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Northern Warfare

Northern Warfare Challenge is a 3rd Brigade ROTC competition that takes place in La Crosse, WI. 5-member teams ruck along a course which is no less than 22 miles long, and they must negotiate winter elements and thousands of feet in elevation. Along the course, they test their survival skills by starting a fire, using various weapons such as the bow and arrow, and pull a designated casualty in a SKEDCO. Only 3 teams finished among the 20+ who competed, and the GEB team, lead by CDT Jonathan Still, took home 2nd place!



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Notre Dame Basketball

Over 500 players hailing from over 50 schools gathered at Notre Dame's campus at the 31st annual Flying' Irish ROTC Basketball Tournament. Teams from Air Force, Navy, and Army commissioning programs play in a bracket-style tournament after playing for a top seeding. This year, the GEB men's team place in the top 8, while the women's team earned a spot in the top 4!





Cadet Hauger broke Purdue's Norwegian Ruck March time record, coming in first place with a time of 2:36. Cadets Plaza and Young finished in the top 5 in the female category, with times of 3:42:14 and 3:46:25, respectively. In the men's category, 4 GEB Cadets placed in the top 15 out of over 625 finishers!



Ranger Challenge Sandhurst

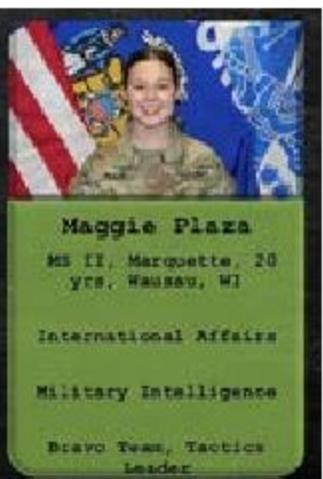
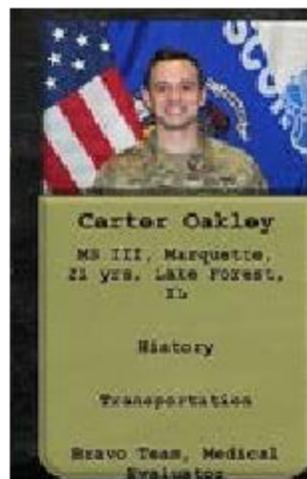
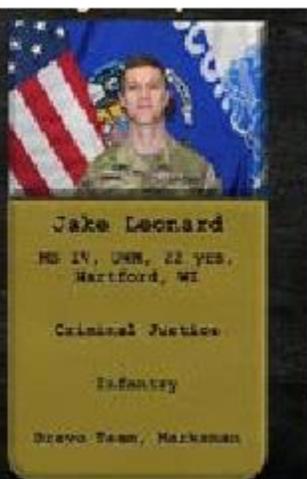
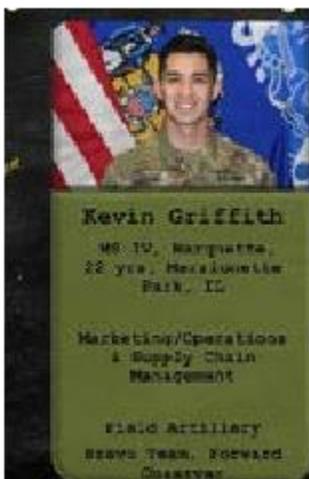
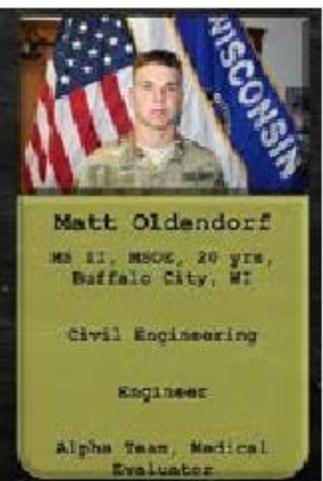
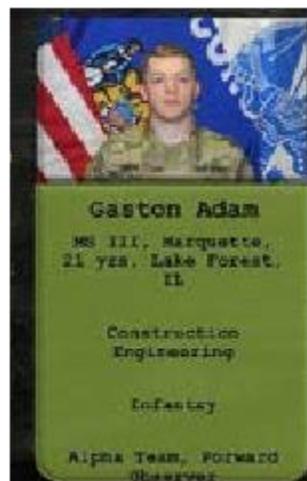
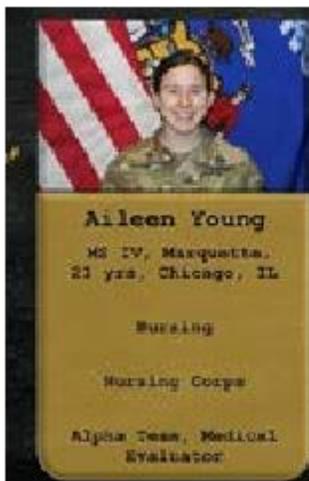
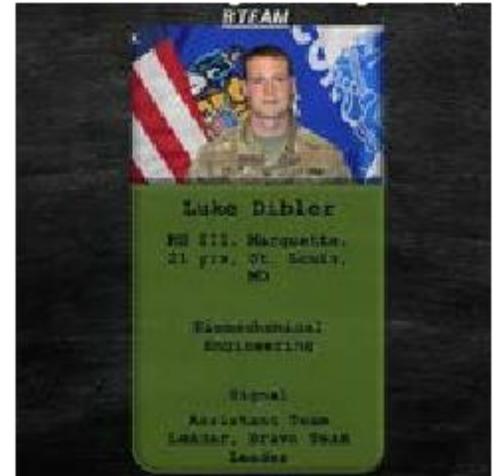
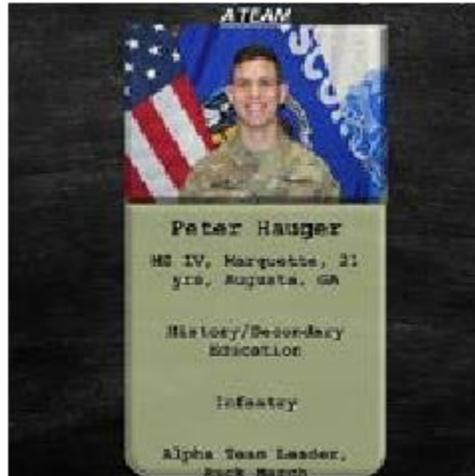
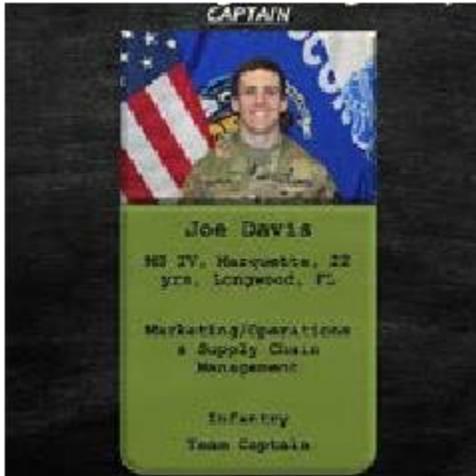
