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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

Friends of the Golden Eagle Battalion:

This has been another exceptional quarter for the Battalion. For starters, we were honored at the annual BDE leadership conference as the second best program among the 40 ROTC Battalions in 3rd BDE. While we were ecstatic about that significant accomplishment and about illuminating the Cadet's efforts and great successes, we are just as motivated to shoot for the top spot in the BDE next year! We were extremely honored to induct COL Mark Mitchell into the Wall of Honor during our contracting ceremony on Veterans Day. He gave a terrific speech, impressing Cadets, Cadre, Family, Friends, and Marquette faculty alike. Additionally, numerous Alumni have been extremely generous with their financial support, and we are putting the donated funds to good use supporting a plethora of Cadet Activities and Training Events. These include: Kettle Bell Weights, shadow recruit visits, a nursing tour of the VA, timing clock, the Notre Dame basketball trip, the Buddy Ranger Challenge Trip, and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge training. The battalion transitioned Cadet leadership starting the second semester, and our new command group is doing exceptionally well preparing our MSIIIs for LDAC and by challenging our MSIs and MIIs with new leadership opportunities—the future looks bright! Our Cadets will have a very exciting summer, as we have been allocated 2 Airborne slots, 2 Air Assault slots, 1 Combat Diver (Scuba School) slot, 2 Nurse Summer Training Program (Tripler Military Medical Center in Hawaii and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD) slots, 31 going to LDAC, and 11 Cultural Immersion Trips all over the world. And, I used to get excited about being a lifeguard in the summer! Before they get to these summer adventures, however, the Cadets will have an exciting second semester which we will report on in the next newsletter. Thanks again for your support, and please stop in and say hello if you are in the area!



Golden Eagle Battalion Honors Veterans and Contracts 21 Cadets

On November 11, 2011, the Golden Eagle Battalion honored our nation's veterans with a ceremony conducted at Marquette University. The Professor of Military Science, Lieutenant Colonel Robert Kaderavek, inducted Colonel Mark E. Mitchell, a class of 1987 MU alum, into the Wall of Honor for his distinguished military career, which includes being awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his courageous actions in Afghanistan.



The Veterans Day ceremony also included contracting 21 Cadets who took the Loyalty Oath in front of family, friends, and veterans.



Halloween Run

In spirit of the Halloween festivities it is customary for the Cadets and Cadre of the GEB to dress up in their Halloween costume and complete a battalion run. Cadences are sung and laughing is done as we parade through campus. LTC



Kaderavek, was missing that day, but Clay Matthews, bearing a striking resemblance to our PMS, was there to fill his shoes. Fun was had by all who participated and there was plenty of

Halloween candy for the Cadets.



(Above) The best costumes line up to be judged. Whoever received the most applause won the competition.



(Above) The MSIV's show off their costumes after their final Halloween Run as a Golden Eagle

MSIV Branching Assignments

This December, 15 cadets received the branch assignments. The last three years of hard work paid off. Anticipation increases as these soon to be 2nd Lieutenants learn more about the type of work they will take part in.



<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Component</u>
Adams, Anthony	Medical Services	Active Duty
Bubolz, Kevin	Aviation	Active Duty
Connor, John	Military Intelligence	US Army Reserves
Gillcrist, Michael	Field Artillery	Active Duty
Hauser, Elizabeth	Finance	US Army Reserves
Hubbard, Zachary	Infantry	IL National Guard
Morrison, Jason	Infantry	WI National Guard
Mueller, Elizabeth	Nurse	Active Duty
Nelson, Matthew	Air Defense Artillery	Active Duty
Rettig, James	Nurse	Active Duty
Rich, Trevor	Medical Services	National Guard
Rickard, Brandon	Infantry	Active Duty
Santilli, Matthew	Signal	Active Duty
Saxton, James	Engineer	US Army Reserves
Sedlacek, Sara	Nurse	Active Duty
Snamiska, Laura	Quartermaster	Active Duty

Distinguished Military Student Award Winners

A Distinguished Military Student, selected by the Professor of Military Science, is one who possesses outstanding qualities of military leadership, a high moral character, a definite aptitude for the military service, and whose academic record or demonstrated leadership shows distinction. The following Cadets were recognized as displaying these qualities: (pictured below left to right) Jason Morrison, Matthew Santilli, Brandon Rickard, James Rettig, Kevin Bubolz and Matthew Nelson.



