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

GOLDEN EAGLE BATTALION CELEBRATES CADET AND ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Marquette University Leadership, guest speaker, and PMSs from all three ROTC Service Branches gathered to honor newly commissioned Second Lieutenants and Ensigns at the **Tri-Service Commissioning Ceremony**. *Read more on page 3.*

The Golden Eagle Battalion offers a sincere thanks to Honorable Lamont, Rev. Pilarz, Rev. Rossi, MG (R) Lima, and Ms. Mulgrew for sharing their thoughtful and inspiring words with us on commissioning day.

May 19, 2012 marked a significant day in Golden Eagle Battalion history when our unit observed a **Change of Command** between **LTC Robert Kaderavek** and **LTC Michael Gibson**.

Read more from the Outgoing and Incoming Professors of Military Science on page 3.

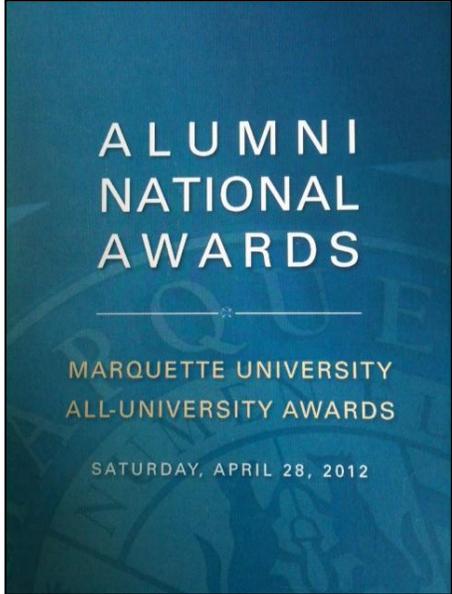


The Cadets, Cadre, Alumni and Friends of the Golden Eagle Battalion have a lot to celebrate this spring: **successful field training, challenging competitions, special awards ceremonies, a change of command, and—most importantly—the new 2012 commissionees.**



The Class of 2012 proudly poses for a class photo following the **Army Commissioning Ceremony** on May 19, 2012. *Read more about the U.S. Army's newest Second Lieutenants on page 2.*

Two Marquette University Army ROTC Alumni were honored by the university **Alumni Association** at the **Alumni National Awards** ceremony. *Read more about honorees, Colonel Mark E. Mitchell (MU Engr '87) and Mr. George Gaspar (MU Bus Ad '58) on page 4.*



MAY 2012 COMMISSIONING

The Golden Eagle Battalion commissioned sixteen of the US Army's newest and finest Second Lieutenants on Armed Forces Day this year. Cadets, Cadre, friends and family took part in a ceremony featuring guest speaker, the Honorable Mr. Thomas R. Lamont, Assistant Secretary of the Army Manpower & Reserve Affairs.



CPT Adam Knoll (MU Bus Ad '08) administers the Oath to 2LT Kevin Bubolz.



(Above) 2LT Michael Gillcrist is pinned by his parents, Robert and Maria Gillcrist. (Below) Mr. Lamont addresses the commissionees regarding their Officer responsibilities.



2LT Brandon Rickard returns his first salute rendered by his brother, Marine Corps Sergeant Lawrence Rickard.

Congratulations to the Commissioning Class of 2012!

- 2LT Anthony Adams - Medical Service Corps
- 2LT Kevin Bubolz - Aviation
- 2LT John Connor - US Army Reserve, Military Intelligence
- 2LT Michael Gillcrist - Field Artillery officer
- 2LT Elizabeth Hauser - US Army Reserve, Finance Corps
- 2LT Justin Hoffman - WI National Guard, Ordnance
- 2LT Zachary Hubbard - IL National Guard, Infantry
- 2LT Jason Morrison - WI National Guard, Infantry
- 2LT Elizabeth Mueller - Army Nurse Corps
- 2LT Matthew Nelson - Air Defense Artillery
- 2LT James Rettig - Army Nurse Corps
- 2LT Trevor Rich - WI National Guard, Medical Service Corps
- 2LT Brandon Rickard - Infantry
- 2LT James Saxton - US Army Reserve, Corps of Engineers
- 2LT Sara Jean Sedlacek - Army Nurse Corps
- 2LT Laura Snamiska - Quartermaster



