Greetings from the Professor of Military Science

Friends of the Golden Eagle Battalion. It is hard to believe another wonderful year has flown by. I am excited to report, however, that in 2010-2011 we will commission 26 2LTs into the U.S. Army (4 in December, 19 in May, and 3 still pending for this summer); most importantly, they are the flexible, adaptable leaders our nation requires for the pervasive XXIst century challenges. Our Golden Eagle Cadets are smart, strong, values-based, and most importantly, they are excited to lead. Throughout the year, these superb Warriors conducted more events, took more first place trophies, and supported more community service activities than ever before. Along the way, they also prescribed to my fourth leadership principle—Have Fun! And thanks in large degree to your incredible generosity and support, the Battalion has made vast strides forward in training, equipment, and retention events.

In that vein, I hope you would consider establishing a monthly allotment towards the Army ROTC COL Dey donation fund—even $5-$10 a month would go a long way towards maintaining the quality and quantity of officer training events that you will see in the following Quedette Quarterly pages (donation details can be located on the last page). As we look towards the next few months, the Cadets are excited for their summer training opportunities which include: 4 airborne slots, 4 air assault slots, 3 Nurse Summer Training Program slots, 4 CTLT slots, 1 AMEDD internship, 1 Project GO scholarship, 4 CULP trips (Mongolia, Taiwan, Tanzania, and El Salvador), and 22 heading to Warrior Forge at Fort Lewis, Washington. In August, we eagerly anticipate starting the process again with Incoming Cadet Orientation, where over 35 bright, young ROTC recruits will arrive for a taste of Marquette ROTC training. Lastly, we are thrilled by our upcoming 2nd annual Veterans Day/Wall of Honor/Contracting event, where Col Mark Mitchell will be inducted and be our guest speaker. Please mark your calendars and consider attending on 11 November 2011.

The Golden Eagle Battalion, along with Marquette University Navy and Air Force ROTC programs, welcomed Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mike Mullen, to campus on April 5, 2011.

Admiral Mullen joined Cadets and Cadre from all three service branches for breakfast at the Old Gym. He shared insight with current and future military leaders before addressing a larger group at the Varsity Theater as part of his nation-wide series, “Conversations with the Country.”

Find more photos from the Golden Eagle Battalion on our website: http://www.mu.edu/rotc/army/ or check us out on Facebook.
On May 21, 2011, the Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets and Cadre were joined by family, friends, and special guests to honor the MS-IV Class as they took the Oath of Office and received a commission in the grade of Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Brigadier General Daniel Ammerman (MU AROTC ’82), Deputy Commanding General 99th Regional Support Command, was the guest speaker at this year’s ceremony.

(Pictures left to right) (1) Golden Eagle Battalion Commissioning Class of 2011. (2) 2LT Michael Schumer shakes hands with SFC James Breakfield after receiving his first salute as a commissioned Officer. (3) Cadet Command 3BDE Nurse Counselor CPT Kara Beattie swears in 2LT Anna Palazkova. (4) 2LT Matthew Skalski is congratulated by guest speaker BG Daniel Ammerman and Cadre. (4).
Marquette University President Reverend Robert A. Wild, S.J. addresses the new Second Lieutenants and Ensigns from the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marines at the Tri-Service Commissioning Ceremony. The official party also included guest of honor BG Daniel Ammerman (MU AROTC ’82), Reverend Phillip Rossi, S.J., College of Arts & Sciences Interim Dean, Ms. Ann Mulgrew, Campus Ministry, LTC Robert Kaderavek, Professor of Military Science, Captain William Radomski, Professor of Naval Science, and Capt. Nicholas Busalacki, Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies.

2LT Laura Bradstreet commissioned into the Army Nurse Corps.
2LT Jeffery Crook commissioned into the Medical Service Corps and will serve as an Aeromedical Evacuation Pilot.
2LT Eric Czaja commissioned as an Infantry Officer.
2LT Janet Eibes commissioned into the Wisconsin Army National Guard and is assigned to the 829<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company.

