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Professor of Military Science

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I, Lieutenant Colonel William "Todd" Kuebler, am excited to be the newest Professor of Military Science and head of the University of Iowa ROTC program. As an active duty Army officer (AH-64 Apache Pilot) for more than 17+ years, I am honored to lead the Mighty Hawkeye Battalion and continue to contribute to the success of program. A native of Merville, IA and graduate of the University of Northern Iowa, I am fortunate to return to the Midwest with my wife and children. I encourage you to stop by and meet the program, when ever you are on campus.

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Advanced Camp

Every summer, juniors participating in ROTC attend Advanced Camp, a 35-day, outcome-driven, complex, problem-solving event, replicating their responsibilities as future lieutenants. Summer '23, we sent 15 students with spectacular results. 8/15 (53%) cadets from the Mighty Hawkeye Battalion received "Outstanding" rankings (the highest). This is compared to 26% of all cadets nationwide. On average, our cadets ranked 13/40 in their platoons. The Mighty Hawkeye Battalion cadets excelled at Land Navigation, (14/15 first time "gos"), rifle marksmanship (2 Expert, 8 Sharpshooter, 14/15 first time) and Land Nav (14/15 first time). MHBN cadets had an average peer evaluation ranking of 3/10. MHBN cadets maintained an average physical fitness score of 548/600 on the new ACFT with standout cadets Christopher Cumberbatch (599) Emma Holesinger (593) Blake Misfeldt (590), and Claire Hellman (587).



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Basic Camp

Prior to entering their junior year (some exceptions) University of Iowa students may attend summer Basic Camp. This year we sent five. CDTs Montala Carruthers, Easton Harber, Mike Rowe, Mason Goodman, and Lauren Haefs all performed exceptionally well. They learned a great deal about how the Army operates and bring a solid set of new skills to help make an impact in the MHBN. Their experiences must have been positive because they all committed to the program this fall. CDT Harber already demonstrated this by shooting 35/40 at Fall FTX.

These results are not only a testament to the grit and determination by the cadets but also the training and commitment by the instructors, both past and present. The MHBN will continue to build upon the success of LTC Salge and the prior instructors.

This year, we continue to refine the mentorship program, aligning the cadets (freshmen thru seniors) into enduring teams who work together at physical fitness, leadership labs, and field training exercise. The plan is to form enduring relationships able to support each other in ROTC and activities beyond.

Keep an eye out for this years Ranger Challenge team led by Team Captain, CDT Dickson (MS3). We are nearly out of room in our trophy cabinet and we maintain our reputation as the team to beat. I watched our team shave 2 minutes off their previous one rope bridge time under the guidance of CDT Manning (MS3) and the experience he brought forward from his winning JROTC team.

Whether alumni, family member or friend of the program, you are welcome to visit us at our new location.

Go Hawks!
LTC Kuebler



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Senior Military Science Instructor

SFC Christopher Villarreal

I am excited to be midway through my fifth fall semester with the Mighty Hawkeye Battalion. I can't overstate the importance of our senior class as they plan, resource, and execute all the training that we conduct. They are an exceptional group and are doing an amazing job at motivating and training the Cadets.

The Fall Field Training Exercise was a great learning experience. It's always exciting to watch Cadets learn new skills like rappelling and marksmanship while also testing their limits and building confidence. The land navigation leadership lab was extremely successful, and we're moving forward into tactical lanes over the next few weeks. The freshmen and sophomore classes will be learning basic soldier skills and how to perform as effective members of teams and squads. The junior class will be learning to develop and deliver effective orders. They will also learn to lead platoons in a tactical environment in preparation for them continuing the Mighty Hawkeye Battalion tradition of excelling at Advanced Camp this summer. Carry on!

Go Hawks!
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