CHANGE OF COMMAND Immediately following the Army Commissioning Ceremony, the Professor of Military Science conducted a Change of Command Ceremony. As is the time honored tradition, during the ceremony, the outgoing Professor of Military Science, LTC Kaderavek, passed the Battalion colors relinquishing his command of the Golden Eagles to MG (R) Paul Lima, MG Lima then passes the colors to the incoming Professor of Military Science, LTC Gibson, charging him with all the duties and responsibilities of command. LTC Gibson then passed the colors to Senior Military Science Instructor, MSG Harrell, representing the NCO Corps, the backbone of the Army and the glue that keeps all units disciplined & mission ready.



(Left) Outgoing PMS, LTC Kaderavek, hands MG (R) Lima, the Battalion Colors.
(Right) Incoming PMS, LTC Gibson, received the Battalion Colors from MG (R) Lima and then handed them to MSG Harrell.



COMMENTS FROM THE PROFESSOR OF MILITARY SCIENCE

Outgoing PMS: LTC Robert Kaderavek

Cadets, Cadre, Alumni, Friends:

Thanks for a wonderful three years as the Marquette ROTC Professor of Military Science. Interacting with such exceptional young leaders on a daily basis has been my most rewarding professional experience to date – almost hard to believe it was a job!!! While I hate to move on, I am ecstatic that our program remains in imminently capable hands. LTC Mike and Cindy Gibson are the passionate, competent, caring leaders the Golden Eagles require to vault to the next level. I look forward to hearing about all the Golden Eagle Family’s successes from afar, so please stay in touch:

Robert.kaderavek@us.army.mil. NICE!

Incoming PMS: LTC Michael Gibson

Golden Eagle Battalion Alumni, Family, and Friends, of the Marquette University Army ROTC Program. I am ecstatic to assume responsibility for such an outstanding program and the legacy that precedes it. We will endeavor to uphold the Marquette virtues and continue to achieve excellence. On 19 May we achieved excellence in our mission by commissioning 16 2nd Lieutenants and conducting an outstanding change of command ceremony with MG Lima as the presiding officer. This summer our Cadets continue to grow and professionally develop through a multitude of training opportunities across the world; 11 attending Cultural awareness trips to 8 countries, 1 Marquette University sponsored program to China, 2 Airborne, 2 Air Assault, 1 Combat Diver, 1 WHINSEC, 2 NSTP, 4 CTLT, 2 LDAC, 2 LTC, 1 CFT, and many unnamed internships, leadership jobs, and amazing experiences. We await the knowledge and experience that these cadets have gained and will impart upon our cadets this next school year. We continue to preparing for another busy year that kicks off in late August with the incoming cadet orientation, followed by many outstanding training, leadership, and service opportunities. I look forward to meeting many of you and carrying on the long and distinct traditions established in the Marquette Army ROTC program. Thank you for the opportunity to lead these fine young men and women!

TRI-SERVICE COMMISSIONING Army Commissionees also participated in a Tri-Service Commissioning Ceremony following the Change of Command Ceremony. Newly Commissioned Second Lieutenants and Ensigns from the Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps ROTC programs were part of the Tri-Service ceremony. The official party included Marquette University President Reverend Scott Pilarz, S. J., Honorable Thomas Lamont, Klinger College of Arts & Sciences Interim Dean Reverend Phillip Rossi, S.J., Campus Minister Ms. Ann Mulgrew, Professor of Military Science LTC Michael Gibson, Professor of Naval Science Captain Joseph Bauknecht, and Professor of Aerospace Studies LTC Robert Hassler (photographed on page #1).

ALUMNI NATIONAL AWARDS - MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

This spring the Marquette University Alumni Association recognized several accomplished alumni representing each of the Colleges, Graduate School, Law School, and Dental School. Five outstanding alumni were honored with an Alumni National Award—two of which are Army ROTC alumni, Colonel Mark Mitchell and Mr. George Gaspar.

