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The Institute for Leadership and Strategic Studies turned one year old on 1 September 2016, and published its first annual report which can be found here: <http://ung.edu/institute-leadership-strategic-studies/updates-reports.php>

Corps strength stood at 775 at the beginning of this semester. This is the 3d largest in the Corps' history.

UNG continued its tradition of outstanding performance at the ROTC summer camp (Cadet Leader Course – CLC) at Ft. Knox. We sent 123 Cadets, more than any other year in our history. Of those, 40 (32%) received the highest performance rating putting them in the top 15% of the entire nation. The closest senior military college had 18% in this category. Of our other Cadets, 43 had the second-highest rating of most qualified; 26 were highly qualified; 15 were qualified; and none were not qualified.

The first annual Boar's Head-Corps Alumni Weekend occurred 9-11 Sep, and was a rousing success. The event was conceived and sponsored by the [North Georgia Corps of Cadets Association](#). We thank all Cadet alumni who participated and interacted with our Cadets throughout the weekend. Kris "Tanto" Paronto, hero of Benghazi and featured in the movie *13 Hours* spoke with the Cadets, alumni and guests about his experiences during the Benghazi attack. He held the audience's attention while describing small unit combat leadership in an ambiguous, uncertain, and complex environment. COL (Ret) Jimmie Blackmon spoke with groups of Cadets about leadership. Other alumni spoke with Cadets about succeeding in various occupations after college. We're looking forward to next year's event!

Mr. Bob Mathews, UNG '70, president and CEO of Colliers International – Atlanta and chairman of the UNG real estate foundation, addressed the Corps of Cadets during distinguished military student review and parade. Twenty-five Cadets were honored.

GEN Carter Ham, U.S. Army (Retired), President and CEO of AUSA, spoke with the Corps of Cadets on 13 Sep. He was extremely impressed, and stated that he was "blown away" by our Cadet program.

UNG signed a Cadet exchange agreement with the Polish Land Forces Academy. We will send Cadets to study at their academy for a semester, and they will send Cadets to study with us. This fall, our Cadets attended short duration programs in the Czech Republic (University of Defense Economics Course), Italy (NATO Defense College), and Hawaii (Asia-Pacific Center for Strategic Studies). We have a Cadet from the Republic of China (Taiwan) Military Academy studying with us this semester. Also, UNG was awarded a \$1.2M grant to continue our ROTC Chinese Language Flagship program. We have 21 Cadets majoring in Chinese, and 14 in Arabic.

Cadet alumnus, LTG Burton Patrick, UNG '57, was inducted into the Georgia Military Veteran's Hall of Fame. A total of seven UNG graduates are now in the Hall of Fame.

Cadet alumnus, LTG William (Burke) Garrett, UNG '81, is retiring from the Army after 35 years of outstanding service as a Soldier.

[Georgia Gold, American Treasure](#) development initiative is on-going for the sole benefit of the Corps of Cadets. With a goal of \$93,145,000, the vision of the initiative is to "Secure and strengthen the Corps of Cadets at the University of North Georgia". For more information, go to unggive.org/give/corps-of-cadets

If you're interested in hearing more about the Institute for Leadership and Strategic Studies, and you are visiting Dahlonega, we'd like to schedule a one-hour personal briefing for you. Please contact Keith Antonia at keith.antonio@ung.edu