Greetings from the Professor of Military Science

I send this quarter’s report with a heavy heart, for we recently lost one of our stellar Golden Eagle family members, Cadet Scott Weinhold. Scott was a rising MSIV and was scheduled to attend LDAC this summer. He was a vibrant member of our unit, and while he will be sorely missed, he will always be remembered. The Battalion will hold a memorial service to honor Scott’s memory at the beginning of the Academic Year when all our cadets return.

Despite this sad loss, terrific progress continued in the Battalion. We had a first class Military Ball, where our speakers COL(R) Dacunto and 1LT Kassulke were grand slams; we trained our MS III cadets for the upcoming “LDACistan” deployment at Warrior Forge in Fort Lewis; we prepared our underclass cadets for diverse summer training, including Airborne, Air Assault, Mountain Warfare, and Scuba School slots and cultural trips to Russia, China, Ghana, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic. And, most importantly, we commissioned 13 more 2LTs into the U.S. Army. With 6 previous December commissions and 2 more pending this summer following LDAC, we will reach 21 2LTs for the calendar year, a terrific achievement for the unit.

Additionally, we look forward to receiving our newest Golden Eagles on 22 Aug and will welcome them to the ROTC ranks at Incoming Cadet Orientation. We continue to make substantive progress on the Veterans Day Wall of Honor Induction and Cadet Contracting Ceremony, and COL(R) Lee Pryor (class of 1967) has graciously agreed to be our guest speaker. We certainly hope you can make it on 11 November to honor our 4 inductees and the newly contracting cadets. Lastly, I would like to thank the donors who continue to give to our unit. We are about 50% of the way to our $5,000 annual goal. The cadets and our staff are very appreciative of the wonderful support and interest you have shown for the Battalion.

Gather with Marquette University Army ROTC Cadre, New Cadets, Alumni, Families and Friends on Veterans Day for a Special

Wall of Honor and Contracting Ceremony
Thursday, November 11, 2010

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
Wall of Honor and Contracting Ceremony
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Open house and tours of Army ROTC facilities

ROTC Gymnasium
Marquette University Campus
1508 West Clybourn Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Continental breakfast will be provided by the University during the wall of honor and contracting ceremony. There is no cost to attend. Convenient parking is available for a fee of $3 per vehicle fee in the 16th Street Parking Structure (located between Wisconsin Avenue and Wells Street).

On Veterans Day, we honor those who have served in our Armed Forces, and will pay tribute to our newest cadets as they make their commitment to the Army and to Marquette. The Army ROTC Wall of Honor will be unveiled, too. Additionally, we will posthumously induct those Marquette ROTC Alumni who have been killed in action.

Please respond to Maureen Krueger at 800-344-7544 or maureen.krueger@marquette.edu by Thursday, November 4.
Spring 2010

Spring Semester is a busy time for the Golden Eagle Battalion. As the winter weather fades and early morning PT runs aren’t quite so chilly, Cadets stay busy with a number of events. Cadets and Cadre participated in the Spring FTX at Fort McCoy, MS-III Combined FTX, Tri-Service Award Ceremony, Iron Squad Competition, Military Ball, Stand Down and Honor Flight, and—finally—Commissioning.


2LT Nadolski smiles as his mother, Michelle Nadolski, and uncle, Dan Greenberg, pin on the hard-earned gold bars.

May 2010 Commissioning Class (left to right) 2LT Tyler Zimmer, 2LT Logan Biggs, 2LT Kristina Schmitt, 2LT Paul Nadolski, 2LT Zachary Rabiego, 2LT Amanda Fonk, 2LT Kyle Snamiska, 2LT Thomas Petullo, 2LT Abigail Kassulke, 2LT Samuel Thompson, 2LT Ashley Woyak, 2LT Matthew Klima, and 2LT Jackson Taffe.

