Greetings from the Professor of Military Science

Hello from snowy Milwaukee, Wisconsin! My name is LTC Rob Kaderavek, and I am the Professor of Military Science for our 122 cadets and 18 cadre members. I assumed this terrific position in June 2009, and it has certainly been a wonderful experience over the course of this first semester. While I knew the Golden Eagle Battalion would be a special place, I have been blown away by the quality of the program and the quality of our cadets since arriving from Fort Stewart, GA. These wonderful junior leaders personify the ideals of Excellence, Faith, Leadership, and Service.

With this quarterly newsletter, we hope to forge, and then maintain, a closer connection between our alumni and our current cadets. We know that you each possess tremendous knowledge and experiences that you can share; the cadets, in return, can inspire you with their love of learning, their tenacity in the face of obstacles, and their growth as leaders. Please enjoy reading about the program in the following pages, and we hope that you will submit a nomination for the new Alumni “Wall of Fame” and perhaps contribute towards a new flag set or video camera for the ROTC department here at Marquette.

Veterans Day Ceremony 2009

Saluting the past and future of Army ROTC

From 1965 to 1973, former Professor of Military Science Col. Edward H. Dey devoted his time and expertise to develop ROTC cadets at Marquette into strong, intelligent leaders. Since his death in 2002, Dey’s wife and nine children have continued that legacy by donating funds each year to Army ROTC for books and technology.

On Veterans Day 2009, a ceremony was held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Old Gym at Marquette University to honor Dey and his family by dedicating our Army ROTC library in his name. The Army ROTC leadership, cadets, alumni, families and friends celebrated the memory of COL Dey and also performed the contracting ceremony for our freshman Cadets.

Request for Nominees

In future years, we will continue with our Veterans Day contracting ceremony, but we also intend to honor an inductee into the brand new Army ROTC Wall of Fame. Much like the COL Dey ceremony from this Fall, this new event will honor both the past and present members of the unit, and it will be a terrific way to tie our graduates in with our current cadets. A framed photo of each inductee will be located in a prestigious location in the COL Dey Library.

Please complete the form located at the end of this newsletter to nominate a former Cadre member or Cadet from the Golden Eagle Battalion at Marquette University who exemplifies the Army Values: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless-Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage while serving as a member of the U.S. Army.
Army Physical Training Test

The APFT consists of three events. Two minutes of push-ups, two minutes of sit-ups and a timed two-mile run. Our Cadets averaged 280 points out of a possible 300 points.

Ranger Challenge at Fort McCoy

The nine-man Golden Eagle Battalion’s Alpha team took first place at this year’s Ranger Challenge with a dominating performance, and our nine man Bravo team took second place. The Golden Eagle Battalion’s female team took first place.

Army Ten-Miler in Washington DC

Over a dozen GEB Cadets participated in the Army’s 10-miler this year. The Cadets stayed at the homes of numerous MU Alums and met many more Alumni during the event.

2009: First Semester in Review

During the first semester, our cadre and cadets excelled in the ROTC mission: To recruit, retain, develop, and commission the future officer leadership of the United States Army and motivate young people to be better citizens through support of local JROTC programs.

Dining-In: Army ROTC Cadets at Marquette University held their annual dining-in ceremony. The Dining-In is a formal dinner held by a military unit or organization.

December 2009: Army ROTC Cadets at Marquette University were recently commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Army. We are on track to commission 22 officers into the Active Duty, U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard in 2010!
First aid training at the Marquette Nursing School

Tri-ROTC Competition: Army Men and Women were victorious

Army ROTC Christmas Caroling at Marquette

Tri-Service ROTC – 9-11 Ceremony

Army ROTC supports Stand Down. Stand Down is designed and intended to bring a wide array of pre-existing specialized resources together at one location to homeless and at-risk veterans.

Army ROTC Cadets welcome home WWII vets participating in Honor Flights to Washington DC.

Additional pictures and explanation of each event can be accessed at the Golden Eagle Battalion website at http://www.marquette.edu/rotc/army
HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THE GEB BATTALION?

Here's How:

**CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**
“Marquette University- ARMY ROTC-COL. DEY FUND”
(Memo: Acct # 02000-43539)

**MAIL TO:**
University Advancement - Marquette University –
Attention: Kelley McCaskill
3rd Floor Zilber Hall
1250 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53233

**ON LINE:**

Click “other” designation and enter “Marquette Army ROTC”

In the next drop down box, enter account number 02000-43539

**CALL:**
MU Advancement Department,
Kelley McCaskill
at (414) 288-1590

Your Assistance is Vital

Our 2010 fund raising goal is $10,000.

Like the rest of the nation, our cadets have been asked to do more with less. With flat lining budgets, the cadets have been funded for events that are absolutely necessary to commission—one Field Training Exercise per semester and the required uniforms. There are, however, numerous un-resourced items, critical to the battalion’s continued pursuit of excellence, that require replacing or updating.

After many years of honorable service, for example, we require a new flag/colors set that includes a United States Flag, a Wisconsin Flag, an Army Flag, a Marquette Flag, and the 9 foot regulation staffs and spear tips (estimated cost $2,600). Additionally, we would like to enhance our website and digitally document our training with a new camcorder. Currently, we utilize a small digital camera, but it possesses only limited capabilities; a new camcorder would greatly increase training effectiveness and marketing success (estimated cost $1,300). Our third most pressing need is a trailer to transport the cadet’s equipment. Currently, we rent a box truck for each Field Training Exercise. This is a horrible long term investment, as the rental funds could purchase a brand new trailer in only four years. We, however, lack the capital funds necessary to make the one-time purchase (estimated cost $2,800).

Additionally, we have plenty of other general needs that would enhance our cadet’s training, morale, and leadership development, especially facilitating their cadet trips which are currently funded out of their own pockets (Army 10 Miler, German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge testing, Notre Dame Basketball Tournament, Bataan Death March, etc.). Be confident that we are not sitting idly as the issue festers, for the cadets continually execute various fund raisers and we have transmitted unfunded requests through the Army supply system to try and bridge gaps. Please help your Golden Eagle cadets continue in their pursuit of excellence. We know times are tight, but your generosity will make a profound impact on the future leaders of this nation. We thank you for your support, your service, and your consideration.
The Golden Eagle Battalion – Army ROTC – Marquette University

Wall-of-Fame Nomination Form

IMPORTANT: Nomination must be received 60 days prior to the Veterans Day ceremony to be held at Marquette University each year. Please fill out this form completely and FAX it to (414) 288-3096, mail it to Army ROTC at Marquette University - 1508 West Clybourn Street -Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881, or scan it and e-mail it to armyrotc@marquette.edu.

Inductee’s Information:

First Name: ___________________________ Last Name: ___________________________

Rank: ___________________________ Military Status: | O Active Army | O Reserve | O NG |

Current Status: | O Active | O Retired |

Degree from: O Marquette | O UW-Milwaukee | O MSOE | O Other ___________________________

Graduation Date: ___________________________ Commission Date: ___________________________

Telephone Number: ___________________________ E-mail Address: ___________________________

Nominator’s Information:

First Name: ___________________________ Last Name: ___________________________

Rank: ___________________________ Military Status: | O Active Army | O Reserve | O NG |

Current Status: | O Active | O Retired |

Degree from: O Marquette | O UW-Milwaukee | O MSOE | O Other ___________________________

Graduation Date: ___________________________ Commission Date: ___________________________

Telephone Number: ___________________________ E-mail Address: ___________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
| Summary of Inductee’s accomplishments as a member of the U.S. Army: | Inductee’s Name: ____________________________ |