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*The Official Alumni Newsletter of the Golden Eagle Battalion*

*Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program hosted at Marquette University*

## Attention Alumni

Marquette University will be hosting its annual Alumni Weekend 25-26 July 2015. Come visit the Battalion and join us for our annual Army ROTC Golden Eagle Battalion Alumni Open House and Lunch, 25 July 2015 from 1000-1300. We look forward to seeing you. Don't forget to check out the new General Douglas MacArthur commemorative plaques in the Army foyer outside of the Old Gym!

## Veterans Day Ceremony

Please join us this Veterans Day 11 November 2015 in the Old Gym as we honor the leadership and commitment of past leaders as well as the dedication of future leaders as we contract new Cadets within the Golden Eagle Battalion.

## Be Sure to Check Out

[Marquette University Army ROTC Website](#)

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[Marquette University Army ROTC Twitter Feed](#)

[FAN Club Website](#)

The 2015 Commissioning Class with LTC Gibson and MG Visot



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*“Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others.” - Jack Welch*

## From the Professor of Military Science

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

Alumni, you should continue to be proud of your Alma Mater and the Golden Eagle Battalion! The more time I spend here, 3 years now, the more impressed I am by the caliber of Cadet in our program. The caliber of Cadet is demonstrated by the recognition from others everywhere I go and by the very high number of Cadets participating in summer 2015 training opportunities. The following summer training opportunities are very competitive, and the extra summer experiences for 55 student's sets these Scholar-Athlete-Leaders up for great success in the future. With so many selections, it once again proves our Cadets are among the elite in the country. We had 9 Cadets selected for Cultural Internships (CULP) this summer (BARBADOS, EL SALVADOR, HUNGARY, KOSOVO, MALAWI, MOLDOVA, SENEGAL, SLOVAKIA, and TANZANIA); two for the Department of Defense sponsored Project GO (Global Officer) one to Amman, Jordan and one to Manas, Kyrgyzstan; five Cadets selected for CTLT (Cadet Troop Leadership Training); five Cadets selected for NSTP (Nursing Summer Training Program); one Cadet selected for the Combat Divers Qualification Course; one Cadet selected for Airborne School; one Cadet selected for Air Assault School; one Cadet selected to attend Cadet Field Training at USMA, one Cadet is attending a USA Corps of Engineer Internship in Chicago; nine Cadets participate in the “CTLT” like WAREX with the USAR at Ft. McCoy; five Cadets attended the new Cadet Initial Entry Training Course; and 27 Cadets attend the Cadet Leader Course.



On another positive note we will again commission above 20 new officers. This fiscal year, we will commission 21 Second Lieutenants, two in December and 16 in May, and three in August from three Universities – Marquette, Milwaukee, and MSOE.

I am already excited to start a new year with a great Cadet Leadership team and our crop of new Cadets. All of our upper class cadets are leaning forward to prepare the training and impart the knowledge and experience that they have learned. They all look forward to welcoming the 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 officer-ship! Below are just a few of the training events that our cadets will participate in during their leadership internship.

Incoming Cadet Orientation – 23-25 August  
MSIV Semester Military Decision Making Process (MDMP) – 26-28 August  
First day of School - Marquette – 30 August  
Fall FTX – 18-20 September  
TF Ranger Challenge – 9-11 October  
Brigade Ranger Challenge – 23-25 October  
Dining-in – 1 December

I am proud to announce our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Veterans Day Wall of Fame and Contracting ceremony, where we will expand our recognition through inducting at least two members of our alumni and contract approximately 25 new cadets into the US Army. Please mark your calendars and consider attending on 11 November 2015.

***Lastly, I'd like to thank the Golden Eagle Battalion Alumni and Family Action Network (FAN Club) for their awesome 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 exceptional young men and women!

***Forged From Gold, Eagles Break the Mold!***

***LTC Michael Gibson***





## New 2nd Lieutenants: Spring 2015 Commissioning

Congratulations to our newly commissioned Second Lieutenants! You have all done an amazing job and the Battalion is extremely proud of you. Your countless hours of hard work and dedication have paid off. Good luck in your future career as an Army Officer!

### Our Newest Army Leaders!

- Katelyn Blando- Nurse, Active Duty
- Shannon Day- Ordnance, Active Duty
- Alyse Gooderham- Dental , Education Delay (Marquette University)
- Catherine Gregory- Judge Advocate General, Education Delay (Boston University)
- Tyler Hines- Military Police, Active Duty
- James Hurdman- Military Police , Active Duty
- Thomas Knuth- Cyber Warfare, Active Duty
- Gretchen Maty- Engineer, Active Duty
- Cullen O'Neill- Field Artillery, Active Duty
- Samuel Redmond- Military Intelligence, Army Reserves
- Clifford Schorr- Engineer, Army Reserves
- Sarah Schwei- Nurse, Active Duty
- Marit Taylor- Nurse, Active Duty
- Rebecca Thoms- Signal, Active Duty
- Franklin Wychgram- Armor, National Guard
- James Zastrow- Field Artillery, Active Duty



Guest speaker, MG Visot (Left) addresses the class of 2015 with heart felt advice on leadership.

2LT Shannon Day (Below) with her parents after they attach her shoulder boards to her uniform.



Newly commissioned 2LT Hines (Right) receives his traditional first salute from SFC Davidson.





## Family Support: FAN Club

Behind every successful future leader, there is a supportive family behind him or her. The Family Action Network (FAN) Club provides Cadets with the support they need to enhance their experience at the Golden Eagle Battalion. The FAN Club was founded in 2009 by families of Cadets to support Battalion events when and where it is needed.