Army Physical Fitness Test High Scorers

The Cadets of the Golden Eagle Battalion excel in many areas of soldiering. One in particular is physical fitness. Fitness is highly stressed and PT sessions are intense. Two Cadets who deserve recognition for their outstanding performance during the Army Physical Fitness Test are Cadet Joseph Lemens and Cadet Valerie Kehl. CDT Lemens had the highest score for males with a 334 on the extended scale. CDT Valerie Kehl scored the highest for the females with a 355 on the extended scale. CDT Kehl and CDT Lemens are pictured below receiving a plaque for their achievement.



Winter Commissioning 2LT Alex Felhofer was sworn in by his father, Commander (R) Thomas W. Felhofer, U.S. Navy on 17 December 2011. 2LT Felhofer commissioned into the Wisconsin National Guard Corps of Engineers.



Winter Commissioning, 2LT Heusdens 2LT Chad Heusdens hands off the traditional silver dollar to SSG Gottschlich after receiving his first salute. 2LT Heusdens branched Active Duty Aviation.

Right: The new 2nd LTs pose with the GEB Cadre after becoming the newest officers in the U.S. Army



Cadet Battalion Commander Brandon Rickard Looking Forward to this Semester and Beyond

As the new spring semester fast approaches, I am caught thinking about all the new, exciting challenges and opportunities that I will face during my last few months as a Cadet. We have many battalion events lined up for this semester, which most, if not all of the battalion will be involved in: Military Ball, Brigade Ranger Challenge, the German Armed Forces Badge competition, Notre Dame



Basketball Tournament, Spring FTX, etc. These events will give me a chance to better myself as a leader, while also bringing tremendous esprit de corps and positive morale to the battalion as a whole. As the new Cadet Battalion Commander, this next semester will certainly bring its share of original and exciting challenges, but with these challenges come opportunities to flourish and improve myself as a future Army officer. As with any Cadet in my position, I am looking forward to

commissioning and to the next chapter in my military career. I can say with great confidence that the last four years here at Marquette have prepared me to the greatest extent to become the best Infantry officer I possibly can be. In reflecting on my military journey so far, a few key events and people have paved the way and truly shaped the person I've become and the leader I want to be upon commissioning. My parents have supported me every step of the way (my dad is a retired Infantry officer) and I am so lucky and thankful that they have always been there for me. My brother set the right example for me to follow as well. When he came back from his first tour in Iraq, I recognized the reality of personal sacrifice and what it really means to serve your country and give back to our community. Of course I have to thank LTC Kaderavek for always keeping me motivated and fired up! Lastly, I am lucky to have gone through this journey with my fellow classmates. I feel like I have made lifelong friends that I will continue to keep in touch with and I look forward to ending this journey the same way we started it – all together as one, strong, bonded class of 2012.



Dining In

Dining In is a formal military ceremony for members of the Golden Eagle Battalion, which includes a dinner, drinking from the grog, and other events to foster camaraderie and esprit de corps. The Golden Eagle's dining in consists of only the members of the unit. It is a time honored tradition that allows the cadets to also put together a skit. This skit is a time where each class gets to poke a little fun at the other classes and the cadre. It was a spectacular event for the GEB.



(Left) MSI Cadets attend the social before they enter their first dining in experience

(Below) Cadet Bronk adds some ingredients into the grog to make it taste just right



(Left) The head table along with others laughs and applaud as a Cadet drinks from the infamous grog. The grog rarely goes down easily and is obviously an amusing spectacle.



(Below) Cadet Battalion Commander Kevin Bubolz takes a cup of grog after the MC, Cadet Ryan Murphy, ensured it was fit for the rest of the lucky participants to take a cupful of the tasty concoction.

(Below) The Cadet Choir sings the National Anthem and the Army Song before the Dining In begins.



Marquette 2012 Alumni National Award

Two AROTC alumni will be honored by Marquette University. These alumni and friends have distinguished themselves through achievements — both personal and professional — which not only have set them apart in their fields and social circles, but have defined them as true leaders. For their exemplary dedication to the mission of Marquette University, they will be honored with a very special weekend, April 26-28, 2012.

Professional Achievement Award

COL Mark E. Mitchell, Eng '87

Service to Marquette Award

George J. Gaspar, Bus Ad '58
Mequon, Wis.

F.A.N. Club Stuffs Christmas Stockings

Members of the Family Action Network and other parents donated supplies and their time to stock Christmas stockings for every Cadet in the Battalion. The stocking included everything from sugary treats to tape measures and levels. These stockings were given out at the final lab of the first semester. Every Cadet could leave with a smile and

plenty of fuel to get them through the rigors of studying for finals. It was a great cap to an incredible semester for the GEB. Thank you FAN Club!



