

combining two passions

For College of Nursing student, David Weigel, jumping out of airplanes, physical training and military science are part of his everyday routine. But, what really excites David is training to become an innovative nurse leader in the Army Nurse Corp.

"I hope to make army nursing a career," said ROTC junior, David Weigel. "Soldiers are the best patients in the world. They are risking their lives every day so that our freedom is never in jeopardy. I want to give back and ensure that they have the care they deserve," David said. "As a fellow soldier, who can relate to their experience, I hope to play a large part in maintaining and improving upon army health care."

The UC College of Nursing works closely with the Army ROTC program to develop well-prepared graduates who are ready to make a difference in the military health system. "Education is highly valued," said David. "Our officers understand how

crucial our nursing education is to our future success in the army, and encourage us to focus on nursing first and foremost."

Nursing students who enroll in ROTC are provided with financial support to help make their professional goals a reality. "Because my tuition is covered, I have more time to focus on my studies," David said. "Not having to work during college has helped me get involved on campus and has allowed me to become the leader I didn't know I was capable of being until I came to UC."

"It is a perfect fit," said David. "Being a nursing student in the ROTC program allows me to combine my two passions, caring for others and the military. Hard work is required, but rewarded. I plan to work as hard as I can while I am a student so that I can be the best military nurse that I can be when I graduate."

- By Jessica Rutan



American Flag Alumni Presentation

On February 27, 2009, Maj. Barry Holte presented an American flag to Andrea R. Lindell, PhD, RN, ANEF, dean of the College of Nursing in a ceremony with the College of Nursing pre-nursing Freshmen class. The accompanying certificate reads, "This flag was flown on the 18th day of July 2007, in your honor abroad a C-130E during a combat mission over the skies of Iraq and Kuwait. On behalf of Maj. Barry Holte and the men and women of the 737th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, the 2nd Airlift Squadron, and the crew of CROME 25 while deployed to Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, supporting America's war on terrorism during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom." The College of Nursing is honored to be recognized for our support of nurses in the military. Maj. Holte received both his BSN and MSN from the College of Nursing.