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Corps of Cadets updates and the Institute for Leadership and Strategic Studies (ILSS) annual report can be found here: <http://ung.edu/institute-leadership-strategic-studies/updates-reports.php>

Sophomore Cadet Setter was a **White House Intern** this past fall. He is pictured with Colonel Pat Duggan, Corps of Cadets alumnus, Director for Cybersecurity, National Security Council, White House (center), and Mitchell Fariss, a 2016 UNG alumnus who also interned.



Commandant of Cadets, COL (Ret) Palmer, center, and wife Judy receive a commendation from Governor Nathan Deal on 7 Jan at the capitol in recognition of their service to the Corps of Cadets, UNG, and the State of Georgia. COL (Ret) Palmer will retire from UNG at the end of this semester after 20 years as Commandant of Cadets.



68 new cadets reported to **FROG week** (cadet basic training) on 3 January, plus 5 international cadets from South Africa (2), Poland (2), and Romania.



Numbers. The size of the corps of cadets at the start of this (spring) semester was 741—compared to 724 in spring 2018. 325 cadets are contracted to commission. For the third year in a row, we anticipate more than 100 cadets to commission into the Total Army in 2018-2019. 128 cadets are currently on track to attend advanced camp at Ft. Knox this summer. 76 cadets graduated from the cadet NCO Academy on 6 Jan.



Save the date! Our next symposium will be held on 13-14 November 2019 in the convocation center on the Dahlonega campus. Topic is “**Creating Super Soldier-Leaders**”.

The Army has approved a new physical fitness test—the **Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT)**--to better connect fitness with combat readiness for all Soldiers. The test will improve Soldier and unit readiness, transform the Army’s fitness culture, reduce preventable injuries and attrition, and enhance Soldier mental toughness and stamina. The test is designed as a gender- and age-neutral assessment. Full implementation will occur Oct 2020.

Help us recruit! If you know any high school sophomore, junior, or senior (or the parent of) who is considering a military program in college, please tell them to come to **National leadership Challenge Weekend on 5-7 April 2019** to learn about the Corps of Cadets at UNG! More info: <https://ung.edu/military-college-admissions/visit/nlc.php>

Georgia Gold, American Treasure development initiative is a fundraiser for the sole benefit of the Corps of Cadets. With a goal of \$93,145,000, the vision is to “Secure and strengthen the Corps of Cadets at the University of North Georgia”. All contributions benefitting Cadets will count toward our goal. Contact Phil Collins at phil.collins@ung.edu. We encourage alumni, friends and family of the Corps to participate in this vital fundraising effort. <https://unggive.org/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