(Above) On Veterans Day, Colonel Mitchell presented Cadet Kevin Bubolz with the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross award. The Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Inc., gives an award annually for achievement of scholastic excellence in military and academic subjects in order to stimulate development of leadership. This award, a bronze cross and certificate, is awarded to an outstanding MS III cadet. Each brigade is allowed to select one Cadet and the GEB's very own Cadet Battalion Commander was chosen.

Pictured **(Right)** is Cadet Eischen while presenting the game ball for a UWM home game. Cadet Eischen is a prior service combat medic who is now preparing for LDAC as a MSIII.



Pictured left to right: 3rd BDE SGM Johnson, MG Visot (MU Alumni), COL Mitchell (MU Alumni), CDT Bubolz, COL Schultis (3rd BDE CDR), LTC Kaderavek, MG (R) Lima and BG (R) Gonczey (MU Alumni). All pictured above were honorary guests of the Veterans Day hosted by the GEB.



Cadets in Action

Leadership Lab- Awards & Class competition- The Cadets of the Golden Eagle Battalion battled it out for class pride in dodge ball. After the round-robin tournament, the MSII's came out as the undisputed dodge ball champions.



Leadership Lab – FLRC- The Field Leader Reaction Course offers Cadets an opportunity to apply leadership and problem-solving skills to negotiate the obstacle in front of them with limited supplies.



First Aid Lab- Cadet Eischen applies a tourniquet to a simulation arm.



Pershing Rifles Alumni Donation- Cadet Battalion Commander Rickard and Sergeant Major Santilli accept a donation from Tom Schultz on behalf of the Marquette Pershing Rifles Alumni group.



“MSIII’s...Front Leaning Rest Position...Move!” MSIII’s are in their most critical semester as a Cadet. Physical fitness is stressed as the picture below illustrates.



NG and USAR brief- Captain Lee Plemons of the WI National Guard gives a briefing on the opportunities and benefits a career as a NG officer offers.

CDT Wittkamper attends the All American Bowl

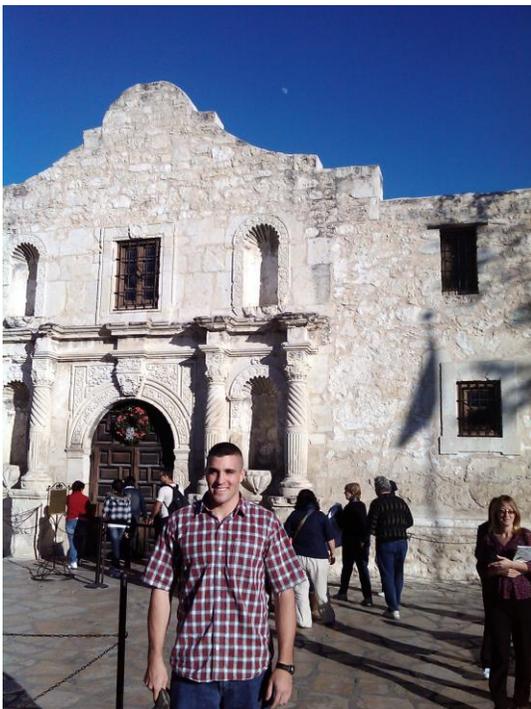
When asked by CPT Shefchik to be a Cadet marshal at the High School All American Bowl Game this year in San Antonio Texas, I happily accepted. It was a six day, all expense paid trip to supervise a group of twenty-two high school juniors. These players, who were from all around the country, attended a two day combine scouting event with hopes to explore future college careers as football players. It was hectic at times keeping twenty-two high schoolers accountable. The players generally cooperated and the weekend went relatively smooth considering how many people needed to be organized and guided. I gained valuable experience in what it may feel like to be responsible for a platoon sized element and I would do it again. Many thanks to CPT Shefchik for all the work she did to compile my resume and keeping me updated on travel plans.

Respectfully,

CDT Wittkamper

Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency

Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency (CULP), as of 2010, is a new division within the Cadet Command. The division is building a system of complimentary programs and incentives aimed at producing Officers who possess language and cultural skills required in the state of persistent warfare expected in the 21st Century. The GEB is proud to announce that 11 Cadet's were chosen to be given the opportunity to travel and experience three week trips to different parts of the globe. To top it off our SMI, MSG Harrell, will lead a trip to Moldova.