SERVICE TO MARQUETTE AWARD Mr. George Gaspar, a 1958 Marquette University graduate and Army ROTC commissionee, along with his wife, Mrs. Anna Clair Gaspar were recognized with the [Service to Marquette Award](#). Mr. and Mrs. Gaspar are heavily involved in service work and leadership directly impacting the quality of life for members of the Marquette and Milwaukee communities.

Mr. Gaspar's gregarious smile is recognizable as he is pinned with Second Lieutenant gold bars. Today Mr. and Mrs. Gaspar reside in Mequon, Wisconsin and continue to serve and contribute to the community.



PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Colonel Mark E. Mitchell, a 1987 Marquette University College of Engineering graduate and Army ROTC commissionee, was recognized with the [Professional Achievement Award](#). Colonel Mitchell is currently serving as the Assistant Secretary of Defense of Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict and is the recipient of several military honors, to include the Distinguished Service Cross. Colonel Mitchell was also recently recognized by the Golden Eagle Battalion and inducted into the [Wall of Honor](#) for his exemplary service.



(Left) As a member of Special Forces, Colonel dons the well-recognized and highly respected green beret. (Right) Several Golden Eagle Battalion Alumni and supporters attended the Alumni National Awards ceremony. Photographed here: Erich Roush (MU A&S, Comm '07), Cheryl Graycarek Shefchik (MU A&S '07), Matthew Kelley (MU A&S '07) pose for a photo with their former instructor LTC Ernest Litynski.

To read more about all five of the 2012 All-University Alumni Award Recipients, or learn how you can nominate an alum for recognition, please visit the [Marquette University Alumni Association website](#).



GERMAN ARMED FORCES BADGE

Twenty Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets, along with 90 Army and Air Force Cadets from throughout Cadet Command 3rd Brigade, competed for the German Armed Forces Badge in Milwaukee this spring. The German Armed Forces Badge tests a variety of physical tasks, marksmanship, first aid skills, and includes a road march. The three day event resulted in the presentation of 74 gold, 7 silver, and one bronze badge to the competitors.

CADET RANGERS

This spring the Cadet Rangers Club stepped it up a notch with their tactical training by paintballing. (Below) Cadet Ranger squad leaders receive a mission to execute as part of their tactical paintball scenario.



(Above) Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets proudly stand with LTC Stephen Lissinna, the German Officer validating the competition. (Below) MS-I Cadet Tyler Hines leaps in the long jump event. Track & field and swimming events took place at UW-Milwaukee's Klotsche Center.



Your generous donations to the **Colonel Dey Memorial Fund** help support additional, fun training opportunities to including providing additional aid for Cadet Rangers activities or MAP trips (*see page 6 for more*). These experiences enhance the quality of Officer education and leadership development. Thank you!



MARQUETTE ACTION PROGRAM (MAP) CADET SAM REDMOND

This year I received an e-mail about a program called M.A.P. (Marquette Action Program). I learned that they send Marquette students to different parts of the country to



perform public service projects. My specific trip was down South in Ewing, Virginia. I didn't know what to expect since I had never been to the South before. However, upon arrival

everyone in the community was so warm and welcoming. People showed a general interest in what we were doing and who we were. This was really surprising to me because you don't usually see that in large cities like Milwaukee. On the first day we were there, which was a Sunday, we decided to go to church in the morning. At church we met a lot of great people; however, there was one man in particular who made a big impact on us. He liked what we were doing so much that he took our whole group out to lunch (there was 11 of us and it was not inexpensive). We instantly formed a relationship with him and his family, and they took us out hiking at the mountains nearby. On Monday we started our landscaping project. We stayed in an old Southern mansion that is used for weddings and other events. We weeded around the mansion and spread mulch around the mansion. We worked with the park rangers who were usually in charge of doing upkeep on the mansion. The park rangers were a lot of fun to work with and were also extremely kind and generous to us. After we finished working around the mansion we decided to check out the place we were staying. We hiked up the surrounding mountains and saw some amazing sights. At the peak of one particular mountain there was the tri-state peak where the state lines of Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee crossed so we all literally stood in three states at the same time. We also saw an amazing cave with a lot of civil war history. Although the trip was amazing, it would not have been as amazing if I was not with the great people that went along with me. My fellow public servants were what made the trip so worthwhile, and I would definitely consider being a part of M.A.P. next year.



