

UND Alumni Online Store

Looking to get some UND Army ROTC Alumni Swag? Look no further! We have been working with a local vendor to get polo's, T-shirts, and mugs to sell on a virtual store front for our alumni all around the world! Proceeds from the sales go right back into the UND Army ROTC Raiders Fund which is used to fund events for the Cadets. These events may be things like the Bataan Death March, military ball fees, and other extra activities Cadets wish to participate in. Due to COVID and mitigations in place, our ability to raise funds as we usually would have been limited, so we decided what better way to fundraise while also providing items for our Alum!



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From the Professor of Military Science

A warm Hello from North Dakota and your Fighting Hawks Battalion. I hope this Fall 2021 update finds all of you in good health as we continue to deal with the challenges and recovery from the pandemic. Since I last wrote, we had 10 Senior Cadets that attended and successfully navigated Cadet Summer Training (CST) at Fort Knox, completing one of the last major steps needed to commission. I had the opportunity to serve as a Company TAC Officer during CST, and having the opportunity to observe, train and mentor these future Lieutenants, I can confidently say that the future of the Army is in very good hands.

The 10 Cadets that attended CST represented the Fighting Hawks Battalion exceptionally well. Four out of ten earned the coveted RECONDO badge which required first time "GO's" in all events: Sharpshooter or higher in Weapon's qualification, a sub 90-minute 6-mile ruck march, and success in all leadership positions during Camp amongst other things. Their 40% RECONDO rate was the highest in the BDE and overall Camp ratings exceeded the BDE's standards. Overall, an outstanding performance by the incoming Seniors that will translate to better training and mentorship for the underclassman! A remarkable performance from top to bottom, and I could not be prouder of these young leaders!

With two weeks completed of the Fall semester, we have truly hit the ground running. We kicked off our inaugural New Student Orientation the week before classes began. We had 26 new MSI/III/III Cadets that received a crash course on the Army and Army ROTC in which we introduced them to Army basics in Drill and Ceremony, Military Customs and Courtesies, Team Building events and of course, an introduction to the Army's new Combat Fitness Test. The new test consists of six events, many of which are unlike anything these new Cadets had ever done. Overall, the MSIV's had their first opportunity to plan and execute an event that was well attended and began the life-long ROTC bonds that all of you can relate to from your time in the Battalion.

I will close for now but ask for your continued prayers for the health, safety, and development of the 77 Cadets in the program this Fall. The call to service and stepping up to that call is important for the strength of the Army and the strength of our Nation.

COVID 19 and College Life

Compared to last year, COVID college life looks a little different this year. UND has re-implemented their mask mandate, however, our in-class social distancing requirements were not put back in place and we are hopeful that the mask mandate will be temporary.

Classes are back in person and it is wonderful to see all the Students, new and returning, flocking the campus this last week!

Armory Changes

Change, change, change! After spending the summer in Twamley Hall while construction happened on and around the Armory, we are now back home and operating in an updated space! The building got a new roof, the front office received new paint, carpet, and cubicles for additional office spaces, and the Cadets have a new lounge. It is much more functional and do not worry, the Alumni board is still there! If you are in the Grand Forks area, feel free to come check out the building.

Welcome to the Team

We are happy to welcome our new SMSI, MSG Carpenter, and our new on-campus NDNG Recruiter, SGT Wolf.

This year we are happy to have our new SMSI and on-campus ND National Guard Recruiter on board! MSG Zach Carpenter comes to us from Fort Riley, KS where he was a 1SG with 1st Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 2nd BDE Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

MSG Carpenter joined the Army in 2006 and since then has served in a variety of positions to include: Gunner, Squad Leader, Section Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Drill Sergeant, Senior Drill Sergeant, Section Leader, and First Sergeant. He has deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, Poland, Germany, and Korea. He is married to his wife, Brittni, and they have four children: Maverick, Granger, Wyatt, and Gentry.

MSG Carpenter brings a wealth of knowledge to the Fighting Hawks Battalion and is the Instructor for our MSIII Class, preparing them for CST.

SGT Matthew Wolf comes to us from the Grand Forks National Guard Recruiting Station where he has been a Recruiter for the last two years where the last six months has been spent focusing on the O9R program – a program where individuals can enlist with the MOS as “student” – and participate in ROTC training to become Officers.