<u>Cadet</u>	<u>Summer '12 Location</u>
GROSSO, HOLLY	ANGOLA
VUKMIR, NICHOLAS	BOSNIA
ZASTROW, JAMES	BOSNIA
LEMENS, JOSEPH	BRAZIL
KROHN, TARYN	BRAZIL
DAHM, RYAN	LAOS
COPPERNOLL, CAROLINE	TAIWAN
RICHMOND, LANE	MOZAMBIQUE
RICE, CAROLYN	TANZANIA
KEHL, ADAM	TANZANIA
GOODERHAM, ALYSE	THAILAND

The Golden Eagle Battalion's Military Ball



The Military Ball is one of the many traditions held by the military today. This event is meant to take a break from daily stresses and relax and enjoy the company of those you work with and their guests. Cadet and Cadre wear their uniforms and follow certain rules of the mess. There is a formal meal, guest speaker, who was BG (R) John E. Seward, and a dance to conclude the evening.



MSIII Cadet Neujahr played taps on his bugle during the POW/MIA empty table remembrance.



LTC Kaderavek, BG(R) Seward, and MSG Harrell pose for a shot after the formalities had concluded. BG(R) Seward's speech encouraged the MSIV's who look forward to soon joining the Profession of Arms.



Military Appreciation Night at UW-Milwaukee

The UWM Panthers invited active, reserve and retired military personnel and their families to the U.S. Cellular Arena Jan. 26 for Military

Appreciation Night when they took on two-time national runner-up Butler. All military personnel received a complimentary ticket. Both teams wore special uniforms with ACU numbers, an American Flag, the ROTC patch and USA stitched on them. The Cadet Choir sang the National Anthem and the Color Guard presented the colors. It was a great event for the GEB and all service members that attended. The GEB raised \$3200 for the Black Cultural Center by raffling off game worn jerseys.



The uparmored HMMWV outside of the US Cellular Arena let it be known that tonight's game was not just another game



Many people put a tremendous amount of man hours into this event, but a special thank you goes out to SFC Joe Braun and the UWM Cadets. Great work!

The GEB Welcomes CPT Costello to the Battalion



CPT Costello is the GEB's nurse advisor and mentor. She teaches a monthly class for the nurses that gives them history and perspective of the profession they are about to join. The latest activity was the Nurse FTX that took Cadet nursing students and high school recruits seeking a nursing major to the Milwaukee VA where they had a chance to visit with the medical staff, patients and facilities. It was a great chance for the nurses to see what a military medical facility is like as well as a chance to speak and network with nurses, PA's and doctors. After their tour, the nursing students were then taken to Miller Park where they were treated to a special mentorship lunch at Friday's Front Row, overlooking the field. It was a great time for the nurses to learn and socialize all together. Many thanks to CPT Costello for setting up the visit and giving such an amazing tour.



Future Soldiers Swim and Combat Water Survival Test

The GEB assisted the U.S. Army Recruiting Command by administering and facilitating the Army Swim Test and the Combat Water Survival Test to Future Soldiers. Future Soldiers are those who have enlisted, but have time before they go to their Basic Training. Through this Cadet led training, they are given a chance to gain confidence in the water and develop team building skills. The assisting Cadets have a chance to work with young Soldiers similar to the ones they will someday have in their platoons.



Wisconsin Veterans

Stand Down

Stand Downs are one part of the Department of Veterans Affairs' efforts to provide services to homeless veterans. Stand Downs are typically one to three day events providing services to homeless Veterans such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, VA and Social Security benefits counseling, and referrals to a variety of other necessary services, such as housing, employment and substance abuse treatment. Stand Downs are collaborative events, coordinated between local VAs, other government agencies, and community agencies who serve the homeless. Our Cadets volunteered to support the Richards Street Armory Stand Down over the course of two days. The event truly requires Cadet volunteers to be a success.



(Above) Cadets set up for the two day Stand Down.



Cadets helped hand out the donated clothing to the homeless veterans.

Faculty Bowling League

Army ROTC is represented by a few of the GEB cadre in the Marquette faculty bowling league. The newest member of the Pin Snipers is Mr. Jesse Lewis (UWM class of '09). He is pictured **below** receiving a brand new ball courtesy of SFC(P) Breakfield.



MSIII OPORD CLASS

The MSIII class has entered the most critical semester of their Cadet career. After winter break, they formed their own company, Charlie Company, which is composed of only MSIII's. It is designed to foster peer leadership, as well as give their TACs ample time to monitor and counsel each of the III's. As they prepare for the rigors of the Leader Development and Assessment Course at Fort Lewis, WA., their skills are honed in order to excel at camp. In addition to rigorous physical fitness, delivering operations orders plays a major role in determining how they get rated. The GEB has set up a special class that is dedicated to the MSIII's writing and delivering OPORDs. MSIII's are briefed a Platoon level OPORD, and they have to break it down and brief it at the squad level using terrain model kits and white boards to visually communicate their scheme of maneuver. The GEB Cadets heading out to LDAC are going to be imminently prepared for whatever they face this summer.