2LT Joseph Elich commissioned into the Army Reserve as a Medical Service Corps Officer. (Pictured, right) 2LT Elich was pinned by his parents, Dave and Kathy Elich.)
2LT Kevin Graham commissioned as an Armor Officer. (pictured, left) 2LT Graham was sworn in by his brother, CPT Brendan Graham and pinned by his mother and sister.
2LT Robert Hofer commissioned into the Wisconsin National Guard and is assigned to the 2-238<sup>th</sup> Aviation Support Battalion (MEDEVAC).
2LT Brenton Krohn commissioned as an Infantry Officer.

2LT Brett Markut commissioned into the Wisconsin Army National Guard as an Infantry Officer. (Pictured, lower right) 2LT Markut received his first salute from his uncle retired First Sergeant Nathan Klenz.
2LT Heather Martin commissioned into the Army Nurse Corps.
2LT David Neugent commissioned into the Wisconsin Army National Guard as a Signal Corps Officer and is assigned to the 132d Brigade Support Battalion.
2LT Steven Olson commissioned as an Infantry Officer.
2LT Anna Palazkova commissioned into the Army Nurse Corps.
2LT Jason Richmond commissioned into the Army Corps of Engineers.
2LT Shelly Schneider commissioned into the Army Nurse Corps.
2LT Michael Schumer commissioned as an Infantry Officer
2LT Matthew Skalski commissioned into the Wisconsin Army National Guard as an Infantry Officer.
2LT Zachary Wielepski commissioned as an Infantry Officer.
2LT Eric Wilson commissioned into the Army Reserve as a Military Intelligence Officer.
The Golden Eagle Battalion takes time to reflect on the accomplishments of Alumni serving our nation and communities around the world.

CPT Thomas Dolce (Class of 2006) and CPT Eric Nilsen (Class of 2007) meet at a passenger terminal at Joint Base Balad. CPT Dolce currently serves as a FSMT leader with C/7-101st Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell. CPT Nilsen serves as the battalion maintenance officer for the 264th Combat Service Support Battalion, 82nd Sustainment Brigade, Fort Bragg.

1LT Gabriel Young (UWP ’08), COL Rick Kaiser (MU ’87), and 1LT Peter Owen (UWM ’08) pose together at the transfer of authority ceremony between 326th Engineers from Fort Campbell, KY and Wisconsin National Guard 724th Engineer Battalion in Iraq. 1LT Young serves in the 25th Infantry Division, COL Kaiser is the 20th Engineer Brigade Commander, and 1LT Owen is a Company Executive Officer in the FSC 724th Engineer Battalion.

CPT Nilsen and 1LT Owen stand beside the TF Badger 724th EN compound barricade in Iraq last summer.

Mission in Africa

I graduated MU in May 2008 and although I haven’t been to Iraq or Afghanistan I am in a unique environment as I am deployed to the Horn of Africa at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. The Camp is a Navy run base and is a hugely joint operation. On a day-to-day basis I will see every branch of service except Coast Guard, Ambassadors and soldiers from any number of African nations as well as foreign dignitaries and soldiers from Europe, the Middle East, Japan and Korea. We interact directly with the Djiboutian military every day on patrols and formerly secured the joint military/civilian runway operated here. Our Battalion is the largest Army presence on the continent at a strength of nearly 600 soldiers. The biggest piece of our mission are the mil2mil operations that enable us to train and partner with the African nations here to enable them a stable place to develop their economies and governments. Currently we have soldiers operating in eight different African countries. The challenges on this continent are vastly different than the kinetic operations of the Middle East. The language barrier is one of the hardest to overcome as most of these countries speak four or more languages. All in all it has been a rewarding experience in which I have been able to learn about all the branches of our military and the militaries of dozens of other countries from around the globe.