SGT Wolf is from Minot, ND and joined the Army in 2016 as a 68W, Medic. He has been with the 818th Sapper Company and currently falls under the 164th Engineer Battalion. He has attended Air Assault school and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Criminal Justice Degree here at the University of North Dakota.

Welcome Aboard!! New Cadre Join the Team

MSG Carpenter and SGT Wolf are new to the Fighting Hawks Family this semester and we are excited to have them!



Dale Endreson:

Class of 1976



Our Alumni Highlight this issue is Dale Endreson: Class of 1976

Dale was born and raised in Beulah, North Dakota. He attended the University of North Dakota on a four-year Army ROTC Scholarship and graduated in 1976 with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. He commissioned into Field Artillery and his first assignment, post FA Officer Basic Leadership Course, was the Defense Language Institute at the Presidio of Monterey where Dale attended a 47-week Turkish language course and subsequently was assigned to a one-year tour at TUSLOG Detachment 74 at Corlu, Turkey.

Following Turkey, he was assigned to the 6th Battalion, 80th Field Artillery at

Fort Ord's 7th Infantry Division. During his time there he served as Battery Fire Direction Officer, Battery Executive Officer, Battalion S1 and as Commander of Battery C.

From 1982-1984 he served as aide-de-camp to the Deputy Commander of the NATO headquarters in Izmir, Turkey. After completing the FA Advanced Course and the Foreign Area Officer Middle Eastern Course at Fort Bragg, he attended the Turkish War Academy in Istanbul as part of Foreign Area Officer in-country training. He then took command of the 21st US Army Field Artillery Detachment at Corlu, Turkey.

After a year in command, Dale's next assignment found him at the Defense Intelligence Agency where he

served as the Military Capabilities Analyst for the Horn of Africa. During the Gulf War, Dale served as DIAs Iraqi Military Capabilities Analyst and briefed several foreign civilian and military leaders to include the President of the Republic of Turkey.

Following DIA, he was assigned the aide-de-camp to the Turkish 4-star general commanding the NATO headquarters in Ismir, Turkey. Dale finished his 20-year military career at Fort Monroe where he served as the Israeli Program Manager for the US Army.

Dale retired in 1996 and currently works for General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc as a Program Manager in the Army Programs Department. He is married to his wife of 37 years, Sehnaz, and together they have a son, Roger, who is the Head Track Coach for Rancho Bernardo High School.



We want YOU to be our Alumni Highlight

We would love to spotlight you! If you are interested in being our Alumni Highlight in the next newsletter, please email Trudy at trudy.soli@und.edu with a few photos and your biography!





1st Annual ROTC Zero-Week

This year was the start of our ROTC Zero-Week. We welcomed new Cadets to campus the Thursday prior to classes starting and conducted 2 full days of introduction to AROTC and the Army. New Cadets received sponsors who are other Cadets in the program, to help mentor and assist with the transition to College Life.



Upcoming Events

- **Alumni Online Shop**

We will be running an online Alumni Shop from September 13th to September 30th. This is a wonderful opportunity to not only get UND Army ROTC Alumni gear, but also support your program as all proceeds will go to the Cadet Raiders Club Funds which are used for Cadet Activities. Orders will ship 3-4 weeks after the shop closes, so please allow time for processing and shipping! You can find the shop at:

<https://undarmyrotc.itemorder.com/sale>

- **Task Force Ripley Ranger Challenge**

Our Ranger Challenge Team will head out to Camp Ripley October 14th – October 17th to compete in our annual TF Ranger Challenge Competition. Keep your eyes on Facebook and Instagram for team updates during that time!

A Note from Trudy:

The new school year has started, and we are officially back in the Armory from the summer of being at Twamley Hall. Our office got a nice face lift with new carpet, paint and the larger part of the front office split into two new office spaces for our ROO and HRA. We have lots of new sidewalks in the front of our building and a large parking lot where the Steam Plant used to be. We continue working on the cadet lounge, computer lab and smokeless range where the old shooting range used to be. Keep the updates coming as I love to hear from each one of you. I would love to highlight you in one of our newsletters, so please feel free to email a couple of pictures along with your bio and anything else you would like added. Take care and God Speed...ts



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