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Attention Alumni

The Golden Eagle Battalion will be hosting an open house during Alumni Weekend 27JUL. Cadre will be at the unit and there will be refreshments available if you wish to re-visit the unit and see what has changed and perhaps, what has not.

Be Sure to Check Out

- Golden Eagle Battalion LinkedIn
- The Golden Eagle Facebook Profile
- Marquette University AROTC Website
- Marquette University’s Army ROTC Twitter Feed

Cadet Cullen O’Neill (right) prepares to initiate an ambush while Cadet Katie Blando looks on during the Spring FTX at Ft. McCoy. Realistic training lanes help prepare our cadets for the rigors of LDAC (Leadership Development Assessment Course) the summer of their junior year.

Battalion run to Atwater Beach 29APR13
From the Professor of Military Science

Alumni, Family, Friends and Cadets of the Golden Eagle Battalion:

Congratulations on the completion of a successful year and the start of a well-earned summer break and training season. I am proud to report that we are on track to again achieve excellence through the commission of 26 Second Lieutenants for the 2012-2013 Academic Year (4 in December, 19 in May, and 3 in August). These new Lieutenants are agile, adaptable, and ready to face the challenges that lie ahead.

This summer our Cadets continue to grow and professionally develop through a multitude of training opportunities across the world; 12 attending Cultural awareness trips to 9 countries (Botswana, Croatia, France, Jordan, Lithuania, Paraguay, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, and Senegal), 1 to Airborne, 2 to Air Assault, 4 to Project (GO) Global Officer in Amman Jordan, 6 to Nurse Summer Training Program, 1 to Army Medical Department Internship, 4 to Cadet Troop Leadership Training, 24 to Leadership Development and Assessment Course, 1 to Leaders Training Course, 1 to Warrior Exercise, and many unnamed internships, leadership jobs, and amazing experiences. We await the knowledge and experience that these cadets have gained and will impart upon all our cadets this next academic year. Furthermore, we eagerly await the start of a new year and welcoming many new cadets and their families in mid-August with the incoming cadet orientation. We have a great year of training planned to develop and hone the skills of our warrior leaders which prepares our cadets for their transition to officership! Below are just a few of the training events that our cadets will participate in during their leadership internship.

- Incoming Cadet Orientation – 18-20 August
- MSIV Semester Military Decision Making Process – 21-23 August
- Fall FTX – 13-15 September
- Stand Down – 21 September
- TF Ranger Challenge – 11-13 October
- Brigade Ranger Challenge – 1-3 November
- Dining-in – 3 December

I am proud to announce our 4th annual Veterans Day/Wall of Honor/Contracting event, where we will expand our recognition through inducting multiple members of our alumni to our new “Wall of Fame”. Please mark your calendars and consider attending on 11 November 2013.

Lastly, I’d like to thank the Golden Eagle Battalion Alumni and Family Action Network (FAN Club) for their incredible contributions to the program. Without the leadership and efforts of our alumni and parents our program would not be as strong as it is today. We are very thankful for your time and donations that greatly benefit your Cadets!

Thank you again for the opportunity to lead these fine young men and women!

"Forged from Gold, Eagles Break the Mold…Be the Difference!"

Mike Gibson
Lieutenant Colonel, Professor of Military Science
“A real leader faces the music even when he doesn’t like the tune.”
Arnold H. Glasgow

MS IVs Around the Battalion

Military Ball

Several of the seniors with their dates pose for the cameras after their entrance to the Military Ball. This year’s event was held at the Wisconsin Veteran’s Museum on the Lakefront. Fr. Rossi, interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences was the guest speaker. For the seniors, it was their last Military Ball as cadets, but they are all excited to enjoy the numerous unit and Army social traditions at their first assignments. For the freshmen, it was their first Military Ball and they witnessed the importance and adherence to ceremony that is part of the ball experience.

TRI-ROTC Awards

An annual tradition, the TRI-Awards ceremony was held this spring to recognize the achievements and accomplishments of all of Marquette’s ROTC future officers. As always, many Army ROTC cadets were honored with awards, certificates, medals and scholarships. While there are too many to name, special emphasis on the graduating MSIVs is given in this issue. The awards that seniors earned are a direct reflection of their outstanding leadership, academic achievement and service to the community. Congratulations to all of the cadets who received awards, but special congrats to those listed to the right.

