs chapter in Iowa.

“Bunker Labs is excited to continue its expansion in the Midwest,” said Todd Connor, Bunker Labs CEO. “There are so many skilled, qualified, and passionate members of the military community in Des Moines and we are excited to help them develop the knowledge and connections to make their entrepreneurial dreams a reality.”

Bunker Labs DSM will host monthly Bunker Brews events that bring communities and resources together, deliver substantive content, and host mentors and relevant speakers. The organization also host a Launch Lab Online Program, Veterans in Residence (VIR), and CEO Circle programs. These programs will provide access to military-connected companies, a network of fellow entrepreneurs and impactful mentors.

Bernie Stone will serve as the Des Moines chapter’s volunteer city leader. Stone has already begun to build momentum for the new chapter by establishing strong business connections and speaking with veterans and entrepreneurs throughout the area.

Bernie Stone, Class of 1994 “MHBA does not endorse outside agencies but wants to make Veterans information available.”

Retiring, promoting, etc?

Send milestones to  
katiebhanna@gmail.com

### New MHBA WEBSITE!!

The new MHBA 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 MHBA merchandise.



# MHBAA Gear



**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)

# 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

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**ALL DONATIONS ARE WELCOME!**

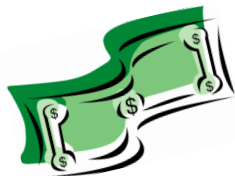
If you wish to make a donation to the MHBAA Operational Fund please send a check made out to the Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Alumni Association to our

**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.