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The official Alumni newsletter of the Golden Eagle - Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program hosted at Marquette University.

## Greetings from the Professor of Military Science



LTC Robert Kaderavek

It's hard to believe we are already publishing the fourth edition of our alumni letter—I guess time truly does fly when you are having fun! During this past summer, our cadets and cadre participated in virtually non-stop training. 27 of our Golden Eagles went to LDAC and excelled in their leadership assessments. Additionally, we sent 9 to Airborne, 2 to Air Assault, 1 to Mountain Warfare, 1 to Scuba School, 4 to Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT) (Fort Benning, Fort Polk, Fort Bliss, and Schofield Barracks), 4 to Nurse Summer Training Program (NSTP), 1 to Cadet

Field Training at West Point, 1 to China, 1 to Russia, and 1 to Ghana. With these experiences, the cadets grew culturally, tactically, professionally, and emotionally.

In August, we welcomed in an extremely talented and motivated group of MS-Is, and they certainly hit the ground running. During ICO, they immediately showed their metal with strong APFTs, solid land navigation skills, and true passion for leadership. Right from the start of this semester, the MS-Is continued as strong contributors in all our extracurricular activities and one of them, Cadet Freeburg, even won the Battalion's heavyweight Pugil stick competition! Throughout this training density, the entire battalion has become more tactically proficient, more in tune with our local community, and more cohesive as a unit. From Field Training Exercises, to Community Stand Down events, to 9-11 memorial ceremonies, to Ranger Challenge competitions, the cadets attacked every mission with passion and pride. We are especially proud of our three Ranger Challenge teams, as the 9 man team took 1<sup>st</sup> place, the female team took 1<sup>st</sup> place, and the 5 man team took 4<sup>th</sup> place during the recent task force competition at Fort McCoy. This great showing also bodes well for future years, as many of our competing cadets were underclassmen. As always, we remember our fallen comrade Scott Weinhold. The battalion had a wonderful memorial ceremony for him, and we continue to focus classes and group discussions on building resiliency in the battalion. In the vein of honor, please consider attending our Veterans Day ceremony on 11 November. This will be a wonderful morning as we induct 5 alumni KIAs into the new Wall of Honor and then recognize the newly contracted cadets. Lastly, we were very fortunate to receive numerous donations throughout the year. These funds assisted us in purchasing a new trailer, a new flag set, and many cadet morale and welfare items. Please consider the Battalion as Christmas approaches and/or you are in the charitable mood. I end my report by saying the Battalion is Amazingly Strong, and we have a group of young leaders that are hungry to lead platoons—future soldiers will be extremely lucky to receive these Marquette lieutenants.

## Congratulations Golden Eagle Battalion Ranger Challenge Teams!



ALPHA TEAM  
1<sup>st</sup> Place 9-Man Male Team



FEMALE TEAM  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Female Division

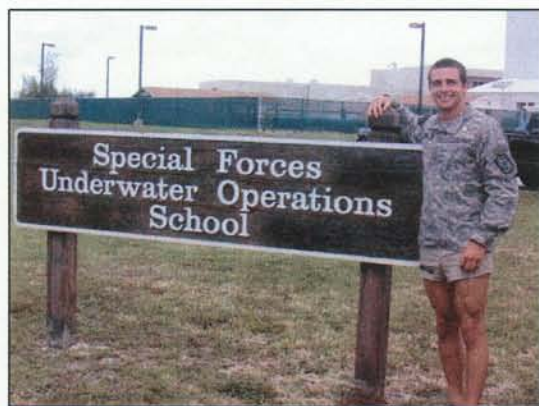


BRAVO TEAM  
5-Man Male Team

"I had the opportunity to travel to Russia on a United States Military Academy (USMA) Academic Individual Advanced Development (AIAD) for three weeks.... The purpose of this trip was not only to help others, but also to become culturally aware and open to other



cultures. During the week I volunteered at an orphanage for babies in Yaroslavl, Russia.... Also, each week I had two Russian language and history lessons, which helped me communicate using basic Russian phrases and become more knowledgeable about Russia's past." *—Cadet Kevin Bubolz*