Recruits Shadow Visit



On 10FEB, the GEB invited those high school students who expressed interest in MU AROTC to spend two days "shadowing" a current Cadet. Shadows were part of Thursday morning PT where they ran, jumped and sweated just like a GEB Cadet. They then attended classes with their host and got a feel for the Marquette professors and instructors. After they stayed the night in the dorms, shadows attended Friday morning Leadership Lab, where they were trained on how to enter and clear a room. The shadows then executed just as they would've if they were a Golden Eagle Cadet. After lab, some attended classes again while others went on the Nurse FTX to the Milwaukee VA, where nursing student Cadets and those shadows who were interested in nursing had the chance to interact with the staff and patients of a military medical facility. They were then treated to a luncheon special at Miller Parks' Front Row restaurant. Shadows left with a real sense of what it would be like to be a GEB Cadet and a college student.



Notre Dame Basketball Tournament

Historically, the GEB sends a male and female team to compete at the annual Notre Dame Flyin' Irish Basketball Tournament. The battalion actually conducts tryouts to fill both teams which end up spending three months practicing and preparing for the tournament. The tournament is a popular ROTC event which brings together Army, Air Force and Navy programs from across the nation. Although we didn't bring home the trophy from the 27 team tournament, our Cadets played exceptionally tough and served as great Marquette ambassadors. It was a valuable experience for the Cadets to participate in a national competition and get to know their fellow future leaders of tomorrow.



The GEB awarded 2nd Best Battalion in the Brigade

LTC Kaderavek and MSG Harrell pictured right with COL Schultis and CSM Johnson after receiving the streamer for the 2nd best battalion in the 3rd BDE for 2010-2011. The Golden Eagles' overall dominance in leadership development and athletic competitions shone brightly to the other 40 programs. Vegas bookies indicate we're odds on favorites for a 1st place finish in 2011-2012!



GEB Faculty Members Son Takes 3rd Place at WIAA State Wrestling Championships



The Golden Eagle Battalion is proud to announce that our Supply Technician, Mrs. Rita Vaillancourt's son, Mitchell Berenz took 3rd place at State in the 145lb weight division. As only a junior, he looks forward to taking the gold home next year. Congratulations to Mitchell and his family.

ND BBall Team Pasta Dinner

The night before the tournament it is necessary to load up on carbohydrates. Thanks to the Parents' F.A.N. Club, the GEB Cadets fueled up for the games they were about to play with a pasta dinner. It was a good chance for the players to relax before they got a good night's sleep.



Cadet Ploetz Graduates

from Airborne School

Over this winter break I attended the United States Army Airborne School at Fort Benning, GA. It was my second attempt at passing the school. I was sent in August for the first time along with dozens of other Cadets.

Unfortunately, I was injured during my third jump and was unable to continue jump week. However, I was extremely fortunate in that when I returned to Marquette my Cadre spent well over a month making phone calls, filling out paperwork and securing orders for me to return. After retraining on the machines required for me to regain jump status, I was allowed to reenter Jump week. I completed my last two jumps on the first two days of that week. The next morning I had a quite graduation in the First Sergeants office. It was the proudest day in my military career so far.

-CDT MSIII Michael Ploetz



CDT Adams Wins Big Buck Competition 2nd Year in a Row

The Golden Eagle Battalion has a competitive atmosphere that expands outside the doors of our ROTC building. With deer hunting season, came the 2nd Annual Big Buck Competition. Cadets are required to take a picture with their buck and send it to the battalion. For last two years the competition has been dominated by MSIV Angela Adams. Last year her buck was 10pts, weighing in at 195lbs, and this year's she scored one with 11pts and 178lbs. The battalion will crown a new champion next year as Cadet Adams will be graduating from UW-Parkside and commissioning into the WI National Guard. So the Cadets and Cadre can breathe easy knowing she won't be around to take the crown again, but the deer should still be nervous. CDT Adams is pictured above holding her plaque that bears her name for the last two years.



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Thanks to donations made to the GEB, we will be sending multiple teams to the Buddy Ranger Challenge Competition held at the U of Kansas on 30MAR. Pictured left is last year's team.

The Notre Dame Basketball Tournament will also be possible thanks to generous donations. (Right) This year's male team with Coach CPT Schuchard.



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