--1LT Collin Welch, 2-137 IN BN, Kansas National Guard (MU ’08)

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.
Chicago Auto Show  Cadets from the Golden Eagle Battalion and Milwaukee area recruiters supported a recruiting station at the Chicago Auto Show. CDT Joseph Lemens, SGT Farrington, CDT Matthew Skalski, and CDT David Dicker stand beside the Army Top- Fuel Dragster.

Notre Dame Basketball Tournament  The Golden Eagle Battalion sent both male and female teams to the 25th Annual Flyin’ Irish Basketball Invitational at the University of Notre Dame. Both teams won their brackets. This year’s teams include (pictured, top left to right): Cadets Sara Sedlacek, Matt Wielepski, Cory Freeberg, Garrett Gile, Joseph Elich, James Rettig, Kevin Bellus, Brenton Krohn, Samantha Schwartz, Shelly Schneider, (middle row) Brooks Wittkamper, Matt Skalski, Josh Neujahr, Joseph Thompson, (front row) Taryn Krohn, Laura Snamiska, Alicia Towne, Mercedes Williams, Lane Richmond, Joseph Lemens, Valerie Kehl, and Kalyn Seifer.

Basketball  CDT Laura Snamiska takes a shot from the free throw line at the Notre Dame basketball tournament.

Stand Down  LTC Kaderavek and MSG Harrell accept a certificate of appreciation from organizers of Stand Down. Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets supported two Stand Down events this year, each one aimed at provided information, care, and a helping hand to area veterans in need.
Leadership Lab – Enter a Building & Clear a Room
Cadets are learning the basic skills associated with military operations on urban terrain (MOUT), to include how to enter a building and clear a room.

(Below) Cadets Garrett Gile, Brett Peloquin, Ryan Murphy, Joseph Hansinger, and Brooks Wittkamper listen carefully as they receive instruction on how to search an enemy prisoner (EPW).

Leadership Lab – COB / MOB
The Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets learned the fundamentals of how to approach civilians on the modern battlefield. Cadets also learned about Operational Security (OPSEC) and how to work with the media.

Leadership Lab – MS-III FLRC
MS-III Cadets practice field leaders reaction course (FLRC) problems on an improved FLRC course in the Old Gym. FLRC is one of the graded leadership assessments at the MS-III Combined FTX and Warrior Forge.

Leadership Lab – OPORDs
The MS-I and MS-II Cadets spent a Friday leadership lab working on the orders process. Cadets practiced receiving an OPORD, briefing a WARNO, and then developing their own OPORD to brief to their peers.
Leadership Lab – Field Craft  Cadets braved the chilly March weather to practice field craft at Washington Park. Cadets received instruction on building hooch shelters, knot tying, and sector sketches.

FAN Club Cookie Tins  Golden Eagle Battalion Parents thoughtfully prepared cookie tins for each Cadet in the battalion to give Cadets a tasty treat while they prepared for mid-term exams.

Military Ball  The Golden Eagle Battalion donned dress uniforms and celebrated the school year at the annual Military Ball on March 4, 2011. This year’s dining out was hosted at the Milwaukee Country War Memorial Center. MS-III Cadets pose with their dates at the conclusion of the evening’s formal ceremony.

Visit Colonel (R) Fitz-Enz’s website:  http://home.earthlink.net/~coldfitzenz/.

Leadership Lab – Field Leaders Reaction Course  Cadet squads of MS-Is and MS-IIs completed FLRC at the Old Gym. In addition to being good preparation for the Spring FTX and Warrior Forge, Cadets developed stronger teamwork, problem-solving, and communication skills while working through the FLRC problems.

Future Soldiers  Cadets worked with US Army Reserve recruits to show the recruits military weapons. Part of the training included a laser shot virtual training system.