Cadet Bubolz also completed Combat Diver Qualification Course (CDQC) in Key West, Florida this summer. He writes, "Student [used] open-circuit scuba and conducted a 130-foot deep dive, ship bottom search, and underwater navigation swims. Then we were introduced to closed-circuit LAR V rebreathers....During advanced closed-circuit we used DPDs (Diver Propulsion Devices) and Zodiacs/CRRC (Combat Rubber Rafting Craft) to work together as 12-man ODA teams to accomplish missions. Next was spec-ops week where we jumped out of C-130's with Zodiacs on SOCEPs (Special Operations Combat Expendable Platforms) and landed in the water and did helocasting which is a tactical insertion into the water from a moving helicopter."

## Summer 2010

Despite the break in the regular academic rigor, Cadets and Cadre of the Golden Eagle Battalion stay busy over the summer months. Between Leader Development Assessment Course/Warrior Forge, Leader Trainer Course, skill schools, internships, and cultural immersion programs, our Cadets volunteer to train and continue to excel.

"I was given the opportunity to travel on a cultural immersion trip to Xi'an, China. The trip, which was 26 days long, consisted of one week in Hawaii, three days in Beijing, and the rest in Xi'an. Our mission while in China was quite simple, to volunteer our skills and services in a



number of different placements, while also gaining a greater insight into the Chinese culture and traditions. Our in-country volunteer placements included teaching local kindergarteners, caring for foster babies, and even teaching Chinese college students that were interested in majoring in English." *—Cadet Anthony Nicholson*



"While at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperations (WHINSEC) in Fort Benning, Georgia, I spent 4 weeks with the top 40 cadets from the General José María Córdoba School of Military Cadets as well as 10 National Colombian Police. It is located in Bogotá, Colombia.... While the experience greatly improved my Spanish skills, many other experiences were gained. First, is the experience of learning and understanding a different culture. Another benefit was the human rights class that was taught to us. With human rights such a hot topic issue around the world, it was important to have discussions (in Spanish mostly) with other military personnel that have different experiences to draw upon based upon the status of their country."

*—Cadet Kalyn Seifer*



### **August 2010 – Incoming Cadet Orientation**

Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets and Cadre welcomed the newest members of the team to campus during a 3-day, interactive orientation. Welcome the Class of 2014!

<i>Name</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>College</i>
William Backes	Milwaukee, WI	MSOE
Brennan Abrahamson	Waukesha, WI	MU
Charles Bacon	McFarland, WI	UWM
Benjamin Clark	Waukesha, WI	MU
Caroline Coppernoll	Rochester, WI	MU
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Steven Smith	Menomonee Falls, WI	MSOE
Michael Smits	Green Bay, WI	UWM
Brandon Strand	Milwaukee, WI	UWM
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Cadets arrived on campus with their parents, and in just a few short days received their initial clothing/uniform issue, conducted an Army Physical Fitness Test, enjoyed their first MRE, slept in Army barracks at Fort McCoy, completed land navigation training, negotiated a confidence and conditioning course, practiced drill & ceremony, and fired a weapons simulator.





**September 2010 – Stand Down**

Cadets provided the Color Guard and participated as volunteers for the annual Stand Down at Richard Street Armory in Milwaukee. Stand Down provides veterans in need with basic services, such as VA information.



**September 2010 – 9/11 Ceremony** Cadre and Cadets from the Golden Eagle Battalion, together with Navy and Air Force ROTC and Marquette University, took time to remember those who lost their lives on and since September 11, 2001.

*Additional photos and explanations of each event can be accessed at our website at <http://www.marquette.edu/rotc/army>*



**August 2010 – Battalion Run** Cadets and Cadre get Marquette’s campus fired up for the first day of class with the first Golden Eagle Battalion Run of the year.



