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

Greetings from the Professor of Military Science

Happy New Year! I am proud to report that the Mighty Golden Eagle Battalion continues to excel in our core focuses: Academics, Athletics, and Leadership. In these long winter months, the Cadets certainly buckled down and studied intently in their Academic disciplines, and we had 13 Cadets earn a 3.8 or higher semester GPA (1 in Public Policy, 4 in Nursing, 1 in Biomedical Engineering, 1 in Information Technology, 4 in Criminology, 1 in History, and 1 in Chemistry)! The Cadets also devoted significant effort to honoring their past, with a tremendous Wall of Honor induction ceremony on Veterans Day and by supporting two Honor Flights out of Mitchell International Airport. Never would the Golden Eagles sacrifice quality training, however, and the Cadets found ample time to refine their technical, tactical, and leadership skills with superb weekly labs, MSIII land navigation at Fort McCoy, "Future Soldier" events with the Milwaukee Recruiting Battalion, and a Cadet Rangers M9 pistol shoot at MATC. We ended the semester with a rousing Christmas Stocking give away, which was coordinated by the FAN Club (our Parents Group), and by honoring our Cadets of the Semester: MSI – Cadet Brookes Wittkamper, MSII – Cadet Anthony Nicholson, MSIII – Cadet Laura Snamiska. During Christmas Break, the Cadre did not sit idly while the Cadets went home to recharge. Instead, we revitalized the Battalion area and conducted "Spring Cleaning." We transformed the weight room, painted the offices, framed and posted the original Colors from 1951, and updated our classrooms. With a new, eager Cadet chain-of-command in place, and 10 newly recruited Cadets, the Battalion is excited as 2nd semester begins. In the next Quarterly newsletter, be sure to look for the following: Notre Dame basketball tournament, Combined FTX, Spring FTX, Military Ball (Guest Speaker will be COL(R) David Fitz-Enz), StandDown volunteer effort, MSIV Staff Ride to Tippecanoe, Future Soldier training events, Pre-LDAC FTX, and Commissioning—the Battalion will certainly not gather any dust! Also, I would be remiss if I did not thank all of the kind donors from the past quarter, as you have been integral in our ability to support such a tremendous range of Cadet activities. These Cadets amaze me at every turn with their dedication, desire, and skill level. I truly am blessed with the best job in the Army!



LTC Robert Kaderavek and his family presenting the game ball at a UW- Milwaukee basketball game.

Congratulations December Commissionees!

Four Golden Eagle Battalion Graduates were commissioned as Second Lieutenants on December 18, 2010.



Golden Eagle Battalion Cadre stand behind the newest Second Lieutenants (from left to right):
2LT Robert Groll, Signal Corps, Wisconsin National Guard
2LT Omar Jones, Ordnance Corps, U.S. Army Reserve
2LT Nicholas Rinaldi, Field Artillery, WI National Guard
2LT James Wallace, Armor, U.S. Army



2LT Wallace exchanges a silver dollar with MSG Mark Harrell following his first salute.

Find more photos from the Golden Eagle Battalion on our website: <http://www.mu.edu/rotc/army/> or check us out on Facebook.

October 2010 – Battalion Halloween Run Cadets and Cadre had some fun for Halloween on the second annual Halloween Run. Costumed Cadets called cadences around campus.



November 2010– Milwaukee Veterans Day Parade

Cadet Sanders-Mud stands with representative of Blue Star Mothers before marching in the annual Veterans Day parade through downtown Milwaukee.



October 2010- Branch Assignments MS-IV Cadets received their branch and component assignments in October (listed lower left). LTC Kaderavek pinned each MS-IV with his/her branch at the final Leadership Lab in December (photo above).



November 2010 – Leadership Lab Cadets learn life-saving first aid skills and get hands-on experience in the Marquette University College of Nursing simulation lab. (Above) Cadet Rabiego and Cadet Van Beckum practice opening an airway by inserting a nasopharyngeal tube.

