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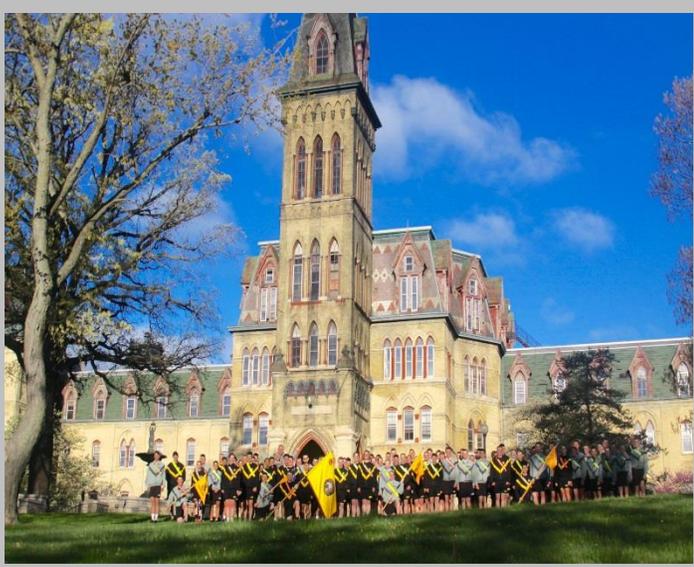
Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program hosted at Marquette University

Ranger Challenge

On October 14th and 15th, the GEB sent three teams to Task Force Ranger Challenge at Ft. McCoy. After battling teams from across the Task Force both the 9-Male and 5-Female teams came across with a win. Our 5-Male team took 2nd. The two winning teams went forth to compete at Brigade on November 4th and 5th. After a long weekend of hard work our female took 2nd and the male team took 3rd!



The 2017 Golden Eagle Battalion



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1LT Fox Memorial

Members of the commissioning class of 1967 were invited back to MU during homecoming week to attend a ceremony in remembrance of their classmate and friend 1LT Richard Fox who was KIA in Vietnam in 1968. 1LT Fox's roommate delivered a speech memorializing his friend and a wreath was laid in front of his photo on Marquette's Wall of Honor. The 2017 Ranger Challenge team dedicated their season to LT Fox and wore a Fox nametape on the left shoulder.



Words from the PMS

Friends, Family and Alumnus of the Golden Eagle Battalion,

It has been just over a year since assuming this role as the Professor of Military Science for Army ROTC at our Golden Eagle Battalion. This publication is long overdue and I am proud to share recent events and achievements of our outstanding Cadets. With Cadets spread over five different university campuses (Marquette, UW-Milwaukee, Milwaukee School of Engineering, UW-Parkside, and Concordia) we are truly all things Army ROTC for the Milwaukee metro region since 1951! In addition to claiming our Task Force Ranger Challenge Champions title in October 2017, our Cadets have also excelled in claiming victory in our recent MU ROTC Flag Football Championship and the Physical Fitness Challenge as they bested Air Force Cadets and Navy Midshipmen in the Fall Semester. The Cadets of the GEB are amongst the best in the Nation as our program fostered one of the highest Cultural Understanding and Leadership Program (CULP) rates in the Midwest with 10 of our Cadets specially selected to interact with foreign governments and militaries around the globe! They've earned an astounding 5 special Army School slots to include the rigorous Combat Dive Qualification Course, Airborne and Air Assault Schools along with a slew of internships both with the Army and with esteemed civilian businesses and agencies across the country. This past December, Tom and Kathleen Feifar were key in establishing the "Duke and Feifar Endowment" – a historic first with proceeds from growth of the endowment to have lasting effects on the resources and opportunities we provide our Cadets (see page 10). GEB cadre and faculty remain as committed as ever in pushing our Cadets to achieve. Truth be told – they amaze me every day and as I've said on more than one occasion, "this is the best job in the Army!"