The Sandhurst Military Skills Competition is the world's premier military academy competition. Academies from across the world travel to the United States Military Academy at West Point to test their physical fitness and mental resilience as they navigate over 30 miles of the surrounding training grounds. Such skills as marksmanship (with multiple weapon systems), land navigation, and zodiac boat rowing test the officer candidates from different countries and services. 48 teams from across the US and the world competed here. The GEB was able to measure itself against various USMA teams, the Australians, Danish, Japanese, Chilean, etc. from their military academies.



The GEB Ranger Challenge Sandhurst Team Placed 16th place out of 49 and 2nd among ROTC teams!



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Military Ball

While the devotion and hard work of Golden Eagle Battalion is well known, the Cadets still take the opportunity to unwind and take a break from their rigorous training and early mornings. While the Military Ball is a time-honored tradition full of military ceremony, this formal dance allows Cadets the rare chance to relax and enjoy good food, good music and good company. Cadets were awed by the ascetic beauty and historic architecture as this year's Ball took place at the downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin Club. While the devotion and hard work of Golden Eagle Battalion is well known, the Cadets still take the opportunity to unwind and take a break from their rigorous training and early mornings. While the Military Ball is a time-honored tradition full of military ceremony, this formal dance allows Cadets the rare chance to relax and enjoy good food, good music and good company. Dinner was followed by an inspiring speech by Colonel Damien E. Mason! (Top Right)





The Spring 2019 clothing drive, organized by the GEB Service Committee was a great success this semester! Pictured below is Cadet Solowicz with 200 plus pounds of donated clothing.



