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Institute for Leadership and Strategic Studies

Update 31 March 2016

The Institute for Leadership and Strategic Studies (ILSS) has decided to adapt the Army's 21st Century Soldier Competencies contained in TRADOC Pam 525-8-2, The U.S. Army Learning Concept, to our Corps of Cadets. A purpose of the ILSS is to ensure that academic and co-curricular programs are in place for Cadets to learn and practice these competencies. The flyer is attached.

In January, UNG established a "Center for Cyber Operations Education" to provide more cyber-related educational opportunities for our Cadets. We also applied to become a National Security Agency/Department of Homeland Security Center for Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense. Our application has been accepted, and the next step is an on-site visit by the NSA/DHS grant team. We have also joined a consortium of colleges and universities that offer the Army Cyber Institute's "Cyber Leader Development Program" for Cadets who are interested in commissioning into the Army's Cyber Branch.

Colonel Ron Stephens has been selected to promotion to brigadier general. He's a graduate of UNG, Magna Cum Laude in chemistry, commissioned Medical Service Corps, and later completed medical school at the Medical College of Georgia under the Health Professions Scholarship Program. He attended UNG on the Georgia Military Scholarship. Congratulations!

MG William K. Gayler, a 1988 graduate of the University of North Georgia (UNG), was appointed the commanding general for the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He previously served as the deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Europe, and commander, U.S. Army NATO.

On the international front, since the beginning of the new year, we've sent Cadets to conferences in Japan, [Latvia](#), Republic of Georgia, Boston, and VMI. We also have Cadets in study abroad or internships in Italy, Taiwan, France, China, Germany and Bulgaria. Our leadership travelled to South Africa, Estonia and South Korea to explore partnerships with military academies.

UNG is expecting to commission fifty-six Cadets on 16 May and more in August. We anticipate commissioning around 90 Cadets this year.

Dahlonge Campus Alumni Weekend will be 22-24 April 2016 (Recall). The Honorable Debra Wada, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) tentatively plans to run with the Corps of Cadets on Saturday morning at 0800, attend 5th Ranger Training Battalion Open House on Saturday, and speak at Sunday's Corps of Cadets Military Awards review at 1400 on the drill field. Recall details are available here: <https://ungalumni.org/aw>

A UNG alumni event was held on 12 March at Ft. Bragg, graciously hosted by LTG Steve and Melissa Townsend. The 82d Abn Chorus provided entertainment, and fun was had by all. About 50 alumni attended, many of whom were younger alumni, including lieutenants and captains. Thank you, General Townsend!