Spring 2018 Commissioning



2LT Banks
Active Duty
Chemical Corps



2LT Bradley
Reserves Nurse
Corps



2LT Clancy
AD Medical Services
*DMG



2LT Cluth
Active Duty Infantry
*DMG



2LT Coenen
Active Duty Nurse
Corps



2LT Duncan
Reserves Military
Police



2LT Feifar
AD Military
Intelligence



2LT Fielding
Active Duty Nurse
Corps *DMG



2LT Fitzgerald
Active Duty Field
Artillery



2LT Fouks
Active Duty
Chaplain



2LT Grabowski
Active Duty
Ordnance



2LT Johnson
Reserves Military
Intelligence



2LT Kilpatrick
Active Duty
Aviation *DMG



2LT Kramer
Active Duty
Quartermaster



2LT Lake
Active Duty
Infantry



2LT Llanes-Smith
Active Duty Field
Artillery *DMG



2LT Lopez
Active Duty Nurse
Corps *DMG



2LT Lyons
Reserves Nurse
Corps



2LT Niemaszek
Active Duty
Infantry *DMG



2LT Schurter
Active Duty Nurse
Corps



2LT Von Der Linn
Active Duty
Transportation



2LT Wales
AD Military
Intelligence *DMG



2LT Walls
Reserves Medical
Services



2LT Wegrzyn
Active Duty
Military Police



2LT Wolber
AD Military
Intelligence *DMG



2LT Wolff
Active Duty Air
Defense Artillery



2LT Zenner
Active Duty
Infantry



2LT Flaherty
December
Graduate



2LT Smith
End of Camp
Commissionee



Family Action Network (FAN Club)

WE NEED YOU and YOUR SUPPORT - YOU HELP MAKE US BETTER

Join us at our site:

<http://www.goldeneaglebattalion.org/About-Us.html>

After a weekend out in the field eating prepackaged meals and conducting training exercises throughout the woods of Fort McCoy, what is it that cadets anxiously await upon their return?
THE WELCOME HOME DINNER!!!!
The Golden Eagle Battalion FAN Club provides a bountiful home cooked feast for our sons and daughters to enjoy before they head off to their rooms for quick naps and late-night studying.



The FAN Club also put together stockings for each cadet during finals to give them the energy to get through final exams and enjoy their holidays.





Dining In



This year the Golden Eagle Battalion's Dining In was held on December 5th at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee campus. The event featured LTG (R) William Troy as the guest speaker who shared many wise words with the Cadets. Cadets and Cadre enjoyed a grog filled with interesting ingredients as well as entertainment from CPT Imdieke as Mr. Vice. Dining In was CPT Imdieke's last event at Golden Eagle Battalion. Father Blazek was named Honorary Chaplain of the battalion and was honored with a scroll. MSIV Cadets pinned their branches ceremoniously on the branching board. The night ended with the GEB's very own band, OML, featuring CPT Imdieke as the guest vocalist. Overall, the event was one to remember for all at the GEB.

Above: Guest Speaker, LTG (R) William Troy, speaking at event.
 Left: CDT Kramer pinning Quartermaster on MSIV branch board.
 Below: Guest of Honor, Fr. Blazek, receiving the scroll and position as Honorary Chaplain of the GEB.



Above: Cadets and CPT Imdieke entertain at the grog.
 Right: CDT Feifar, lead singer of OML, and CPT I close out Dining In.





Cadet Summer Training

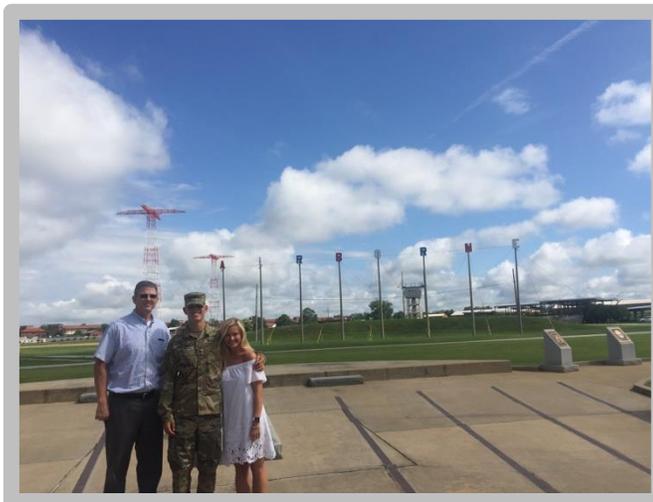


Air Assault: Cadet Davis, Class 25-17, and Cadet Lukasik, Class 010-17, successfully completed Air Assault School during the summer of 2017. They were oriented to U.S. Army aircraft, sling load operations, and rappel procedures. Cadet Davis spent his time at the Sabalauski Air Assault School, which is located at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. His training with the 101st Airborne Division taught him the importance of detail, integrity, and rehearsals. Cadet Lukasik trained at Fort Hood's Air Assault School. At Fort Hood, he learned that meticulous detail, timeliness, and inspection of gear is of utmost importance. AIR ASSAULT!!