Name	Branch (Detail)	Component
Kevin Bellus	Air Defense	Active
Laura Bradstreet	Army Nurse	Active
Janet Cecil	Engineer	ARNG
Jeffery Crook	Medical Service Corps	Active
Eric Czaja	Infantry	Active
Joseph Elich	Medical Service Corps	USAR
Kevin Graham	Armor	Active
Robert Hofer	Aviation	ARNG
Brenton Krohn	Military Intelligence (Infantry)	Active
Brett Markut	Infantry	ARNG
Heather Martin	Army Nurse	Active
David Neugent	Signal Corps	ARNG
Steven Olson	Signal Corps (Infantry)	Active
Anna Palazkova	Army Nurse	Active
Amber Reding	Adjutant General	USAR
Jason Richmond	Engineer	Active
Shelly Schneider	Army Nurse	Active
Michael Schumer	Signal Corps (Infantry)	Active
Matthew Skalski	Infantry	ARNG
Kyle Werner	Air Defense	Active
Zachary Wielepski	Air Defense (Infantry)	Active
Eric Wilson		USAR

November 2010

The Fall Semester started with the Cadets hitting the ground running—and they didn't slow down until after final exams week. November was a big month as the Army ROTC department, along with Marquette University's Klinger College of Arts & Sciences, celebrated Veterans Day by remembering the past and looking forward to future Army Leaders.



Twenty-four new Cadets officially committed to the Golden Eagle Battalion and Army ROTC during the Contracting Ceremony on Veterans Day. Cadets were joined by Alumni, parents, and senior Cadets as they swore an oath of service.



Alumni, Cadets, Cadre, parents, friends, and distinguished guests filled the Old Gym during the Wall of Honor and Contracting Ceremony on November 11, 2010.



Colonel (R) Lee J. Pryor, (MU, Eng 1967) helped organize the Veterans Day event. He was joined by classmates and several other Alumni to honor five Army ROTC graduates who died in the line of duty.

The Golden Eagle Battalion would like to thank COL (R) Pryor, Mr. Tom Casey, Mr. Tom Schultz, and Mr. Karl Steinberg for helping us honor our fallen warriors and for sharing their stories. With special gratitude we also thank the families and friends of the Wall of Honor inductees for their support and sacrifice.

The Battalion will continue the Wall of Honor tradition on each Veterans Day to recognize Marquette University and Army ROTC Alumni exemplary contributions and achievements.



The Golden Eagle Battalion honored five Alumni as the first inductees to the Wall of Honor (as seen above, from left to right):

Captain George Steinberg, UWM '63

November 5, 1941 – April 11, 1966

Captain James Wenzel, MU Arts '54

December 6, 1931 – August 30, 1963

Captain Neil Reuter, MU Bus '59

October 3, 1937 – July 5, 1966

First Lieutenant Richard Fox, MU Arts '67

December 5, 1945 – February 18, 1968

Colonel Gerald Clark, MU Arts '66

July 27, 1943 – 1989



October 2010 – Leadership Lab Cadets made the most of outdoor training opportunities before the winter weather set in. After weeks of practicing individual skills, Cadets practiced collective tasks and tactics in fire teams and squads.



December 2010 – Leadership Lab Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets test what they learned in the Squad Skills Test Competition. Squad members were randomly assigned to complete timed and graded tasks, to include: radio communications, SALUTE reports, first aid, 9 Line MEDEVAC, map reading, applying camouflage, and weapons assembly with functions check.



November 2010 – Tri-ROTC PT Challenge Cadets and Mid-shipmen from the Army, Air Force, Navy/Marine Corps ROTC programs competed against each other in the annual Tri-ROTC PT Challenge. This year's challenge tested less traditional exercises and included sprint drills, muscular endurance relays, flexed arm/pull up races, and team ruck sack relays. Both the Army's Male and Female teams won the competition (photo below, left to right: CDT Kehl, CDT Palazkova, CDT Snamiska, CDT Towne, CDT Bubolz, CDT Wittkamper, CDT Nicholson, and CDT Werner). Each team consisted of a member representing each MS class.