**September 2010 – Leadership Lab** Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets start off the school year strong with Leadership Labs including award presentations, drill & ceremony, basic rifle marksmanship, and land navigation. Cadets also took their first APFT of the year.



**September 2010 – WI National Guard Recruit Sustainment Program**

A few Cadets volunteered to spend the weekend training with and mentoring new Wisc. National Guard recruits. Cadets gave tactical instruction and were assigned leadership roles for paintball missions.



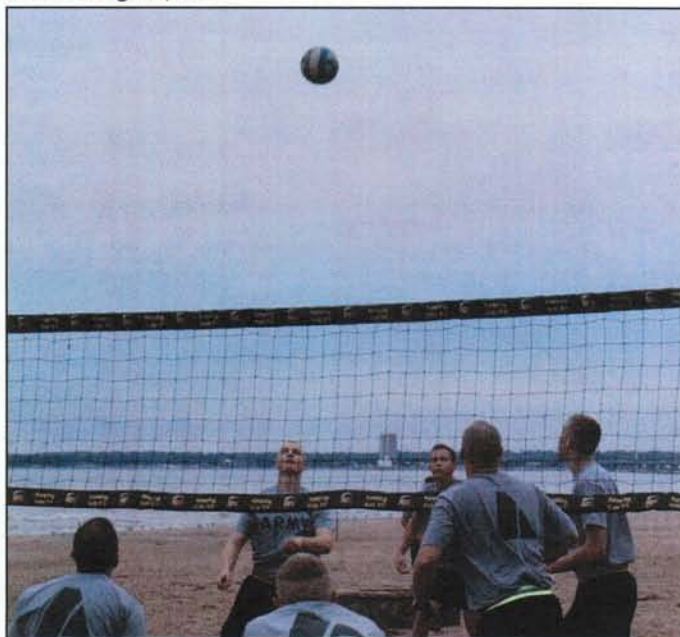
**October 2010 – Leadership Labs** Cadets trained hard in October, traveling to nearby Washington Park to execute training on hand & arm signals, squad and individual movement techniques, and battle drills.



**October 2010 – Leadership Lab** Following safety and resiliency briefs, Cadets enjoy a mentorship breakfast at



**September 2010 – Honor Flight** LTC Kaderavek and Cadets await veterans returning home to Milwaukee following an Honor Flight to visit Washington, DC.