Cadre, Cadets, parents, and dates were honored to be joined by the Military Ball guest speaker, Colonel (R) David Fitz-Enz.
My First Year in the Golden Eagle Battalion: 
An MS-I Perspective on ROTC

Looking back on my freshman year at Marquette as an MS-1 in the Golden Eagle Battalion, what is most obvious to me is the amount of military knowledge I gained in just eight short months. I remember on the first day when our Cadet Battalion Commander was teaching us the rank system and how they must be addressed. At the time I was so overwhelmed and thought I would never get it right. As a graduated MS-1, all of that is now second nature, although MSG Harrell and SFC Breakfield will from time to time be mistakenly addressed as “Sir” and I will fail to render a proper salute to our Battalion’s officers on one of those dark frozen Fridays at lab. I remember coming into the program and seeing how much military knowledge the upper classmen had and thinking to myself, “How will I ever learn that much?” Well, now I have seen that with patience, determination of the will physically and mentally, and a great teaching military staff, we are to become great officers yet. What was once apprehension is now confidence and what were once timid followers are competent leaders in ROTC as well as at Marquette. I still have much to learn and more following to do, but from this year’s experience, I know I have what it takes fulfill my obligation to what the battalion expects of me and to be role models for the incoming MS-1 class.

--Cadet Brooks Wittkamper, LaGrange, Illinois

The Golden Eagle Battalion became a second family this year, a family forged together by common aspirations and ethos. I drew strength from the people around me and found mentorship in many places including within my fellow cadets, my squad, and the Ranger Challenge Team. At Incoming Cadet Orientation I was nervous to say the least, but after just a few days I felt an immediate sense of belonging. My first squad equipped me with the domain knowledge and a blueprint for becoming a future Army officer, but I knew I wanted to be involved in something more. Last fall, I made the decision to try out for the Ranger Challenge Team. I knew it would be hard, but I never could have guessed how much Ranger Challenge would push me past my limits and break down internal barriers. The Ranger Challenge Team gave me confidence as a cadet and taught me things I never knew about myself. These groups shaped me to be the person I now am, a U.S. Army Cadet. Through the course of this year I have seen myself mature and grow, for this I have the Golden Eagle Battalion to thank and I greatly look forward to what the next three year have to bring.

--Cadet Caroline Coppernoll, Rochester, Wisconsin.

CDT Ryan Murphy shows CDT Robert Kaiser how to use a terrain model kit.

Having taken a year off prior to going to college, I was not entirely sure what to expect from my first year here at Marquette. It took me a while to get back into the swing of actually doing homework again. PT was yet another learning curve that I had to get used to. The early Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday morning workouts made sure that I was awake and alert for the duration of the classes that were to follow. To be honest, the transition was not as bad as I had thought it was going to be.

Even in the first year, ROTC has already instilled several important lessons on me. To me, the most important lesson imparted on me is responsibility. Not only were you to be responsible for yourself, but for your equipment and the people around you. If you were late, or missed leadership labs, not only were you hurting yourself, but the people who depended on you to do your job.

My most memorable experiences with in the Golden Eagle Battalion has to be during the Fall Field Training Exercise. On one of the first days, we went to the range where we were instructed on fire arm safety. I made sure to pay careful attention as I never fired a weapon before. After being handed our ammunition, we moved out to the M249 SAWs. To be able to fire that as my first weapon was amazing. I made sure to hit the closest target multiple times, but when I finally realized that there were tracer rounds, I started walking the rounds into the further targets.

During the past year as an MS-I, I learned from the ground up. As MS-I’s, we all followed the MS-II’s, III’s, and IV’s example. Over the course of the year, I have seen myself and my fellow MS-I’s step up. There was a gradual transition from following MS-II’s to the point where we started to take on some of their responsibilities.

--Cadet Robert Kaiser, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Leadership Lab – Iron Squad Competition Cadet Squads face off against each other in one last competition for the year: Iron Squad! The competition included a series of relays to include: 45lb ruck run, 200lb litter carry, tire flip, push-ups, sit-ups, ammo box shuttle run, and water canister carry.

Cadet Rangers – Paintball The Cadet Rangers student organization spent an afternoon paintballing to wrap up their year of extra-curricular tactical and leadership training—and to have some fun.

