Fall Semester 2018 Highlights

Ranger Challenge,
MSIV branch assignments, GEB
Service Committee,
fundraising, and more!

The Official Newsletter of the Golden Eagle Battalion Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps Program Hosted at Marquette University
The beginning of the academic year comes with the arrival of a new class of Cadets. Spanning 3 days and 2 nights, the Incoming Cadet Orientation familiarizes the new Cadets with basic Army knowledge, from drill and ceremony to personal conduct. This is just a weekend for these new Cadets, but it is the start of their lives as Army Cadets and eventually, Army officers. ICO is a weekend of firsts. They do their first Army Physical Fitness Test, ruck march, and they all meet their fellow Cadets.
This event gave Cadets some of the best instruction they will receive all year. Spanning 4 days and 3 nights, Cadets get the opportunity to immerse themselves in their training. Everyone involved gets hands on weapons and access to the land and resources needed to hone their land navigation and tactical expertise.

MSI and MSII Cadets learned the fundamentals of tactics along with weapons familiarization and land navigation. MSIII Cadets spent most of their time qualifying on the M16 and later conducting patrols in which they would run a variety of missions over the course of a whole day.
The Varsity sport of ROTC, Ranger Challenge, tests Cadets' abilities in land navigation, marksmanship, knowledge, and teamwork. The GEB dominated the Task Force competition, with the 9-Cadet, and the 2-5-Cadet teams all taking 1st place overall in their categories. The 9-Cadet team took 1st Place at the 3rd Brigade competition at Fort Leonard Wood. The 5-Cadet team took 2nd Place.

The teams dedicated their season to CPT George Steinberg, a MU ROTC graduate. CPT Steinberg was killed in action on April 11, 1966 in Phuoc Tuy Province in South Vietnam. Members of the MU ROTC Class of 1968 stopped by for a wreath-laying ceremony held in honor of CPT Steinberg.
Cadets travel to our nation’s capital every year to meet people from all over the military, see what Washington has to offer, and of course, run the 10-mile race!

Army 10-Miler

Washington, D.C.

MSIV Cadets Waller, Turek, and Wolfrum post-race
Cadet Fundraising

At Miller Park

During the Milwaukee Brewers 2018 season, Cadets volunteered over 720 hours at Miller Park to raise money for training, new equipment, and GEB functions. Cadets raised over $12,000 through their efforts.

Cadets decided to donate $1,500 from their earnings to the Duke and Feifar Endowment. This donation will help future Cadets of the GEB.
Super Lab

UW-Parkside

Super Lab affords another opportunity for Cadets to get away from the urban landscape of Milwaukee to train. UW-Parkside has a large surrounding wooded area perfect for practicing patrols. The MSIII platoon leadership received the mission days in advance, and they manufactured their plan on campus. Upon arriving at UW-Parkside, they executed it.

Mother nature ensured a healthy amount of snow the night before Super Lab.
The GEB recognizes the impact it can have on the surrounding community. With efforts spearheaded by the GEB Service Committee, Cadets have a variety of opportunities to make a positive change. So far, Cadets have volunteered at food pantries, greenhouses, and Marquette-sponsored community events. Collectively, they spent hundreds of hours at Stand Down, an event designed to help homeless veterans in the Milwaukee area. A blood drive was organized with the Red Cross at the Old Gym, where numerous Cadets either helped with the drive or donated blood themselves. Each pint of blood can save up to 3 lives - from number of donors, potentially 150 lives might be saved with the blood collected.
Honoring Our Past

Vet’s Home Visit

The yearly visit to the Wisconsin Veterans’ Home at King sees dozens of Cadets spending time with veterans. These vets, many in their 90s, look forward to this visit months in advance. Some of the stories they share will never make it into the history books, but their legacy lives on through the military. It culminates with a Christmas party, where attendees listen to our Cadet Choir while they decorate cookies and enjoy each other’s company.

Clarence, an Army vet, shows CDT Ratchford pictures of his days at Fort Leonard Wood.
Class of 2019 Branch Assignments

CDT Bellinder
Active Duty
Engineer

CDT Davis
Active Duty
Infantry

CDT Fernandez
National Guard
Infantry

CDT Griffith
Active Duty
Field Artillery

CDT Dively
Active Duty
Infantry

CDT Hauger
Active Duty
Infantry

CDT Henderson
National Guard
Infantry

CDT Kotarak
National Guard
Engineer

CDT Leonard
Active Duty
Infantry

CDT Lukasik
Active Duty
Engineer

CDT Hauger
Active Duty
Infantry

CDT Henderson
National Guard
Infantry

CDT Kotarak
National Guard
Engineer

CDT Leonard
Active Duty
Infantry

CDT Lukasik
Active Duty
Engineer

CDT Niemiec
National Guard
Military Police

CDT Peterson
National Guard
Infantry

CDT Ramage
Army Reserve
Nurse Corps

CDT Sandberg
Active Duty
Field Artillery

CDT Turek
Active Duty
Adjuant General

CDT Veon
National Guard
Engineer

CDT Wolfrum
Active Duty
Nurse Corps

CDT Young
Active Duty
Nurse Corps

CDT Waller
Army Reserve
Adjuant General
Words from the Professor of Military Science
LTC Kiriazis

Friends, Family and Alumni of the Golden Eagle Battalion,

I write this today as the cold sets in along with several inches of snow across the Milwaukee Metro region. Regardless, our 2018 Fall Semester was filled with achievement and success! Your Cadets continue to perform magnificently.

Our Ranger Challenge results have been nothing short of impressive. For those of you not familiar, Ranger Challenge is an annual competition that tests the mental, physical, emotional and (at times) spiritual resolve of our Cadets across the country. In October 2018, our Golden Eagle Battalion dominated the Ranger Challenge Competition at state level. In doing so, our teams placed first in all three categories – 9 Cadet Team (Captain – CDT Joe Davis ’19), 5 Cadet Coed Team (Captain – CDT Jenelle Lee ’19), 5 Cadet Open Team (Captain – CDT Doug Machkovech ’20). It was a sweep! Your Cadets beat out all major colleges and universities across Wisconsin and the Michigan Upper Peninsula! Later in November, our 9 Cadet Team were crowned as the Champions in the Midwest after a tough and grueling competition at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

As a result, our 9 Cadet Team is currently working hard to compete on the international stage at the 2019 Sandhurst Competition at West Point this coming April. They will compete against the world’s best. Noteworthy competitors include Cadets from: West Point, US Naval and Air Force Academies, Sandhurst (United Kingdom), Australia, Germany, and other top teams across United States Army Cadet Command. Best of luck as our Cadet Team Captain (CDT Joe Davis) and our lead coach (CPT Dan Williams) prepare our team to fight and perform at old West Point.

Congratulations to our Class of 2019 as they discovered their component of service and branch. Overall, over 95% of our 23 Cadets in the Class of 2019 received their component of choice (active, guard, reserve). Furthermore, 100% of our Cadets commissioning into the active army received their first or second branch choice.

The Golden Eagle Battalion continues to be one of the best quality programs in the country. Operational Metric Scores for our Cadets range within the top 15% of programs across the entire Nation. Much of their success is reliant on the tremendous amount of support from Family, Friends, and Alumni. Thank you for being an influence on our future leaders of the Army! I know we all work to encourage our future Cadets to discover for themselves that the Golden Eagle Battalion is the right place for them and their aspirations.
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