

COWBOY BATTALION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MISSION:

The mission of the Cowboy Battalion Alumni Association is to serve friends and former cadets, to support the University of Wyoming Army ROTC, and to promote loyalty to the University of Wyoming and the Cowboy Battalion.

CBAA MEMBERSHIP:

PRESIDENT- John Ysebaert

EX-OFFICIO DIRECTOR – LTC Brent Reinhardt

Total membership in the CBAA

December 2006: 23 Lifetime, 2 Annual

May 2007: 37 Lifetime, 18 Annual

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Matthew Andrews, 02

Marlo Blacklock, 94

Luke Booth, 05

Riley Coffey, 01

Rebecca Connell, 04

Arnold Cunningham, 58

D.C. Faber, former UW ROTC Cadre

Cheryl Foston, 04

Barry Gasdek, former UW PMS

Alan Gyskewicz, 05

Brian Harmsen, 86 & former UW ROTC Cadre

Paul Hesco, 91, UW ROTC Cadre

Ronald Holdaway, 56

Tyler Hollopeter, 05

Bryan Hulin, 01

Joseph Huss, UW ROTC Cadre

Julia Jacobson, 04

Ray Kent, 88 & former UW ROTC Cadre

James Leas, UW ROTC Cadre

Matthew Maes, 05

Kevin Messamer, 04

Frank Mendicino, 59

Michael Pauling, 91

Brent Reinhardt, UW PMS

Arden Roen, 87

Jason Ruff, 05

Leo Sanchez, USMC Veteran

Pete Schoomaker, 68, former Chief of Staff, U.S. Army

Ted Staver, former UW PMS

Matthew Taylor, 06

Steve Wallace 02

Al Walsh, 04

Harry Whitlock, 87
Hank Wooden, 00
Lara Winchester, 06
Michael Winchester, 05
John Ysebaert, 82

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Toby Alkire, 05
John Barbee, 71
Tom Core, 86
Jerrie Core, 87
Lance Culver, 04
Alex Fisher, 05
Jane Fisher, 05
Jerald S. Gross, 96
Jason Hatch, 95
Gerald Jenkins, 69
Cole Kelly 05
Rich Knowlton, 87' , former UWROTC Cadre
Christopher Moritz 06
Adam Negri 05
Aaron Ohnstead 05
Pete Schmotzer, former UW ROTC Cadre
RS Sims, 62
Lee Wiegand, 04

PATRON MEMBERS

MG (R) Scott B. Smith

HONORARY MEMBERS

Lee Wiegand
Senator Alan Simpson, 05

FROM THE DESK OF THE PROFESSOR OF MILITARY SCIENCE (LTC Brent Reinhardt)

The UW Army ROTC program is excelling. We have 13 MS III's that are ready for Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) at Fort Lewis, WA. Their Spring APFT average is 271 and they have had extra land navigation and weapons' training this Spring.

In 2007, UW ROTC will commission 12 line officers against a mission of 11.

We are sending 4 students to Leaders Training Course (LTC) at Fort Knox – the 28 day camp which substitutes the first two years of ROTC. MAJ Hesco and Ms. Pat Montez are supporting LDAC and I am supporting LTC this Summer.

Spring enrollment was 63 cadets and we are projecting a Fall enrollment to land in the 80's. Our motto is "85 by 8/25".

I am excited about the Ranger Challenge teams and the Army 10 Miler Teams that will compete in October. The mounted color guard has already met to discuss next year's activities – we have the home football teams on the calendar for the Cannon Crew and we are ready with our color guards for football and basketball (men's and women's) games.

A few "firsts" this year were the Turkey Shoot (opened the indoor range to the UW campus) and supporting the first outdoor Track and Field meet in Laramie in over 30 years.

CBAA – in February we sent out nearly 100 ball caps to ROTC alumni seeking support and membership to the CBAA. As you can see the numbers grew – but we still have plenty of alumni on the sidelines. Please ask them to join and support the UW Army ROTC program.

How can you help the Cowboy Battalion? Contact us to ensure we have your address, email and phone number. Join the CBAA. The money directly supports the cadets. Join us at one of our activities. Call me with your idea of how you can contribute.

SPRING AWARDS CEREMONY

The CBAA awarded two scholarships at the Army ROTC Spring Awards Ceremony 26 April in the student Union Ballroom. Cadets Rory DeGanhal and Luke Hininger each received \$250 from the CBAA. COL Brian Harmsen, WYNG presented the awards. We were also again honored to have former Purple Heart recipient and former ROTC PMS Barry Gasdek present awards on behalf of AUSA and the Order of the Purple Hearts.