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“Keep your fears to yourself but share your courage with others”
- Robert Louis Stevenson

Around the Battalion

Cadet Rangers Paintball

A handful of brave Cadet Rangers got together one Sunday for an afternoon of tactical paintball at Siege Paintball in Mukwanago, WI. With missions, OPORDs and objectives, the Cadet Rangers made the most out of the realistic training. Missions included movement to contact, react to an ambush, squad assault and area security. Once the missions and after action reviews were completed, they went all out and just played paintball on the numerous courses available.

As an officially recognized student organization, Cadet Rangers is open to all university students. While the emphasis is clearly on tactics, operations orders, leadership and physical fitness, there are a number of opportunities for others to enjoy the organization. Many cadets join Cadet Rangers for the extra chances to receive and issue OPORDs. Having this opportunity generally helps them be more prepared for Friday’s Leadership Labs and LDAC.

FAN Club

A special thanks to our parents, friends and supporters in the FAN Club. The Club has been especially active this year, making the lives of cadets just a little bit better. They put together cookie trays during the holiday season, hosted a pasta dinner for the basketball teams prior to the Notre Dame tournament, and met our cadets and served dinner at the unit when they came back from the Spring FTX. The Soldiers in today’s Army depend more and more on the support from the home front. Our FAN Club members are so incredibly appreciated and are setting a great example for what a strong Army community should look like.
“It is motive alone that gives character to the actions of men.”
- Jean De La Bruyère

Spring FTX

Spring is as much about the changing Wisconsin weather as it is about FTXs. This year is no different as members of Marquette’s Golden Eagle Battalion participated in three exercises at Ft. McCoy. The Spring FTX was a battalion wide training exercise which included land navigation, squad tactics lanes, rappelling, MOUT (military operations in urban terrain) training and overall leadership assessment. The MSIII’s practiced giving OPORDs while the rest of the battalion practiced receiving and executing the missions. Ft. McCoy provides ample training space, realistic scenarios and some logistical support. Having a such a training facility relatively close to Marquette allows the cadets to put into practice, on a larger scale, the skills they have learned throughout the year’s leadership labs.

Combined FTX

Cadets from Task Force McCoy—8 ROTC programs across the state—converged on Ft. McCoy one weekend for the combined FTX. Designed to mimic the leadership dynamics common at LDAC (Leader Development Assessment Course) in the summer, this FTX brings all of the MSIIIs together and mixes them up during the field training. Much like having to lead a platoon or squad at LDAC, cadets must quickly establish trust and confidence in their platoon. Accountability is made more difficult as cadets are placed in charge of people they have never worked with.
“There is nothing impossible to him who will try.”
- Alexander the Great

**Leadership Lab**

Before most of the university is awake on Fridays, Golden Eagle Battalion cadets have completed important leadership training, learned valuable skills and practiced squad level tactics. MSIII (Juniors) generally issue platoon/squad level operations orders, relying on the MSIs and MSIs to carry out the missions. MSIV cadets supervise and offer constructive criticism while the cadre has overall responsibility for safety and doctrinal adherence. Friday Leadership Labs are just another opportunity for the entire Battalion to get together and share camaraderie, gain valuable mentorship and further prepare themselves to be leaders in the Army.

**Golden Eagle PT**

In an effort to motivate and challenge cadets, Golden Eagle PT has had some creative and engaging PT sessions. This semester saw the battalion exercising along Milwaukee’s lakeshore at Bradford beach, competing in the Iron Squad competition, ruck marches and more. Physical fitness is a lifelong activity and our cadets are learning first hand how to engage in a variety of PT programs.