MS-III Laser Tag Junior year is often known to be the most intense and stressful year of a Cadet’s career. A group of MS-III cadets made time for “studying” tactics at a laser tag shoot house.

MS-III Combined FTX Cadets from across the state meet for the TF Badger Combined FTX. Braving unseasonably cold April weather, Cadets conducted training on land navigation, squad STX, and FLRC.
Golden Eagle Battalion at UW-Milwaukee The Golden Eagle Battalion is made up of Cadets from students at colleges in the Milwaukee metro area in addition to Marquette. The largest partnership school Cadet group is from UW-Milwaukee. In order to help Cadets focus on academics—and less on commuting—as well as bolster the Army ROTC presence on UWM’s campus, MS-I and MS-II have physical training and military science class at UWM every Tuesday and Thursday.

Tri-Service Awards Ceremony On April 9, 2011, all three ROTC programs—Army, Navy, and Air Force—hosted the annual Tri-Service Awards Ceremony. Friends and family members were invited to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Cadets and Midshipmen. Most awards are based on academic excellence, outstanding physical fitness, leadership performance, dedication to the ROTC program, and community service.

Cadet Shelly Schneider smiles as she received an award.

Cadet Jacob Behnke (pictured, right) and Cadet Garrett Gile each received $600 Colonel Dey Memorial Scholarships for excellent academic performance. This scholarship was made possible by the generous donations to the COL Dey Memorial Fund. Ms. Dee Dee Dey, daughter of the late COL Dey, presented the scholarship to the award winners during the Tri-Service ceremony.
Spring Field Training Exercise

In spite of unseasonably chilly weather, the Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets conducted excellent field training April 16-18, 2011. Cadets solidified land navigation skills and improved problem-solving during FLRC lanes. However, the bulk of the training consisted of squad STX lanes and patrolling. Cadets used all of the skilled they learned and refined throughout the year in this culminating exercise.

(Top Left) (1) Cadets wait to receive their next mission. (2) CDT Dan Munoz takes a knee at a security halt. (3) Squad members communicate during a STX lane. (Top Right) (4) Squad conducts a SLLS halt at the beginning of a mission. (5) CDT Kyle Troeger and CDT Michael Ploetz smile at the completion of a mission. (6) Cadet retrieves ammo can during FLRC mission.
Thank you Family Action Network (FAN) Club for the terrific welcome home after a busy weekend of training!

To learn how to become involved in the FAN Club, visit them on Facebook.

View more photos of the Spring FTX and training on our website! Or check out MUArmyROTC on Flickr.
Tippacanoe Battle Staff Ride

On April 30, the Golden Eagle Battalion’s soon to be Second Lieutenants made their required staff ride to the Tippecanoe Battlefield Park in Indiana. Upon arrival to the first hill we had seen since leaving Wisconsin, the most prominent sight was the Tippecanoe Monument which looked like a miniature version of the Washington Monument. We made our way into the building where we would be able to tour the museum, ask questions, and learn about what led up to the battle from a historian and a military vet.

The museum was very well put together and walking through was interesting. They had rifles, shotguns, and pistols of all types used throughout the era, clothing, artwork, and tools of the time. Following the brief tour through the museum, the historian took the MS IV class outside to tell the story of the battle. Each MS IV, having prepared a short brief and analysis, gave a short lesson at different points around the park. We learned about what the soldiers saw, what they did, and what happened, giving us the opportunity to try and understand what directed their leadership decisions. We were able to see the physical locations of the decisive moments of the battle and how General Harrison used the principle of maneuver to manipulate the battle in his favor.

Studying historic battles such as this one in classroom can be very valuable, but nothing compares to getting on site, seeing what the soldiers and Native Americans saw, and obtaining a clear visual understanding of the battle. Finally, before the day was over, we were able to get back to Wisconsin full of new knowledge.

--Cadet Robert Hofer, Carroll ’11

Cadet Battalion Commanders, Cadet Eric Czaja (Fall 2010) and Cadet Kyle Werner (Spring 2011) received a framed Battalion flag and coin to recognize their hard work and outstanding leadership.