RANGER BUDDY COMPETITION

The Golden Eagle Battalion sent three teams to represent the unit to this year's **National Ranger Buddy Competition** at the University of Kansas. Cadets completed several grueling stations and lanes as they endured through the challenging one-day event. In the end, all three teams successfully completed the strenuous competition safely. The female team placed 3rd overall, while the male teams finished 4th and 31st respectively.



CDT Brett Peloquin and CDT Ryan Murphy trudge through merky water as one of their obstacles.



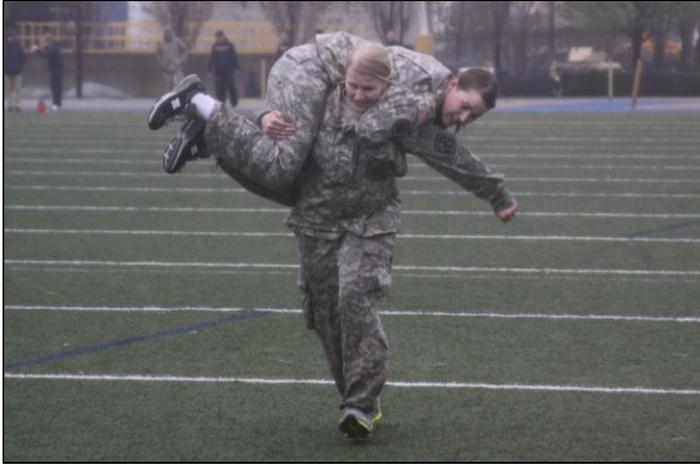
(Above) CDT Laura Snamiska and CDT Valerie Kehl smile as they reflect on their outstanding, competitive performance.

(Below) CDT Brooks Wittkamper and CDT Anthony Nicholson returned to Buddy Ranger Challenge and improved their overall ranking in the competition.



IRON SQUAD COMPETITION

This year the Golden Eagle Battalion invited some very special guests to join in the Iron Squad Competition: **Marquette Men's Lacrosse** team and **UW-Milwaukee Men's Basketball** team. Along with Army ROTC Cadets, the competitors faced off in maintenance-, logistical-, first aid-, and strength- themed challenges.



(Above) CDT Rebecca Thoms moves CDT Laura Gooderham in the fireman's carry as part of a first aid challenge.

(Below) Members of the UW-Milwaukee Men's Basketball team leap over the 6-foot wall on the obstacle course.



Marquette Men's Lacrosse team members pull a HMMWV tactical vehicle as part of a maintenance challenge in the Iron Squad competition.



JROTC INSPECTION WAUKEGAN HIGH SCHOOL

MSG Harrell poses with the Cadet Leadership at Waukegan High School's JROTC program. Cadre from the Golden Eagle Battalion were impressed by the professionalism and hospitality during the inspection.

FAN CLUB COOKIE CARE PACKAGES

The Family Action Network (FAN) Club put together delicious cookie packages for Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets to help support them through the busy and stressful mid-term exam week.



Members of the FAN Club gather at the Old Gym to pack up the care packages.

Cadet Brett Vahsholtz gives a "thumbs-up" to the thoughtful box of treats.

**Thank you,
Parents!**



GEORGE C. MARSHALL CONFERENCE CADET KEVIN BUBOLZ

This past April I had the opportunity to attend the George C. Marshall conference in Lexington, Virginia. This conference consisted of approximately 270 senior cadets from various ROTC programs nationwide. The main objective was to communicate the leadership principles of General George Marshall, which include candor, commitment, courage, integrity and selflessness. In order to accomplish this goal we had speeches from several important leaders in today's Army and discussed current topics in round table sessions with our peers. Some of the guest speakers included: General Cody, Major General Smith, Lieutenant General Via, CSM Schroeder, General Odierno and General Cone. In addition to these speeches, we had the opportunity to discuss topics such as Pakistan, cross cultural challenges, homeland security, the profession of arms, and several others. Overall, this conference was an amazing experience that I believe will help my professional development significantly.