**Notre Dame Basketball**

Every year while much of the country is embroiled in March Madness, cadets from across the country descend upon Notre Dame’s campus for a little basketball madness of their own. Cadets hold tryouts for the coveted spots on the team and basketball drills take the place of regular PT for about a month prior to the tournament. Intense preparation and planning go into making the trip to Notre Dame and the results speak for themselves. This year’s teams upheld the tradition of excellence and went even further than the Marquette men’s NCAA team. The women’s team won the entire tournament and MSIII Cadet Mercedes Williams was recognized as the tournament MVP. The men’s team made a great run, beating UW-Madison, but eventually falling to UW-Madison in the Elite Eight. If you are an alumnus in the area and want to show your support during next year’s tournament, send us a message or get in touch with us to find out how you can help.
Once again, the Golden Eagle Battalion stepped up to the plate and delivered at the spring blood drive. Organized and coordinated by our nursing cadets, this year’s blood drive was a great success. With 55 units of blood needed, this spring’s drive was able to provide the Wisconsin Blood Center with more than 65 units! Our cadets understand the vital importance of a well-stocked blood bank and are always willing to step up to the plate and do the right thing. If you are in the Milwaukee area and would like to donate during our fall blood drive, please contact us.

Blood Drive

With the school year drawing to a close, MSIV’s prepare for commissioning as new lieutenants and MSIIIs prepare to move into battalion leadership roles. The outgoing Battalion Commander, Anthony Nicholson recently conducted a Change of Command ceremony with the new, incoming commander, Joseph Lemens. From Lombard, IL, cadet Lemens has demonstrated his leadership abilities throughout the last three years and has the full confidence of the Golden Eagle Battalion cadre. As an exercise physiology major, CDT Lemens maintains a rigorous academic schedule and involvement in ROTC activities. He has attended the Cultural Language Understanding Program (CULP) in Brazil, Air Assault school in Ft. Benning and will be traveling to South Korea this summer to participate in Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT). Cadet Lemens comes from a long family heritage of military service. His father, who recently returned from a deployment to Kuwait, is currently serving in the Illinois National Guard as a CW5, his mother served for 10 years in a civil affairs unit, and his younger sister, Jordan will be an MSII next fall. When asked what he wants to accomplish as the BC, Lemens replied “I want to take the incoming MSIs at ICO and set the example, build off of the strengths of this year and really start the fall off strong, with professionalism and realistic training.”
German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge

The Golden Eagle Battalion was once again honored to host the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge competition this year. More than 115 cadets from 12 other programs came to Milwaukee in order to compete for this prestigious badge. As a decoration of the Bundeswehr, the armed forces of the Federal Republic of Germany, the GAFPB badge is just one of the hundreds of foreign awards that are authorized to wear on the uniform. Cadets competed in several events including: 3k run, 100-meter sprint, running long jump or high jump, shot put or standing long jump, 9-mm pistol qualification, 10-question medical test, and road march.

LTC Gibson was proud to welcome German Sergeant Major Poehl, the German Army Liaison at Ft. Leonard Wood to serve as the certifying official. Marquette cadets came away from the event with 9 gold, 14 silver and 14 bronze badges.
The Panther Platoon continued their march towards official recognition within the UW-Milwaukee system. Over the past several months we’ve passed some significant milestones within the University. As of February we’ve actually become a program under the Department of Criminal Justice within the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare. This is a monumental achievement for us because it opened the door for formal accreditation on campus. In April we submitted the Army ROTC curriculum to the University for consideration and expect approval shortly – this will allow UW-Milwaukee students to actually sign up and take ROTC natively through the UWM system. In May we welcomed our 3rd full time staff member to the UW-Milwaukee family in SFC Goggins. SFC Goggins has spent the last 9 years at Ft. Riley Kansas and brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and excitement to our program. Moving forward we expect our Panther Platoon to swell to almost 40 cadets in the new academic year as we continue to work towards building a strong Marquette University partnership program.
For Army ROTC Cadets, the world is their classroom. Every year hundreds of Cadets travel the globe, spending up to three weeks immersed in foreign cultures, learning more about how other others around the world view the U.S. and, in the process, learning more about themselves.

The Army recognizes the need for young leaders to develop more cultural awareness and foreign language proficiency skills. Now more than ever, cultural awareness training is a vital component to the ROTC curriculum. Overseas immersions help educate future leaders in ways the classroom cannot.

Cadets now receive opportunity to compete for immersion in more than 40 countries. These opportunities expose them to everyday life in different cultures and intensifies language study, which helps produce commissioned officers who possess the right blend of language and cultural skills required to support global operations in the 21st Century.