Commissionee  Branch  Duty Assignment
2LT Logan Biggs  EN  Baumholder, Germany
2LT Amanda Fonk  TC  Fort Hood, Texas
2LT Abigail Kassulke  AN  Landstuhl, Germany
2LT Matthew Klima  IN  Wisconsin National Guard
2LT Paul Nadolski  MP  Wisconsin National Guard
2LT Thomas Petullo  IN  Fort Benning, Georgia
2LT Zachary Rabiego  AG  Fort Drum, New York
2LT Kristina Schmitt  QM  Fort Bragg, North Carolina
2LT Kyle Snamiska  MS  Wisconsin National Guard
2LT Jackson Taffe  QM  Fort Lewis, Washington
2LT Samuel Thompson  AR (FI)  Fort Bliss, Texas
2LT Ashley Woyak  MI  Fort Bragg, North Carolina
2LT Tyler Zimmer  AG  Fort Benning, Georgia

Looking Forward: 2010 Incoming Cadet Class  As one group of Cadets commission as Second Lieutenants, another group of new Cadets prepares to join the program. This year’s Incoming Cadet Orientation will be August 22-24, 2010. Here are some interesting statistics on the new MS-I class:

Gender: 24 Males, 12 Females

University: 22 MU, 6 UWM, 5 MSOE, 2 Carthage, 1 Alverno

Home State: 21 WI, 7 IL, 2 MN, 2 IN, 1 PA, 1 WA, 2 APO AE

Scholarships: 15
April 2010 - Spring FTX
Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets and Cadre spent the weekend training at Fort McCoy. Cadets completed STX lanes, pugil stick combatives, and weapons qualification.

April 2010 - Iron Squad Competition
Cadets participated in the annual Iron Squad Competition. This year’s events included: push-ups, sit-ups, ruck-sack relay, buddy carry race, and a rope climb.

April 2010 – Leadership Lab
Cadets utilize the General Mitchell Domms Park and Washington Park to practice tactical skills. Here, cadets execute squad attack, ambush, and conduct reconnaissance battle drills, in preparation for the Spring FTX and Warrior Forge.
May 2010 - Honor Flight
Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets and Cadre were among the community members that gathered to welcome home Veterans returning from a memorial tour of Washington, DC.

April 2010 - Military Ball Cadets and Cadre commemorate the conclusion of a successful school year with Military Ball at the Zoofari Conference Center.

April 2010 - MS-III Combined FTX Cadets from Marquette University and surrounding 3rd Brigade schools participated in a Combined FTX at Fort McCoy to practice Land Navigation (above), FLRC (below), and Squad STX prior to attending Warrior Forge in Fort Lewis, Washington this summer.

April 2010 - Tri-Service Awards Ceremony Cadets and Midshipmen from the Army, Air Force, and Navy ROTC programs recognize excellence in academics, physical fitness, and leadership performance during the annual Tri-Service Awards Ceremony. Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets received 56 awards this year.

Additional photos and explanations of each event can be accessed at our website at http://www.marquette.edu/rotc/army
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The Class of 2006

In Memoriam Of

Cadet Scott A. Weinhold

September 23, 1988 - June 16, 2010

Cadet Scott Weinhold passed away on June 16, 2010 at the age of 21. He was an engineering student at MSOE and proudly served his country by joining Marquette Army ROTC. Scott will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends. Scott is survived by his loving parents, Ron and Sandy, and his sister Jill. Also his nieces Naseem and Aliya and other extended family.

You are not forgotten, loved one
Nor will you ever be,
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.
We miss you now, our hearts are sore
As time goes by we‘ll miss you more.
Your loving smile, your gentle face
No one can fill your vacant place.

A memorial ceremony remembering Cadet Weinhold will take place on September 8, 2010 at 7 a.m. in the Old Gym, 1508 W. Clybourn Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233.

Current Assignments

CPT David Behmann, Medical Service Corps: I’m currently in Ansbach, Germany with C Co 5/158 AVN REGT in the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade and I returned home just a few weeks ago from my year-long tour to Iraq and Afghanistan.

1LT Elizabeth Feste, Quartermaster/Public Affairs: I am currently deployed in Baghdad, Iraq as a Media Outreach Officer (Public Affairs Officer) in support of the U.S. Forces-Iraq Spokesman, MG Steve Lanza. I am an Army Reservist with a Public Affairs unit out of Chicago. We deployed last November and will be here through August. In my job here, I plan and support various media engagements for MG Lanza - everything from coffee with a reporter from the New York Times at the Green Bean to media trips with Iraqi and other international media to see combined check points in Mosul. I work in a very "joint" environment, meaning I am one Army officer with one Navy officer, one Air Force officer and civilians on my team here. We’ve been very busy, but it has been very, very rewarding. I am grateful on a daily basis for this experience and for the excellent leaders I work with here, but overall - I’m very honored to be a part of the U.S. Forces effort here in Iraq.