LEADERSHIP LAB - APRIL 2012

Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets conducted a road march to the Mitchell "Domes" Park where they practiced executing tactical battle drills and reconnaissance missions. The MS-II Class takes on leadership positions in preparation for the Spring FTX.



(Above) Cadet Bubolz with General Cody, chairman of the Marshall Conference. (Below) Cadet Bubolz with Richard Petty during the VMI parade.



(Above) Cadet Joseph Lemens III directs members of his fire team during the exercise. (Below) Cadet Jack Connor overlooks as Cadets Ryan Dahm, Kory Freeberg, and Joshua Neujahr hastily establish security.



SPRING 2012 FTX FORT MCCOY, WI

The MS-III “Charlie Company” class gathers for a group photo after completing Field Leaders Reaction Course (FLRC) at Volk Field during the Spring FTX. This summer the MS-III Cadets will attend Warrior Forge at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.



MS-IV Leadership, like Cadet Michael Gillcrist, have the popular task of serving dinner chow to hungry MS-Is and MS-IIIs, like Cadet Jake Pijoda.



This year the Golden Eagle Battalion was joined by *Marquette Tribune* student reporter, Leah Todd, on the Spring FTX. Ms. Todd traveled to Fort McCoy with the Cadets and was embedded with A Co/1 PLT/1 SQD. Read Leah’s full article, “[A View from the Field](#),” featured in the *Marquette Tribune* on May 1, 2012, or visit her [photo essay site](#).



(Above) Cadets receive a warning order (WARNO) during a squad STX lane. (Below) CDT Carolyn Rice leads her squad through the conditioning course.



(Above) Cadets perform push-ups with their assigned weapons. (Below) Cadet Brandon Rickert briefs an operations order (OPORD) to a MS-II Cadet Squad Leader. **Photos by Leah Todd, *Marquette Tribune***



WEST POINT NEGOTIATION PROJECT CADET JASON MORRISON

From March 28th to March 31st I had the fortunate opportunity to attend the third annual West Point Negotiation Project (WPNP) conference. The purpose of WPNP is to enhance the ability of U.S. Military small unit leaders to conduct negotiation in the complex and challenging situations they face in both combat and peace. The WPNP recognizes the growing importance of the human dimension on today's battlefield and the increased need for the warfighter to be equipped with the very best tools to complete the mission. The focus on effective negotiation, and particularly, principled negotiation, is critical to the success of our ground forces.

The first day started with an introduction to negotiation by Jeff Weiss, the co-Director of the West Point Negotiation Project. The next two sessions were practical exercises that focused on building negotiation skills interacting various attendees including experts in negotiation, active duty Army officers, and cadets from West Point, the Naval Academy, the Coast Guard Academy, the Canadian Royal Military Academy. In between these two exercises was a junior leader panel that discussed negotiation experiences, observations, and lessons learned from both Afghanistan and Iraq. Then to conclude the evening, Ms. Elizabeth McClintock, a partner with CMPartners, gave a keynote speech on her work in Burundian.

The next morning began with several more lessons on negotiation and then a video teleconference (VTC) with Colonel Timothy Kirk, a senior Afghan Hand in the ISAF Combined Joint Interagency Task Force Safafiyat, discussing the current situation in Afghanistan. At the conclusion of the VTC, Mr. Hussein Hassan, a local national interpreter from Iraq, gave the interpreters perspective on negotiation. We then moved to Trophy Point for a final simulation to test and improve the skills learned in the conference. As a conclusion, Brigadier General McMaster spoke on the importance of negotiation and its impact on the strategic level of operations. Overall, the WPNP was an extremely valuable conference that I think everyone should have a chance to experience.