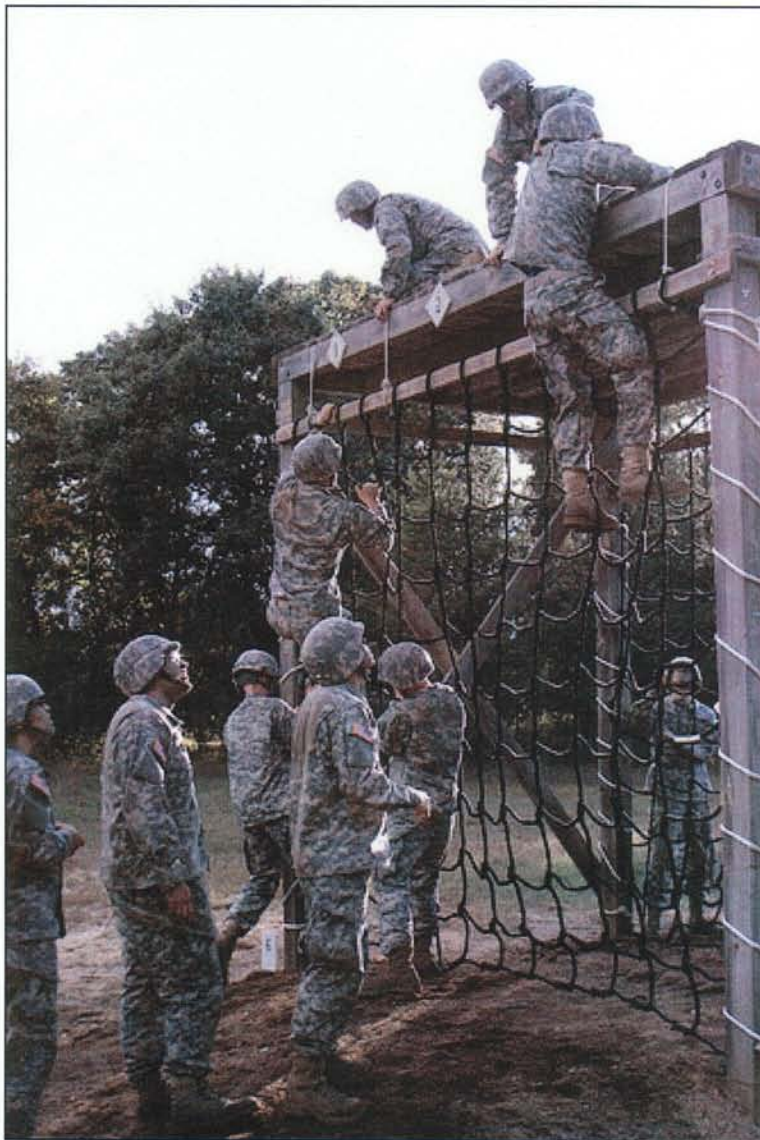


**September 2010 – Battalion Beach Volleyball** Despite the chill in the air and the sun just barely over the horizon, the Golden Eagle Battalion gathered to build esprit de corps playing beach volleyball.

# September 2010- Fall FTX



The Fall FTX starts the school year off strong with valuable training opportunities, confidence building, and unit cohesion.



(Top) Alpha 1-3 Squad smiles between training events on the weapons range. (Bottom) Squad member encourage each other on the conditioning course.



Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets and Cadre had a busy weekend of training at Fort McCoy in September. Beginning with day and night land navigation, Cadets honed basic Soldier skills and had plenty of leadership opportunities. The Fall FTX also included M16 zero and qualification, M9 familiarization fire, M249 familiarization fire, conditioning and confidence courses, indirect fire simulator, and M16 pop-up target simulator training. Cadets stayed focused and motivated doing concurrent training on hand grenades, camouflage, and first aid.



(Above) Cadets fire from the prone supported position on the M16 zero and qualification range. (Below) Cadets learn how to apply and utilize camouflage between firing ranges.





**October 2010 – Tri-ROTC Flag Football!** Army ROTC took on flag football teams from the Navy and Air Force ROTC. Both the male and female football teams were victorious... and victory followed the Golden Eagle into the Tri-ROTC chili cook-off!



## GREETINGS FROM THE BC



**CDT/LTC ERIC CZAJA**

After making it through the rigors of the MSIII year and LDAC, it is time that the Mighty MSIV's, Class of 2011, take our turn as the leaders in the battalion. After seeing our class in action during Incoming Cadet Orientation, Fall FTX and Ranger Challenge, I know that our battalion is in more than capable hands. It is an honor to serve as the Battalion Commander of such an organization like this. Marquette Army ROTC, as a whole, has continually received high marks amongst its peers and will continue to do so thanks to our tireless Cadre and faculty. I am looking forward to the rest of this year and developing the future leaders of our battalion. Soon, I will take what I have learned here and apply to my future platoon. The Class of 2011 is ready to lead and take on the responsibility that our May commissioning will entail.



## Cadet SGM Reflects on his LDAC Experience



I had a great experience at LDAC and felt well prepared from my development over the course of the MS III year. I never could have imagined that I would excel the way I did which drove me to prepare in every minor detail before attending camp. As a member of a diverse platoon,

I learned numerous lessons about myself and my ability to influence others as a leader. The rigors of LDAC truly brought out my whole personality in many positive ways, and a few negative ways for which I need to improve. Before leaving for camp my dad sensed my nervousness through my frustration and gave me a piece of advice which I really took to heart. He simply said, "Kev, attitude is the key to life. Don't worry so much, and don't doubt your own ability. Make sure you attend mass when you have the opportunity." Throughout the course I gave it my all to keep an open mind, a desire to learn, and a positive attitude which I think set me up for success.