CPT John Hartrich, Quartermaster: I took command of HHC, 6th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment in June 2009 and deployed to Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan again this past March.

CPT Sarah (Howell) McNerney, Logistics: Assigned to the 21st Theater Support Command, Special Troops Battalion as the S-4 in Kaiserslautern, Germany upon completion of Aerial Delivery Materiel Officers Course.

CPT Kyle Moore, Corps of Engineers: Commander of D Company, 1st Engineer Battalion, Fort Riley, Kansas.


Best Army Experience

The Best Sapper Competition 2010. I had a Soldier come to our unit from Germany and was pretty low on four of the five Pillars of Soldier Fitness (see the May 2010 NCO journal for a great description of the Pillars). He was great at PT, but left his Family in Germany, didn’t know anybody in Kansas, and was questioning his worth to the Army. I needed a partner for the Best Sapper Competition and I asked him. That may have been the best decision that I’ve made in years. The goal of competing in the competition gave him a task and purpose to succeed and made him want to work hard at everything he did. When we got to the competition, it kicked our butts. I think back to my days at Marquette and how hard Ranger Challenge was, and this competition makes Ranger Challenge look like a walk in the park. It’s not that Ranger Challenge wasn’t hard, it’s that the Army has a way of taking what you’ve done, and expecting more out of you the next time. We wound up finishing in the top 10, which we were extremely proud of.

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Three weeks after the competition, this Soldier and I were looking at pictures and reminiscing when he told me what is now the best part of the Army for me. He said, "Sir, thank you for asking me to do this. You probably saved my life and my career. I was heading in a downward spiral of depression and this competition put me right back where I need to be." I know that I saved his life as a route clearance platoon leader in Iraq. My platoon found and cleared hundreds of IEDs from the roads and fought off some complex attacks that other units aren't equipped to handle. But I never got to know the people that I saved. I will remember this for the rest of my life.

--CPT Kyle Moore, EN

I was in Western Iraq for about 3 months before being re-missioned to the remote Western Afghanistan where I operated for the remaining 9 months. While there I was able to set up a remote MEDEVAC site with my team element and 3 helicopters from scratch in an area that had no running water, bathrooms, or food other than MREs. It really tested the resolve of all my Soldiers, but in the end it was definitely worth it. We flew numerous lifesaving missions saving countless lives for US, Coalition, Local Nationals and the occasional EPW. All in all it was a very rewarding experience that I will never forget.

--CPT David Behrmann, MS

Important Lessons Learned
One of the best lessons that I learned as a junior 2LT was that if you give the Soldiers purpose, motivation, and direction, they will accomplish whatever you need them to, regardless of how tough the mission. One of the best Army Lessons that I learned was that regardless of who you are or what positions you hold, so long as you are a professional and perform as such, anything is possible.

--CPT John Hartrich, QM

Lead by example, listen to your NCOs and your soldiers (you don't always have to do what they say, but at least hear them out). Care about your unit, mission and troops. Take care of your soldiers (sometimes that means tough love, though).

--CPT Sarah McInerny, LG

Develop subordinate leaders...sometimes that means letting them fail. I learned this when I was a Company XO. I saw the PL's about to make some big mistakes before leaving for a hand grenade range. I started to tell all fired up and went to go square them away when my company commander made me to get a cup of coffee with him instead. He told me that I can't always be there for them and they need to learn from mistakes. He was right. In the end, the range ended at 1800 instead of 1200 like the OPORD said, but those three PL's wound up being some of the best officers in the Battalion, sought after by peers and superiors alike for advice and guidance.

--CPT Kyle Moore, EN

Your boss doesn't always necessarily know what he wants. Be a part of his/her decision making process.

--CPT Gerard Schumer, EN

How MU Army ROTC Prepared To Be An Officer
The PT program was pretty good preparation for the 82d Airborne Division; basic soldier skills (because I find I spend more time in meetings than at Sergeant's Time Training); and although I didn't really know what it meant at the time, hearing the advice of the other Officers there (...take care of your soldiers, listen to your NCOs, etc...). I didn't really know what that meant until I got to my unit, but it was good advice

--CPT Sarah McInerny, LG