TRI-SERVICE AWARDS CEREMONY – SPRING 2012

The Cadets and Cadre of the Golden Eagle Battalion were joined by family and friends during the Tri-Service Awards ceremony this spring. Several Army ROTC Cadets were recognized for their achievement in academics, leadership, and service.



MS-I Cadet Catherine Gregory is presented with the Veterans of Foreign Wars 4th District award. MS-I Cadet Alexander Matzuk is honored with the Colonel Edward H. Dey Memorial Scholarship presented by COL Dey's daughter and Marquette Alumna, Ms. Dee Dee Dey.



Ms. Dee Dee Dey and LTC Kaderavek presented MS-III Cadet Shane Brandl and MS-IV Cadet Kevin Bubolz with the COL Dey Memorial Scholar Award. This award is presented to the top academic performer in the MS-III and MS-IV Class. This year's award included a Kindle e-Reader and autographed copy of the book, *Horse Soldiers: The Extraordinary Story of a Band of US Soldiers Who Rode to Victory in Afghanistan*.

Generous donations to the Colonel Dey Memorial Fund help make it possible to recognize outstanding accomplishments, as well as provide top-notch training for Golden Eagle Battalion.

RANGERS LEAD THE WAY!

2LT JAMES WALLACE (MU BUS AD '10)

It has been called the hardest leadership course in the Army. It has been called a small unit tactics course as well as a teamwork course. They're all correct. Ranger School is one of the most coveted and respected schools in the Army. It is by far the hardest school I've done in my army career and one of the hardest experiences in my life. 2-4 hours of sleep a night (if you're lucky), two small meals a day in the field, constant stress being induced by the Ranger Instructors, and losing 30 pounds of body weight all beg the question as to why bother going, especially when considering that the school only teaches basic tactical doctrine learned in Basic Officer Courses. Putting myself through two months of high stress, exhaustion, and controlled starvation pushed me to become a better leader and person. Ranger School exposed me to learning small-unit tactics in a very fast-paced environment that builds through three phases of training at Camp Darby in Fort Benning where squad-level tactics are learned, Camp Merrill in the Northern Georgia Mountains where platoon-level tactics and mountaineering skills are taught, and finally Camp Rudder in Eglin Air Force Base where swamp movement skills are integrated into platoon-level missions. The tactics taught and implemented by the Ranger Instructors are doctrinal and were easy for me to pick up, but when they were combined with low food intake, little sleep, and high stress levels I began to learn the real lessons that Ranger School is designed to instill. The basic small-unit tactics and field craft taught are valuable tools but the most important skills I gained are the intangible mental strengths that every leader needs to continuously develop to be successful. Never quitting on anything you do or the man next to you is the most important strength I developed as it hits at the core of the Army's philosophy of teamwork. Finding the will to keep taking a knee at halts, staying awake while pulling security, completing the mission while in a leadership position, and just doing the right thing, while mentally and physically exhausted, is one of the most important strengths a leader can develop in their career. It shows your subordinates as well as your peers that you will not give up on them or the mission no matter how bad the circumstances get, earning their trust and motivation in return. Ranger School is one of the most defining experiences of my life and to go through the entire experience would take up a small novel; however the core leadership lessons I learned will be embedded with me for the rest of my life. I encourage anyone who is looking to better themselves and their leadership abilities to get after the tab and go through a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Rangers Lead The Way!



ATTENTION ALUMNI!

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

Don't forget a picture is worth a thousand words! Please share your photos—new and old. Send all newsletter contributions to cheryl.shefchik@mu.edu. Thank you for your continued support.

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Saturday, July 28, 2012

10am – 1pm

Alumni Reunion Weekend Schedule of Events

Please RSVP to cheryl.shefchik@mu.edu.

VETERANS DAY WEEKEND WALL OF HONOR AND CADET CONTRACTING CEREMONY

This Veterans Day weekend the Golden Eagle Battalion will honor the SGM William J. Bunting, the Senior Military Science Instructor alongside COL Edward Dey. We proudly invite you to honor the COL Dey & SGM Bunting command team and celebrate the newly contracts Cadets' commitment to service.

View photos from [Veterans Day 2011](#).