I learned that I have more of an introverted personality, and excel when put in a position to work one on one or in a small group. Leading a bigger element of my peers as a Platoon Sergeant or a Platoon Leader takes me out of my comfort zone. CPT Murphy helped me find my own solution to this problem initially which was reinforced at LDAC. She put me in a Squad Leader position on the spot to conduct an ambush and I let my lack of knowledge on reports take over which hindered the success of the mission. I found the key for me is developing a strong domain knowledge which instills confidence and expertise. With this sense of confidence I become more of a vocal leader and can excel in any position. LDAC reinforced this realization during Squad STX. I led great STX lanes because I took the time to study the OPORD format thoroughly before moving to the field. The strong knowledge of the OPORD format allowed me to plan utilizing my time effectively. Becoming the master of a simple plan gave me the confidence to make decisions authoritatively and stick to those decisions.

Improper fitting knee pads caused a bad friction burn to develop on the inside of my knee. This burn became an open wound which later became infected. I locked my knees during an OPORD one night to ease the pain which caused me to black out and fall on one of my buddies. My PLT NCO came to check on me in the medical tent and said, "Hey Graham, there is a fine line between being tough and being an idiot. Why didn't you say something before it got this bad?" One of my biggest fears in life is letting someone else down.

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# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The Golden Eagle Battalion takes times to reflect on the accomplishments of alumni serving our nation and communities around the world.

## 9/11: A Personal Issue

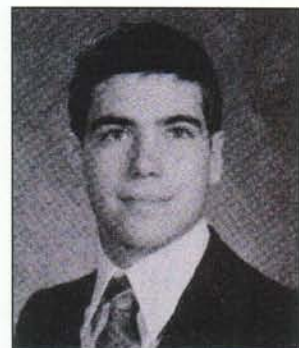
Nine years later, a divorce, the death of my grandfather and of Lieutenant David Demooers were some the adverse impacts this attack has had on my life. 9/11 is why I am in the military serving on active duty. The events of the attack led me to pick up Arms in the defense of our country. As a young man I did not understand what sacrifice entailed. I just believed deep down inside of my heart that serving on active duty was the right thing to do. The attack on our country was an assault on our freedoms as a nation. I learned very quickly that it takes sacrifice in order to sustain the freedoms of our country.



Every year on the anniversary of 9/11 I always take time to reflect on how I was able to contribute to defend our country. I have been blessed to lead Soldiers in combat for a total time of 37 months. I have seen Soldiers build schools, hospitals, soccer fields and feed hungry children. The sacrifices I have seen soldiers make have been remarkable. Nevertheless, the attacks on our nation are a constant reminder of how important it is for our country to have volunteers to serve in a time of war. 9/11 is a personal issue because it has changed everything in my life. The attacks helped me to understand that freedoms are privileges that Americans enjoy, by soldiers who sacrifice their freedoms.

--CPT Ronald Myers,  
Marquette University, AROTC 2003

Colonel Daniel R. Ammerman, United States Army Reserve, for promotion to the grade of brigadier general and assignment as Deputy Commanding General, (Troop Program Unit), 99th Regional Support Command, Fort Dix, New Jersey. He is currently serving as Chief of Staff, (Troop Program Unit), 353d Civil Affairs Command, Staten Island, New York.



Marquette University, AROTC 1982

If you have announcements, photos, or would like to contribute to the Golden Eagle Battalion's Quedette Quarterly "Where Are They Now?" please contact 1LT Cheryl Shefchik at [cheryl.shefchik@mu.edu](mailto:cheryl.shefchik@mu.edu).