Participants experience up to three different venues during immersion, including humanitarian service, host nation military-to-military contact and education on the social, cultural and historical aspects of the country. In 2012, 1,200 ROTC Cadets traveled across the world and participated in Cadet Command’s CULP program. This year 1350 cadets are studying abroad by attending a CULP adventure.

The future goal is for at least half of all Cadets to complete a CULP Immersion Internship annually.

2013 CULP Participants

Katelyn Blando—Philippines
Thomas Knuth—Saudi Arabia
Rebecca Thoms—France
Marit Taylor—Senegal
Ryan Roessler—Lithuania
Sarah Schwei—Senegal

Kevin Vanneman—Botswana
James Hurdman—Croatia
Matthew Brune—Croatia
Rachael Demeulenaere—Paraguay
Jordan Lemens—Lithuania
Brett Tobin—Jordan
Wars may be fought with weapons, but they are won by men. It is the spirit of the men who follow and of the man who leads that gains the victory.”
- George Patton Jr.

PROJECT GO—Amman, Jordan

Project GO (Global Officers), originally titled the ROTC Language and Culture Project, is a Department of Defense initiative aimed at improving the language skills, regional expertise, and intercultural communication skills of future military officers. Administered by the Institute of International Education on behalf of the National Security Education Program and the Defense Language Office, Project GO provides institutional grants to 22 U.S. universities across the country, including five of the six Senior Military Colleges. Working in support of Army, Air Force, and Navy ROTC strategies and policies, Project GO facilitates collaborative efforts among universities and between universities and ROTC leadership.

Since 2007, Project GO has awarded approximately $9.3 million in institutional grants. Grant funding has provided over 860 domestic and overseas summer scholarships to ROTC students for critical language study. Grant funding has also supported university infrastructure in the critical languages and created venues for communication amongst ROTC leadership and university personnel.

Project GO funds generally support direct student scholarships, program coordinators, language instructors, curriculum development, and outreach initiatives to support existing language programs. Some Project GO institutions also use their funding to provide academic year tutoring, offset additional study abroad costs during the academic year, or host guest speakers on cultural topics.

Marquette hosts an eight week program in Amman, Jordan and invites cadets and midshipmen from across the country to participate. Students learn Arabic from some of the most respected language teachers in the area: from the Qasid Institute for Classical & Modern Standard Arabic. This eight-week program teaches Arabic in two four-week sessions. During each session, students will take one Modern Standard Arabic course and one colloquial Jordanian Arabic course. Each session covers the material typically presented in one semester on a U.S. campus.

2013 Project GO Participants

- Catherine Gregory (MSII)
- Kevin Rezabeck (MSI)
- Alexander Lech (MSI)
- Alannah Schultz (MSI)
“Winning is not a sometime thing; it’s an all-time thing. You don’t win once in a while, you don’t do things right once in a while; you do them right all the time. Winning is a habit. Unfortunately, so is losing.”

- Vince Lombardi

Spring 2013 Commissions

Congratulations to the new Lieutenants from the Golden Eagle Battalion. Your hard work and perseverance is a testament to your dedication to service in the United States Army.

- Aaron Becker, Active Duty, Ordnance Corps
- Jacob Berg, ARNG, Quartermaster
- Shane Brandl, ARNG, Military Intelligence
- Matthew Bronk, Active Duty, Signal Corps *
- Stephanie Butkowski, Active Duty, Nurse Corps *
- Nikolas Carr, ARNG, Infantry
- Joseph Hansinger, Active Duty, Field Artillery
- Bryan Joose, USAR, Medical Services Corps
- Valerie Kehl, Active Duty, Nurse Corps
- Aaron Kramer, USAR, Medical Services Corps
- Ryan Murphy, Active Duty, Field Artillery
- Anthony Nicholson, Active Duty, Military Intelligence *
- Timothy Pace, ARNG, Field Artillery
- Brett Peloquin, Active Duty, Infantry *
- Michael Ploetz, ARNG, Military Intelligence
- Kalyn Seifer, Active Duty, Quartermaster Corps
- Kyle Troeger, ARNG, Engineer Corps
- Brett Vasholtz, ARNG, Infantry
- Halston Wolber, ARNG, Infantry

* Distinguished Military Graduate

MSIVs enjoy a social evening at LTC Gibson's home prior to commissioning. As an important reminder of the community aspect so vital in the Army, LTC Gibson and his wife opened their home to the soon-to-be Lieutenants.
“Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.”