Airborne: Cadet Hauger completed The US Army Airborne School - a three-week course meant to train the military's finest to jump safely from an aircraft in flight. The three weeks are broken up into three parts known as ground, tower, and finally jump week. During Ground Week and Tower Week the Army's best instructors known as "Black Hats" teach you the basics in individual airborne skills. These skills include learning how to do a proper PLF or parachute landing fall and training on the 34-foot tower. Finally, after two weeks of rigorous training it is time for the much-anticipated Jump Week. During Jump Week students put their training to use and complete five safe jumps from either a C-130 or a C-17 aircraft. After completing the adrenaline filled jumps students have earned their wings and hold the elite title as a paratrooper.



Above: Soldiers rappelling out of a Blackhawk at Air Assault School.
Below: CDT Hauger with family at Airborne graduation.



Combat Dive Qualification Course (CDQC)

Cadet Zenner, Class 4-17 attended Combat Diver Qualification Course during the summer of 2017. Students are trained in specialized physical conditioning, waterborne operations to include day and night ocean subsurface navigation (swims), day and night team infiltration dives, deep dives, search dives, diving physics, physiology and injuries, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, marine hazards, tides and currents, US Navy dive tables, submarine lock-in/lock-out familiarization, closed-circuit and open-circuit dives, surface swims, and small boat operations. The school is located in Key West Florida 90 miles off the coast of Cuba and is renowned as one of the most challenging US Army schools available. Cadet Zenner learned how to push himself in any environment and to never quit. (Picture: CDT Zenner with dive buddies conducting training.)



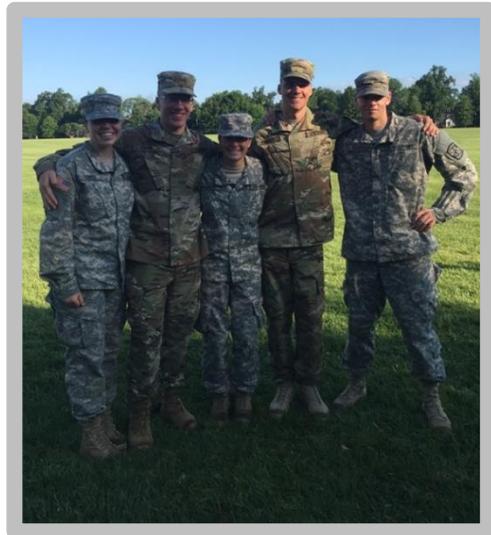


Cadet Summer Training



Advanced Camp (AC): “Advanced Camp was a culminating test that challenged me to utilize all of the training I had received in three years as a cadet in the GEB. This test included Go/No Go ratings on events such as the Army Physical Fitness Test, Land Navigation, Basic Rifle Marksmanship, Call for Fire, First Aid, and Rappelling. We were also evaluated on our ability to lead at the squad and platoon level while in garrison and tactical settings. Additionally, our squad members who we had worked closely with over the course of the 31 days at Advanced Camp provided peer evaluation on individual leadership qualities. Cadre took all of these statistics and ranked the Cadets of each platoon. Personally, I felt that the superior quality of training provided by the GEB allowed me to perform at a higher level than many of my peers from across the nation.” – CDT Steven Wales (MSIV)
66% of all GEB Cadets that attended AC were evaluated as “OUTSTANDING” or “EXCELLENT,” confirming that the GEB continues to rank amongst the best programs in the Nation.