November 2010 – Community Service The Golden Eagle Battalion continues to make a positive impact on the local community. Cadets and Cadre assisted Marquette University with an outreach program, Project Night Night, which provided children in need with blankets, books, and stuffed animals.



December 2010 – Leadership Lab Cadets and Cadre enjoyed some holiday cheer and winning spirit during the last Leadership Lab of the Fall Semester. The FAN Parents Club provided stockings stuffed with goodies for each Cadet. Cadets and Cadre then went head-to-head in Battle Ball. The Golden Eagle Battalion wrapped up the semester by recognizing Cadets for their outstanding achievements. Excess stockings were donated to Pathfinders, a shelter for youth (photo left center).



Golden Eagle Battalion Cadre visit Job Corps to support local youth. Pictured below (left to right): LTC Kaderavek, MAJ (R) Roddrick Washington, and MSG Harrell.



GREETINGS FROM THE CADET BC



January 2011 – Cadet Change of Command The Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets welcomed new Battalion and Company level leadership for the Spring Semester. The Battalion also stood up Charlie Company, a company of MS-III Cadets preparing to go to LDAC this summer.



January 2011 – Leadership Lab To start the semester off strong, the Golden Eagle Battalion conducted an in-ranks inspection. This lab also included an award ceremony to recognize outstanding physical fitness and scholastic achievement.

Henry Hartman said that “Success always comes when preparation meets opportunity.” Well, our cadets are being given plenty of opportunities and our staff is working hard to ensure the best training environments to prepare our cadets. This semester marks the annual MSIII breakaway from the underclassmen to form Charlie Company, so that they can concentrate exclusively on their preparation for LDAC this summer. This semester is their time to fine tune their warrior and leadership skills to not only represent our program, but to represent themselves as capable future lieutenants.

This next semester will also be an important and an exciting one for our MSII class. For a year and a half they have been sitting back, waiting for their chance to lead and now it has come. It is their chance to develop their own leadership style by implementing what they have liked about the past MSIII leadership and changing what they did not see as effective.

The MSI class is still a class of followers, but their responsibilities include supporting their MSII leadership, to provide feedback to better the MSII’s, and to be prepared to step in and fill leadership roles as the opportunities present themselves.

The class that usually gets lost during the second semester is the MSIV class. Our class is seen as the class that is on its way to bigger and better things. This could not be farther from the truth. Our class only has one more semester to prepare ourselves and fine tune our leadership and warrior skills before we are promoted to second lieutenants. This is arguably the most important semester for a ROTC cadet. We have to realize that developing leadership is an ongoing process and not a destination.

With all of that being said, we are looking forward to a great semester. We will continue to work and play hard. We will stress accountability within our battalion family and ensure that we are developing strong, ethical leaders for life.

–CDT/LTC Kyle Werner



C/LTC Kyle Werner, the Spring 2011 Cadet Battalion Commander

GREETINGS FROM THE CADET CSM

Roughly 5 months stand between the Senior Class and Commissioning. With the first semester here and gone, it feels surreal to many of us. The light at the end of the tunnel, or should I say, the gold bar, is shining brighter and brighter each day. However, there is much to be done. The Golden Eagle Battalion has been going through many internal and external changes. Many classrooms have been updated and cleaned, new pictures have been posted, new trophies have been displayed and the weight room has been updated dramatically. With all of the new changes implemented, it is only fitting to implement new leadership for the semester. Being a vital part of these changes and being a part of the main leadership makes me extremely proud and anxious to get started.

Last semester my main responsibilities focused on the Female Ranger Challenge team and bringing them to victory, which consisted of actively leading a group of 6 Females. With my new position of CSM, my leadership outreach is expected to be on the entire Golden Eagle Battalion. It is quite a drastic change and one that focuses on discipline. My job as the Female Ranger Challenge OIC focused on domain knowledge, logistics and physical fitness. I look forward to utilizing a different dimension of my leadership and further developing myself as a leader. In addition, I am ready to learn from my peers and to get more of an NCO's perspective of leadership.