## **REFLECTION continued:**

I tried to tough out my injury to a point of foolishness because I did not want to let my squad down by not wearing my kneepads. A nurse in my Squad noticed my limp during STX and insisted to take a look. She directed me to the medics and the problem was taken care of. This lesson affected my leadership style in a positive way causing me to realize that soldiers possess a strong sense of pride which will deter them from getting help. As soldiers we need to always be on the lookout for wounds that are both physical and mental and direct our buddies to help when they are in need. LDAC also helped me realize that leadership is the ability to manage various personalities and direct them towards a common goal. I began to take a stronger interest in getting to know the people I was working with as well as their strengths and weaknesses. I made a friend from Puerto Rico and assigned him as my translator because I knew he was fluent in Spanish from taking the time to know him.

I saw many examples of positive leadership during my time at Ft. Lewis. The positive leadership I saw centered on putting the success of the platoon before individual interests. My first Platoon Leader organized a Land Navigation review class during TAC time to help cadets who did not feel completely confident in those skills. He could have been relaxing or working on something else, but he decided to hold the class because he felt it was best for the platoon and wanted us to all graduate together. We covered numerous day and night techniques, practiced plotting, and took practice exam questions. The Platoon Leader had a strong interest in developing others. Another example of strong leadership revolved around a Platoon Sergeant ensuring the whole platoon was fed. One of our squads was stuck on a chow serving detail for an extended period of time. Our Platoon Sergeant aggressively sought out another squad from a different platoon to replace the detail so his men could eat. He exerted influence outside of his normal chain of command for the well being of one of his squads. The last example of positive leadership occurred during the squad obstacle course. One of our squad members was extremely afraid of heights and froze at the top of an obstacle. Other cadets yelled at the cadet to hurry up because it was a timed event. Amidst all the negative yelling, our Squad Leader ran close to the cadet and attempted to calm her down. He then directed her step by step on where to place her feet and what to hold on to in order to navigate the obstacle. She made it with positive encouragement and our squad went on to hold the shortest time which won the platoon a streamer for the guidon.



June/July 2010 – Warrior Forge LTC Kaderavek on TF Wolverine as supporting Cadre at LDAC.

I also witnessed some examples of negative leadership which did not contribute to the success of the platoon. Before the urinalysis my Squad Leader did not conduct an inspection of required items before leaving the barracks. Our platoon showed up to the company formation area and people in my squad were missing their military I.D. cards. He negatively criticized the squad for this after failing to conduct an inspection. Time was wasted as the cadets traveled back to the barracks to retrieve their required I.D. Another example of negative leadership occurred during FLRC when a squad leader closed himself up to the ideas of his subordinates. The Squad Leader was worried about losing control of the situation and would not take suggestions from his Team Leaders. He continued with the initial plan which was not working. I think a leader must take advice from a subordinate in a controlled way to work towards mission success. The last example of negative leadership involved the Platoon Sergeants failure to make a decision letting the platoon argue over what our guidon motto should be every time the guidon is moved to the front of the formation. It became a democratic process and the Platoon Sergeant lost complete control of the situation.

My best personal leadership experience occurred the day after I saw the medic about my leg. Our TAC made adjustments to the leadership matrix to see how I performed when I was injured. I did not see my position in advance and I was announced as the next Platoon Leader. The Platoon Leader always addresses the platoon after being announced and I set forth goals to work towards. I worked in close coordination with the Platoon Sergeant and wrote a detailed OPORD that could be easily executed. Training flowed smoothly during my floor and I learned a priority of work I will never forget. Weapons cleaning must always come first when returning from the field to the TTB. I put out the priority in the OPORD, but did not monitor the Platoon Sergeant and Squad Leaders in seeing that it got done.