Basic Camp: “Basic Camp was a 31-day training event designed to familiarize MSI and MSII Cadets with what the army entails. At Basic Camp, we learned how to use Troop Leading Procedures to plan and execute missions at the squad level. Some of the activities entailed included taking the APFT, doing the confidence course, performing basic rifle marksmanship, land navigation, call for fire, first aid, and CBRN tasks. Overall, being a part of the GEB for only half of a semester, I felt extremely

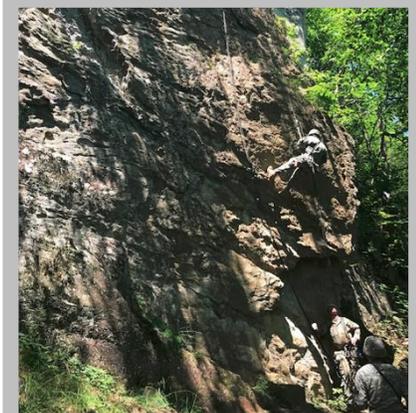


Above: Cadets Lopez, Cluth, Bradley, Wales, and Duncan at 5th Reg, AC graduation.
Below: CDT Kotarak and family at her BC graduation after receiving the National Sojourners award.



Army Mountain Warfare School

The Army Mountain Warfare School at Jericho Firing Range, Vermont was a rigorous 14-day course that CDT Dively attended this past July. At Mountain Warfare School, he learned a wide array of skills from knot-tying to setting up complex rope systems to haul equipment through rough terrain. This school was great for his development because it was both physically and mentally demanding, so he had to push his body further than he ever had before to succeed. US Army Special Operations Units typically send their soldiers to complete this specialized training. CDT Dively’s favorite part of Mountain Warfare was the last event, which was a night rappel down a 100-foot cliff with no use of flashlights. This is a very rare opportunity for Cadets to attend and he was very happy to have graduated. (Picture: CDT Dively taking his rappelling test.)





Stand Down

Cadets volunteered at Stand Down from 22 September 2017 to 23 September 2017 at the Richard Street Armory in Milwaukee Wisconsin to assist at risk and homeless veterans. Homeless veterans come to receive a warm meal, new clothes for the winter, and network with organizations to restart their lives while Cadets work one-on-one as a guide throughout the day. Cadets who volunteered directly impacted the lives of homeless veterans. They set up and tore down equipment at the facility used for the event. Cadets were able to serve the men and women who served before them. This was a great opportunity for the GEB to give back to the community.



Cadets volunteering at Stand Down.

King's Veteran Home

The Golden Eagle Battalion visited King Veteran's Home on 02DEC in order to meet and talk to the residents and veterans, assist with their St. Nicholas Day Party, and perform with the Cadet Choir. GEB Cadets have been assisting with this event for the past 3 years. The veterans living at King Veteran's Home mainly fought in Korea and Vietnam. Over 50% of GEB BN Cadets participated this volunteer event. A record amount (126) of residents and veterans attended the event compared to the usual 102. Some of the veterans were brought to tears by the Cadets visit— most residents do not have any visitors throughout the year.



Cadet Somalis and Cadet Toomey visiting with residents of King Veteran's Home.



Northern Warfare Challenge

Three five-person teams from the Marquette University Golden Eagle Battalion participated in the Northern Warfare Challenge in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Through twenty-two miles of snow, ice, and energy-sapping elevation, Cadets tested their team cohesion, mental adaptability, and physical limits. The participating Cadets built a fire with nothing but steel wool, four D batteries, and materials from the environment during a pause in marching which quickly drained their body heat. The next challenge on the course had Cadets hoisting a two-hundred-pound log and two water jugs up a hill using a rope for balance and their creativity. Finally, Cadets selected a "casualty" to sit in a sled, which the other members had to pull for the final four miles of the course. Although the physically taxing event is not a Cadet Command recognized event like Ranger Challenge, its participants come away with no shortage of beneficial experience and pride for having completed it.



Cadets Cordova, Griffith, Hauger, Davis, and Zenner after completing Northern Warfare Challenge.

Super Lab

On November 17th, 2017, Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets participated in a once-a-semester event, known as "Super Lab", at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Recent Army ROTC expansion in to UW- Parkside revealed that UW-P grounds offered ideal terrain conditions for tactical work. The Super Lab consisted of a combination of tactical lanes in a field-like environment. MSI and II Cadets participated in simulated tactics lanes of movement to contact, attack, and ambush during the six-hour training event, while MSIII Cadets focused on platoon operations and patrol lanes including ambush, movement to contact, and patrol bases. Although Cadets faced bouts of snow, rain, and sleet in the early winter weather, resiliency was demonstrated by all Cadets as all Cadets completed the training event. Cadets were even greeted with coffee and bagels provided by LTC Kiriazis following the event!