- Thomas Paine, British intellectual

Where Are They Now

MU AROTC alumni; CPT Katie Casper('05), CPT Christyn Gaa('07), Maj (S) Elizabeth Hoettels('96), CPT Sarah McInerney('06), CPT John McInerney('05), CPT Adam Knoll('08), 1LT Kristina Biggs('10), 1LT Logan Biggs('10) gather for a reunion and to cheer on the Golden Eagles at Kaiserslautern/Ramstein in Germany.


Congratulations to COL Rick Kaiser ('87) who will be moving to Europe to assume the position of Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, NATO, Allied Rapid Reaction Corps. COL Kaiser is the uncle of current MSIII Cadet Robert Kaiser. On behalf of the entire Golden Eagle Battalion, we wish you success in your new assignment.

A small cohort of Marquette alumni were able to gather together to cheer the Golden Eagles into the Elite 8 from Ft. Sam Houston. From left to right CPT Patrick Kummerer, CPT Katie Casper, and CPT Cheryl Shefchik.
You don’t lead by hitting people over the head—that’s assault, not leadership.

—Dwight Eisenhower

Blast from the Past

An excerpt from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel in 1973 shows students at UW Milwaukee rappelling off of the Student Union under close supervision of Army personnel. Recently, plans have been made for a similar demonstration and training event at UW-Milwaukee. With master rappellers on staff, and the growing number of cadets at UW-Milwaukee, such training promises to yield positive results.
“Every post is honorable in which a man can serve his country.”

- George Washington, 1st U.S. President

Golden Eagle Battalion Alumni

Pershing Rifles—A Tradition of Excellence

Above: Company I-2 of the Marquette University Pershing Rifles Drill Team from 1966. If you are pictured in this image, or can identify any of these gentlemen, please reach out to us. Ryan.mccullough@marquette.edu

The Pershing Rifles is a military fraternal organization for college-level students, founded by then 2nd Lieutenant (later General of the Armies of the United States) John J. Pershing in 1894 as a drill unit at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Over time, the Pershing Rifles organization was expanded to include several other universities, with companies consisting of drill teams as well as tactical units. Together, these units form what is known today as the National Society of Pershing Rifles. Marquette University has a long tradition of excellence within this organization and even today, the trophies and awards for past competitions remain visible within the unit hallways and display cases. I-2 and D-2 were the Marquette and UW-Milwaukee companies, respectively and 2nd Regiment HQ for the Pershing Rifles Organization was originally at Marquette.
“Don’t brag about tomorrow, since you don’t know what the day will bring.”
- Proverbs 27:1

Blast From the Past

Cadet Amy Valko patrols at Ft. McCoy (1999)

Cadets Wesley and Conboy plot a course on a land navigation exercise during Summer Camp 1962.

Although combatives are no longer taught to cadets until they are commissioned and attending their basic branch school, hand to hand combat was part of the instruction many cadets received. Left: Cadet Steinmetz takes down Cadet Dawson during training at Ft. McCoy. (1999)
ATTENTION ALUMNI!

Please share your stories 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:

johan.haraldsen@marquette.edu

Thank you for your continued support.

COL Edward Dey Fund

Your generous contributions to the COL Edward Dey Fund has enabled the Golden Eagle Battalion to make incredible improvements to our facilities and support our Cadets.

The Dey Fund is in need replenishing after supporting our cadets this spring. Your contributions help continue the legacy of Golden Eagle Cadets and 2LT’s as we train the future leaders of the Army. Please consider a donation to the Dey Fund.

Recommended Donation Amounts

(per family/donor)

$1-$100   - “Talon” Recognition
$101-$200 - “Wing” Recognition
$201-$300  - “Eagle” Recognition
> $301     - “Golden Eagle” Recognition

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Dorothy H. Dey
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Charles L. Littnan

A special thanks to the alumni that donated the TV and DVD player for our gym. Donations such as these enrich the experience of cadets and provide them with a place to remain physically fit and build comraderie. A special piece will be included in the next newsletter showing the TV/DVD in action.

How to support the GEB

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