I am glad that I was selected as the Battalion's Command Sergeant Major because this is the position I desired least at the end of last year. I was not super skilled in Drill and Ceremony and I dreaded the fact that I would have to become more of a vocal leader. I know what my weaknesses are and I think this position will help me overcome those weaknesses and gain more confidence as a leader. **REFLECTION continued on page 10...**

# CONGRATULATIONS!

**A few Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets deserve special accolades for outstanding achievements:**

Warrior Forge RECONDO Badge

*Cadet Jeffery Crook*

*Cadet Eric Czaja*

*Cadet Kevin Graham*

*Cadet Justine Hoffman*

Warrior Forge APFT Score of 300 or Above

*Cadet Jeffrey Crook* – Highest Score in 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment – 354

*Cadet Eric Czaja* – Highest Score in 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment – 361

*Cadet Kevin Graham*

Leader Training Course (LTC) at Fort Knox, Kentucky

3 out of 4 Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets earned an “Excellent” Leadership Assessment rating

Leader Training Course APFT Score of 300 or Above

*Cadet Angela Adams*

*Cadet Jennifer Kindt*

**REFLECTION continued:** I am already learning the importance of an aggressive attitude in order to accomplish mission essential tasks. My plan for personal development is to observe the way cadre NCO’s conduct themselves and seek their advice for fulfilling my role. I plan to work in close coordination with Master Sergeant Harrell and I want to continue the tradition of a strong color guard program. If need be, I will seek the help of my classmates who possess different skill sets and ask them for help. I know Cadet Richmond is very skilled in Drill and Ceremony. In order to succeed, I need to work as a member of a team and put the best interest of the Battalion first. My class received excellent training last year and it is our responsibility to give the lower classmen better training in order to prepare them for Warrior Forge and the future challenge of becoming an Army Officer.

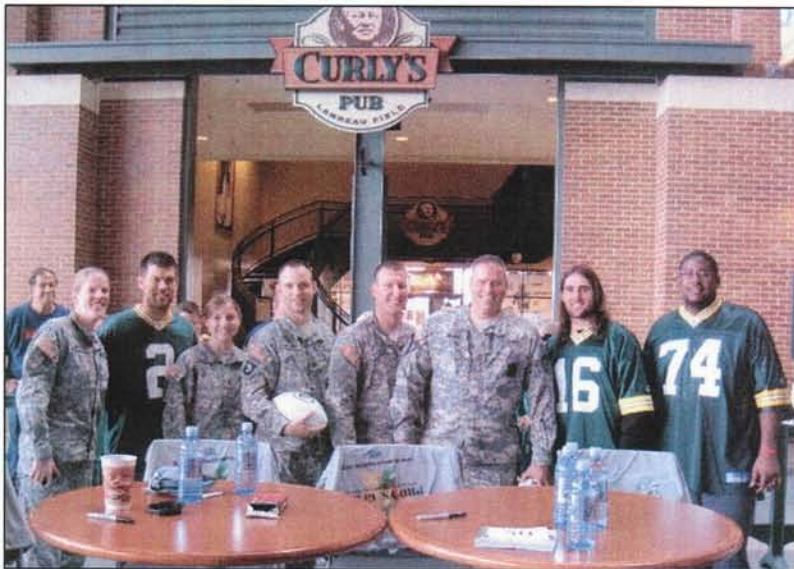
–CDT/SGM Kevin Graham

**October 2010 – Pros vs. GI Joes** The Wisconsin National Guard invited Marquette Army ROTC Cadre to participate in “Pros vs. GI Joes,” a program that provides deployed Soldiers the opportunity to play live video games with professional athletes. Cadre met Green Bay Packer players Mason Crosby, Brett Swain, Marshall Newhouse, and Brad Jones (not pictured) at Lambeau Field.



**July 2010 – LDAC Educator Visit**

(Left to right) Cadet Czaja, Marissa Wesley, Ann Mulgrew, and LTC Kaderavek meet at LDAC during the Educator Visit Week at Fort Lewis, Washington. Ms. Wesley is an asset to the Golden Eagle Battalion as a Marquette University College of Nursing advisor. Ms. Mulgrew, Marquette University Assistant Director of Campus Ministry, serves as the ROTC Chaplain and is a valued



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