MAY 2007 COMMISSIONING:

May 5th, 2007 we commissioned seven cadets into the U.S. Army. The Ceremony took place at the Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Our guest speaker was Lt Col Rex Rees. Rex has served as the USAF ROTC Commandant of Cadets since 2003 and is retiring this year after 23 years in the USAF.

Cadet Michel Beguin, active duty Medical Service Corps, Fort Riley Kansas. UW Gold Bar Recruiter until July 2007.

Cadet Tony Cattelan, active duty Ordnance Corps, Fort Carson, Colorado.

Cadet Brandon Eliason, active duty Military Intelligence Corps, Germany.

Cadet Daniel Marshall, active duty Quartermaster, Fort Hood Texas.

Cadet Sean Pence, active duty Infantry, Alaska.

Cadet Michael Reisig, Wyoming National Guard, Medical Service Corps and then Aviation after flight school.

Cadet Jason Stuck, active duty Armor, after branch detail Military Intelligence Corps, Fort Stewart Georgia

BATAAN DEATH MARCH:

In March, the CBAA sponsored six cadets from the Cowboy battalion they completed the grueling annual Bataan Death March competition in Albuquerque, New Mexico. A monumental accomplishment just to finish, these cowboys represented the Cowboy Battalion and the state of Wyoming. MS IV Michel Beguin placed 5th overall in the female division, and 1st in her age group. MS III Devin Osburn placed 3rd overall in his division, and first in his age group with a time of 4 hours 26 minutes. MS IV Sean Pence finished 4th of 263 participants in the heavy division, carrying a 30 pound ruck. The other UW studs were MS III Mason Heimer who finished 17th, MS IV Tony Cattelan who finished 39th, and MS IV Brandon Eliason who finished 106th.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GIFTS:

If you did not recently receive a CBAA ball cap, call/email us. To become a lifetime member we are asking for a one-time payment of \$300, made out to the Cowboy Battalion Alumni Association and mail it to CBAA, P.O. Box 2269, Laramie WY 82071. You can find the application on the website or call the Cowboy Battalion at (307) 766-3390 and we will get you an application and the stylish, coveted CBAA ball cap.

ALUMNI MASS E-MAIL

The Cowboy Battalion Alumni Association has set up a mass e-mail for all members. We encourage use of the address, and know it will be beneficial. The address is army-alumni@uwyo.edu. If you would like to be removed from this list, please inform the webmaster – Harry Whitlock.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEDICINE BOW CHALLENGE – 31 AUGUST 07

Join the UW ROTC Cowboy Battalion Friday August 31st as we again conquer Medicine Bow Peak. After the hike we will have our traditional picnic at the base of the peak. Alumni are encouraged to attend and participate.

ARMY ROTC ALUMNI WEEKEND – 6-7 JULY 2007

The invites are out – please join us in Laramie 6-7 July 2007. The plan is to gather Friday night at a local establishment, socialize and enjoy some adult beverages. Saturday we will golf at the Laramie Country Club, conduct the CBAA Annual Meeting, discuss our vision and goals for the out years, re-elect/elect CBAA officers and then smack around the little golf ball at the Jacoby Ridge Golf Course and reminisce. That evening we will complete the weekend with a potluck Bar-B-Que sponsored by the CBAA at Ray Kent's house in Laramie.

FOOTBALL TAIL-GATE -17 November 2007

The Military Appreciation football Game is against BYU this fall. Army ROTC and the CBAA will gather prior to the game, share some stories and get fired up to cheer on the Cowboys against the cougars. Plan on arriving in Laramie and at the parking lots early so that you can meet up with your fellow alumni and CBAA members. We are going to talk the local guys into grilling some meat for us for this event.

BRONZE BOOT RUN - 20 November 2007

Yes this is a Tuesday, prior to Thanksgiving. This Fall the Cowboy Battalion again will proudly run the game ball from Laramie to the Colorado border in preparation for the Border War. The game is on Friday at noon. Since many cadets will not be here that week we are planning on opening up the run to UW students who want to assist in keeping the tradition alive. Of course this also includes Army ROTC alumni – if you are interested give me a call and we will schedule you in to run ½, 1 mile or longer.

Commissioning

Fall commissioning is Dec 14, 2007

Spring Commissioning is May 10, 2008

STAFF RIDE – April 2008

Battle of Little Big Horn – more to follow.

COWBOY BATTALION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETINGS:

The CBAA meets the first Wednesday of every month at 0700 at the Village Inn on Grand Ave in Laramie. We are continually chipping away at consolidating our alumni lists, verifying addresses, both email and snail mail. We need you to spread the word, contact the Cowboy Battalion so we can get your latest information. We also would like your biography in order to build the CBAA web-site.