Ranger Buddy Challenge

This spring CDT Wittkamper and I, along with another male buddy team, were given the chance to compete in an all Cadet Buddy Ranger Challenge event. It was a one-day long competition which took place in Kansas, and included nearly 130 buddy teams from across the entire country. The events consisted of a 10k buddy ruck march, a knot tying event, a litter carry, weapons assembly/disassembly, a grenade assault course, an obstacle course, and a 10k buddy run at the end of the day. The teams were then ranked based on fastest times, and the winning team was decided by whoever had the lowest total score at the end of the day. In the end, after nearly 14 hours of tough competition, my partner and I took 14th out of 120 teams, with plenty of room for improvement. The other buddy team, which consisted of CDT Werner and CDT Czaja, both seniors, took 3rd place overall. Both CDT Wittkamper and I plan on competing again next year, and now that we know what to expect, we plan on bringing home the first place trophy.

--Cadet Anthony Nicholson, MS-II

Pictured (upper) CDT Brooks Wittkamper, CDT Kyle Werner, CDT Eric Czaja, and CDT Anthony Nicholson; (lower) CDT Wittkamper and CDT Nicholson finish the last event of the competition.
Leadership Lab - Change of Command & Awards The Golden Eagle Battalion forms up for the last time of the school year as the MS-IVs prepare to commission and MS-III's take charge of the Battalion. (Above) LTC Kaderavek and graduating Cadet Kyle Werner turn over the Cadet Battalion Command to Cadet Kevin Bubolz from Stratford, WI. Incoming Cadet Company Commanders will be Cadet Joseph Thomson from Waukesha, WI and Cadet Peter Vakos from Racine, WI.

Pre-LDAC FTX Cadre and MS-II Cadets spent three days at Fort McCoy for one last major training event to refine and fine-tune skills before MS-III's head to Warrior Forge, or advanced camp, this summer. The training including night land navigation, U.S. weapons systems familiarization, call for indirect fire simulator, drill & ceremony, first aid, squad STX, and patrolling.

(Above) Cadet Michael Gillcrist practices setting up a claymore mine. (Below) Four Cadets low crawl a “casualty” under wires as part of the litter obstacle course.

Blood Drive Army ROTC, in cooperation with the Blood Center, hosted a blood drive at the Old Gym on May 6, 2011. Cadet Carolyn Rice smiles as she makes a donation.
The Golden Eagle Battalion would like to express our sincere gratitude for your generous donations to the Army ROTC Colonel Dey Fund.

Colonel and Mrs. Thomas Dey  
Ms. Dorothy Dey  
Drs. James & Jama Rand  
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Mr. William E. Dawson  
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Monetary gifts to the Army ROTC Colonel Dey Memorial Fund go towards funding special Cadet activities and performance-based scholarships.

Army ROTC Golden Eagle Battalion  
Alumni Open House and Lunch  
Saturday, July 30, 2011  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Old Gym, 1508 W. Clybourn St.
Come visit the Old Gym, home of the Golden Eagle Battalion. Stay for lunch and meet some of our current Cadets and Cadre.  
Please respond to armyrotc@marquette.edu or visit http://www.mu.edu/rotc/army/alumni.shtml.

Veterans Day - 11/11/11
This Veterans Day the Golden Eagle Battalion will recognize Distinguished Service Cross recipient, Colonel Mark E. Mitchell (MU AROTC ’87), for his exemplary achievements by inducting him into the Wall of Honor.

We cordially invite you to join the Cadets, Cadre, Colonel Mitchell and special guests to honor Veterans and celebrate future Leaders during a special Wall of Honor and Contracting Ceremony on Friday, November 11, 2011 at the MU Old Gym.

*Alumni* Please reply to 1LT Shefchik if you are interested in participating in a Golden Eagle Battalion reunion the weekend of November 11. Suggestions and recommendations are appreciated.