Combined Spring FTX

Cadets attend the spring combined FTX. The 4-day Combined FTX is a training event that furthers cadets knowledge in tactics, leadership, and prepares cadets for Advanced camp and Basic camp. Combined FTX incorporates several schools from the same brigade as the GEB.

GEB cadets returning from FTX attend the welcome home ceremony. The ceremony includes the change of command, awards for FTX, Ranger Challenge and Scholarships, and ends with a battalion meal provided by the GEB fan club!



Specialty Schools Summer 2019

The following Cadets will be attending specialty schools this summer!



CDT Walter, Lindsay
Airborne School



CDT Toepfer, William
Airborne School



CDT Machkovech, Douglas
Jungle Operations Training



CDT Fleming, Ethan
Air Assault School



CDT Oldendorf, Mathew
Airborne School



CDT Plaza, Margaret
Air Assault School



CDT Earl, Holly
Airborne School



CDT Cordova, Alfonso
Mountain Warfare Course



CDT Adam, Gaston
Air Assault School



Spring 2019 Commissioning



**2nd Lieutenant
Davis, Joseph
Infantry**



**2nd Lieutenant
Dively, Bryce
Infantry**



**2nd Lieutenant
Griffith, Kevin
Field Artillery**



**2nd Lieutenant
Harder, Margaret
Engineer Corps**



**2nd Lieutenant
Hauger, Peter
Infantry**



**2nd Lieutenant
Henderson, Andrew
Infantry**



**2nd Lieutenant
Kotarak, Jerica
Engineer Corps**



**2nd Lieutenant
Leonard, Jacob
Infantry**



**2nd Lieutenant
Lukasik, Zachary
Engineer Corps**



**2nd Lieutenant
Niemiec, Lauren
Military Police**



**2nd Lieutenant
Ramage Vanessa
Nurse Corps**



**2nd Lieutenant
Sandberg McKenna
Field Artillery**



**2nd Lieutenant
Turek, James
Adjutant General**



**2nd Lieutenant
Veon, Liam
Engineer**



**2nd Lieutenant
Waller, Buchanan
Adjutant General**



**2nd Lieutenant
Kayla Wolfrum
Nurse Corps**



**2nd Lieutenant
Young, Aileen
Nurse Corps**



Words from the PMS

Friends, Family and Alumni of our Golden Eagle Battalion,

What an amazing year. I write this in the passing hours after the Class of 2019 commissioned into the force.

It is truly amazing how quickly these young men and women develop and are on stage, taking the oath of commission. The Class of 2019 made incredible impact on our Army ROTC program and lead our 128 Cadet element to real success. After a Task Force sweep in Wisconsin, and a 1st Place Finish at the 3d Brigade Ranger Challenge in November 2018, our program was invited to send 11 x Cadets to the Sandhurst 2019 International Competition at West Point. The Golden Eagle Battalion finished 14th of 49 of the world's best as teams representing the U.S. Service Academies, and other Cadets from countries like Norway, Japan, Greece, Mexico, South Korea, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand also sent their best. Of the '16 Army ROTC programs that competed in Sandhurst 2019, our Cadets managed a 2d place finish. Quite an astounding feat considering the top notch international and national competition and skill level. As a result of our strong showing in Ranger Challenge, Northern Warfare Competition, Buddy Ranger, and Sandhurst, our program was awarded the Brigade Commander's Cup, signifying that we are the top program in the Midwest!

With official analysis complete, Marquette Army ROTC and the Golden Eagle Battalion have ranked in the top 11% of Army ROTC programs across the country! This ranking takes into account the overall cadet in terms of cumulative GPA, physical fitness test scores, extra-cur-

ricular activities, Advanced Camp performance, and leadership potential. Thank you to everyone for your support! It really makes a difference!

We are projecting a large commissioning class for next year as the Class of 2020 could see us commission over



30 Lieutenants for the total Army force. I'd like to ask for your support, now more than ever, as our world class cadre work to put the final touches on the Class of 2020 and as we look forward to their commissioning in May of 2020.

I feel so very fortunate to be part of this program. I feel so fortunate to have the cadre and staff that are so invested in seeing our Cadets push themselves to excellence. I am astounded how this little corner of Wisconsin draws some of the finest Cadets across the Nation!