Cadets rucking through the treacherous creek in order to conduct training.



Presenting: The "Duke and Feifar" Endowment



We are so excited to announce, on behalf of Tom and Kathleen Feifar (parents to CDT Feifar, Class of 2018), the establishment of the "Duke and Feifar" Endowment. This is a historic first! This endowment was established with gifts and donations of Friends and Family of the GEB in December 2017 and already hit its endowment establishment goal of \$50,000! For so long as Marquette remains our host program, this endowment can continue to grow and will have direct impact on the quality of training, retention, and opportunities with which we can support our Cadets! Each year, 5% of the endowment earnings will be directly given to our Army ROTC program in order to continue to benefit our Cadets. That means that as the endowment grows, so does the amount of funding that gets to our Cadets! Funding for outfitting our Ranger Challenge teams with better equipment, supplementing our Cadets that push to represent the GEB at other events like Buddy Rangers and the Northern Warfare Challenge can now benefit from future donations. Financing our Cadet Service Committee and outfitting our Flyin' Irish Basketball Team with equipment, transportation, food and lodging can all benefit. The possibilities are truly endless! To be clear, this endowment does not mitigate the importance of our Dey Fund as the Dey Fund retains its capacity for immediate funding needs. In fact money generated from the endowment will be collected into the Dey Fund annually for execution of funds. Can we push this endowment to reach \$75,000 by the end of 2018? Every little bit can and will count. In our halls hangs a plaque commemorating this historic first. Inscribed on that plaque is the following – ***"Established by Mr. and Mrs. Tom and Kathleen Feifar in December 2017, the "Duke and Feifar" Endowment is the first of its kind for the Golden Eagle Battalion and Army ROTC in the Milwaukee Metro area. Funds and donations from the endowment will benefit present and future Cadets as they pursue excellence in their professional development. A great example of how the military service of those that precede our Cadets extends to benefit our current and future Cadets. The fact that two military veterans from separate services (U.S. Army and U.S. Navy) are forged together through this endowment effort is a lasting testimony to and symbolic of the cooperation of the joint services in the defense of our Nation."***

HOW TO DONATE TO THE "DUKE AND FEIFAR" ENDOWMENT

Checks payable to:

- "Marquette University Army ROTC - Duke and Feifar Endowment"
- (Memo: acct#02000-80575)

Mail To:

- University Advancement - Marquette University - Attention: Kelly McCaskill
- 3rd Floor Zilber Hall 1250 W. Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53233

Donate Online:

You may also make your gift online at:

<http://www.marquette.edu/giveonline>

or by calling 800.344.7544.

- Click, "other designation"
- In the next drop-down box, enter "Duke and Feifar Endowment - Marquette Army ROTC account number 02000-80575"



Contacts and Donations

ATTENTION ALUMNI!

Please share your stories with us! We are looking for newsletter contributors willing to share experiences, accomplishments, lessons learned, and memories.

COL Edward Dey Fund

Your generous contributions to the COL Edward Dey Fund have enabled the Golden Eagle Battalion to make incredible improvements to our facilities and support our Cadets. Unlike the “Duke and Feifar Endowment” that nicely focuses on exponential benefit of AROTC as the endowment grows through the years, the Dey Fund is an immediate impact fund with funding immediately accessible to our Army ROTC program.

The Dey Fund is in need of replenishing after supporting our Cadets this spring. Your contributions will help continue the legacy of the Golden Eagle Battalion’s Cadets as they train to become the future leaders of our Army. Please consider a donation to the Dey Fund.



COL Edward H. Dey, Professor of Military Science for the Marquette University Army ROTC program from 1965 till 1973

Thank You!

Thank you to all who have donated to the COL Dey Fund. The Golden Eagle Battalion appreciates your support!

Recommended Donation Amounts

(per family/donor)

- \$1-\$100 - “Talon” Recognition
- \$101-\$200 - “Wing” Recognition
- \$201-\$300 - “Eagle” Recognition
- >\$301 - “Golden Eagle” Recognition

HOW TO DONATE TO THE “DEY FUND”

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- (Memo: acct#02000-43539)

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