



Cadet Leadership Academy Update

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[Five cadets in top 10% nationally \(ung.edu\)](#)

Read the full story at the link above. Seventeen outstanding cadets earned the honor of being named Distinguished Military Graduates this academic year – this is six more than last academic year.

Photo taken at the fountain near the main entrance to the UNG Dahlonega Campus.

General William “Lipp” Livsey Drill Field

Construction is scheduled to be complete by mid-April 2024. Enhancements include 3 plazas: east, west, and north as well as new turf with irrigation system.

Significant enhancements are coming to the Livsey Drill Field. The Commandant of Cadets will keep the keys to the gates through which the Corps of Cadets will march to enter the drill field for ceremonies and parades. At other times, most recreation activities that normally take place on the drill field will continue with some limitations to prevent damage to grass and irrigation system.

When complete, the three plazas will be iconic places for things such learning about the history and legacy of the Corps of Cadets, commissioning and graduation photos, photos of prospective cadets, weddings, and reflection.



East Plaza View

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West Plaza View



North Plaza View



Above. On 13 November 2023, an excavator and construction fencing were placed on the east plaza. Photo taken during the Turkey Bowl: 1st Battalion vs 2^d Battalion with Military Science cadre on each team.

Right. Groundbreaking for the Wynne-Mathews Military Science Center! Read the article below for more information:

<https://ung.edu/news/articles/2023/09/ung-breaks-ground-on-military-science-center.php>

During Boar's Head Weekend, a groundbreaking ceremony was held in conjunction with the Distinguished Military Student Parade on the drill field. The project has been funded and we're in the final design stages. The building will house classrooms and offices for the Department of Military Science. The building is scheduled to open in Fall 2025.

Planning is ongoing for two additional buildings for the Cadet Leadership Academy military district on campus.



Left: Congratulations to Colonel Jeet (Jay) Kaji, NG '00! He assumed command of the Next Generation Interceptor-Black Team Project Office, Missile Defense Agency at Redstone Arsenal on 30 November. In the past 4 years, 19 UNG cadet alumni have served or are serving in colonel-level command positions, contributing significantly to the security of the United States of America.

Right: Cadet Traylor interned at the Baltic Defense College in Tartu, Estonia this fall: This is one of the programs that the Cadet Leadership Academy's Global Military Programs Directorate created and manages for cadets. Traylor described his internship and cultural experiences as "phenomenal."



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Georgia Military Veteran's Hall of Fame. On Saturday, 4 November 2023, three more cadet alumni were inducted into the Georgia Military Veteran's Hall of Fame during a luncheon in Columbus, Georgia. Many cadet alumni and President Shannon were present to show their enduring support. Inductees honored were General Stephen Townsend (NGC '82 for achievement), First Lieutenant Joseph Hillman (killed in action in Vietnam) and Colonel (Ret) Carl "Skip" Bell (NGC '67 for valor). Read the full story at: <https://ung.edu/news/articles/2023/10/three-alumni-named-to-veterans-hof.php> There are now 22 cadet alumni in the Georgia Military Veteran's Hall of Fame.



AFCEA Technet. Cadets Jaden Davidson and Joseph DiSarli attended the AFCEA - TechNet Indo-Pacific conference from 7-9 November 2023 in Honolulu, HI.

Both outstanding cadets are majoring in cybersecurity. A junior, Davidson is minoring in Chinese, is a member of UNG's Chinese Language Flagship program, and has studied abroad in Taiwan twice.

Through the Cadet Leadership Academy's Global Military and Cadet Career Success Programs, many cadets are given opportunities to engage in life-changing and career development activities.

WHY I GIVE ... by Jackie Lynch. Why do I Give? I do it for the man in this picture. For the soldier he was because he attended UNG (North Georgia College). I give because the soldier they trained him to be, made him the leader that he was. The leader he became made him a hero when he fought for our country. I GIVE because the future of our country, its leadership, its soldiers, our heroes of tomorrow, just might rely on the Corps of Cadets from the University of North Georgia. If you believe in the Corps, will you put your faith in it and invest in its future? I am asking YOU, my friends, my fellow alumni, fellow Georgians, to step up and give to the Corps of Cadets at



<https://unggive.org/corps-of-cadets>

I challenge YOU to give, copy or tell your reason for giving, and share this challenge with someone you know who wants to be a difference maker! Thank you!

#ungcorpofcadets #IRiseforUNG #northgeorgiacollege #corpofthefuture

#givetothecorp #GEORGIAGOLD #ungsoldiers

#ngcalumni #UNGalumni #samsneedismydad #northgeorgiagrad #NGCclassof1961

Help us recruit! If you know high school students (or their parents) who are considering military programs in college, please tell them to contact [Cadet Recruiting](#) to learn about the Corps of Cadets at UNG! High School freshmen through seniors are all welcome!

At some point in our paths, we benefitted from the vision and generosity of others, and now it is our turn to invest in the next generation of Leaders. Please consider making support to the Corps one of your philanthropic priorities. Contact James Corbin '02 at james.corbin@ung.edu or visit the [Corps of Cadets Give site](#) to learn how you can make a difference!