The future looks quite exciting for the Senior class and the Battalion as a whole, with many events coming up such as Stand Down, Military Ball, Spring FTX, Combined FTX, Commissioning and Graduation. New 2LTs will be released into the Big Army, the poor MSIs will no longer swim in the pools of confusion and the MSIII's will go forth and conquer the enchanting lands of LDAC-istan. My main hope for all is to grow as leaders and better prepare for the job at hand: Leadership.

--C/CSM Anna Palazkova



The Marquette Old Gym is a valued part of Marquette University history and is the home of the Golden Eagle Battalion. We take pride in our facility and work to make continuous improvements. Alumni gifts go a long way in adding to the value of physical training and mentorship within the program. One of the most noticeable improvements is expanding the weight room. Hopefully, through fundraising we will be able to update exercise equipment to improve safety and efficiency.



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.



Colonel Richard Kaiser, Commander 20th ENG BDE, and **Colonel Mark Mitchell**, Commander 5th SFG, meet in Baghdad, Iraq. COL Kaiser and COL Mitchell are from the MU AROTC class of 1987.



Colonel Edward Manning (MU AROTC '84) and **Dr. William Blazek** (MU AROTC '86) take a photo together. COL Manning is currently serving as the XO to DCOM, U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany. Dr. Blazek earned his M.D. in 1998 after leaving the Army and is currently on track for ordination into the Society of Jesus in 2011.

If you have announcements, photos, or would like to contribute to the Golden Eagle Battalion's Quedette Quarterly, please contact 1LT Cheryl Shefchik at cheryl.shefchik@mu.edu.



Three Marquette ROTC alumni, and former Marquette Ranger Challenge teammates, stop for a pose with old friends at a change of command ceremony in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Pictured (from left to right): **CPT James Wiltse**, Bravo Company Commander, 1-325 AIR; **CPT James McCabe**, Civil Affairs; and **CPT Scott Hinz**, Charlie Company Commander, 1-325 AIR.

CPT Wiltse graduated from Marquette in December 2003, CPT Hinz and CPT McCabe graduated in May 2006.



1LT Anthony Huebner (MU AROTC 2007) and **1LT Stephanie Thompson** (MU AROTC 2008) were joined by friends, family, and several ROTC classmates to celebrate their wedding. Both recently returned from Afghanistan, 1LT Huebner and 1LT Thompson received a special bagpipe surprise from Operation Welcome You Home and motorcade escort from the Warrior Watch Riders. The couple is assigned to the 173rd Airborne BDE in Germany. The wedding party included other Marquette graduates and Golden Eagle Battalion alumni, to include: **1LT Adam Knoll** (MU AROTC 2008), **1LT AJ Morris** (MU AROTC 2008), and **1LT Kellan Sams** (MU AROTC 2008).

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The Golden Eagle Battalion would like to express our sincere gratitude for your generous donations to the Army ROTC Colonel Dey Fund.

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Calling all Army Nurses!

The Golden Eagle Battalion is known for producing strong Army nurses who confident, competent, and physically and mentally tough. Please help our Cadet nurses and your legacy by mentoring a Cadet nurse. Write to us with your experience as an **Army nurse**. Cadets are eager to learn more about the future role as an Army medical professional.

*What does a nurse do as a Second Lieutenant?
What are special duties that I might be assigned?*

*Can I request additional training?
Which military medical treatment facilities are the best?*

1LT Jane McKenna (MU AROTC 2009) serves as an Army nurse in the maternity ward at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.



Going to the 2011 Army 10 Miler? We hope so!

The Golden Eagle Battalion hopes to send a team of Cadets to compete in the Army 10 Miler in Washington DC this year. If you would like to support the team, or live in the DC area and are interested in hosting a Cadet, please let us know. This year's 10 Miler is October 9, 2011. **2LT Sam Thompson** (MU AROTC 2010) was a runner on the 2009 GEB Army 10 Miler team.



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