This support comes in the form of preparing meals for the Battalion after a weekend of field training, mid-term treats to make exams a little easier, and Christmas stockings to bring the spirit of the season to some extremely busy Cadets during finals week. The FAN club also works as a fundraising organization to provide the Cadets with items that are not included in their original budget such as work out equipment, new flags and even new flooring.

The FAN club is entirely volunteer run and donation funded by dedicated parents, family and supporters of the Golden Eagle Battalion. If you are a parent, guardian or ROTC supporter that would like to become involved as a volunteer or make a donation please send inquiries to Mr. Dave Davel at [davidadavel@gmail.com](mailto:davidadavel@gmail.com) and check out the FAN Club website at [www.goldeneaglebattalion.org](http://www.goldeneaglebattalion.org) for updates on events and volunteering opportunities.



Tired and Dirty Cadets are greeted by FAN club members as they return from the field. Friends, family and Cadets flood into the Battalion Gym after a weekend of training to enjoy a pot-luck style meal provided by the FAN club.





## Military Ball



The purpose of this event is to boost Cadet moral and camaraderie, it also honors the hard work of the graduating senior class and the dedication and support of their parents. Senior Cadets and Cadre were honored for their commitment as they escorted their dates and families under a sabre arch. The Battalion also took this event as an opportunity to reveal the Branch assignments of the future Lieutenants as each senior had their branch insignia pinned onto their dress uniforms by LTC Gibson and MSG Larsen in front of friends and loved ones.

While the devotion and hard work of Golden Eagle Battalion is well known, the Cadets still take the opportunity to unwind and take a break from their rigorous training and early mornings. While the Military Ball is a time honored tradition full of military ceremony, this formal dance allows Cadets the rare chance to relax and enjoy good food, good music and good company. Cadets were awed by the ascetic beauty and historic architecture as this year's Ball took place at the downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin Club.



The evening continued with toasts and a beautiful dinner. Dinner was followed by an inspiring and humorous talk from guest speaker LTC Tony Bando. (UW Milwaukee ROTC graduate) The Cadets then removed their mess jackets for an exciting night of laughter and dancing.

### A Night To Remember

LTC Bando (Above left) gives words of advice to young Cadets.

Senior Cadets Thoms, Day and Maty having fun at Mill Ball!

Senior Cadet Holt (Bottom left) Escorting his mother under the Sabre Arch.





# German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge

This semester, Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets were given the opportunity to compete for a prestigious award. The German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge was originally awarded only to soldiers in the German Army as a way of ensuring Soldiers were proficient in specific military skills and areas of physical fitness. Passing the requirements for this badge was a prerequisite in order to become an Officer or NCO. Today, the opportunity to receive this badge is now open to U.S. Soldiers hoping to push themselves physically and mentally while maintaining an aura of friendly competition.

Cadets, Reservists and Soldiers in the Wisconsin National Guard from across the State gathered at Marquette to strive for this prestigious award. Facilitated by German CSM Somma from Ft. Lenard Wood, Soldiers and Cadets underwent a series of shooting, track and field, swimming and ruck march events with points awarded for each event. The number of points determined if the Cadet or Soldier was awarded either the Bronze, Silver or Gold level of the award. Marquette had 18 Cadets successfully complete and earn one of three levels of the award: 7 gold, 8 silver and 3 bronze.



CSM Somma (Right) with Cadet Llanes-Smith (Left) at the GAFFPB competition. The German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge in Gold (Pictured right). The Gold GAFFPB is the highest level a Cadet or Soldier strives for.





## Combined LDX

As cadets begin the final stages of their junior year, they attend a combined Leadership Development Exercise (LDX) in order to ensure Cadets are prepared for the challenges they will encounter at the Cadet Leadership Course (CLC) this summer at Ft. Knox. This four day training exercise took place at Ft McCoy and tested Cadets in not only their tactical knowledge but their ability to operate in a garrison environment as well.

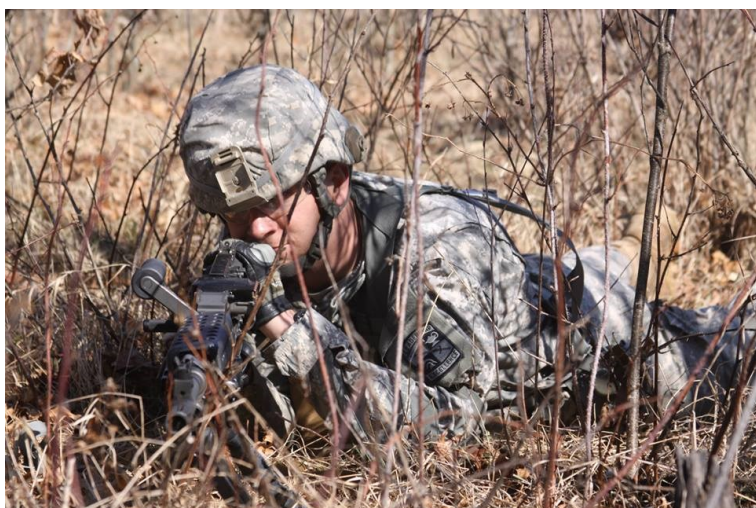


In order to replicate CLC, Cadets were placed into various leadership positions and were expected to “take charge” at a moment’s notice. Cadets from the Golden Eagle Battalion were placed in platoons with 143 Cadets from across the state. This was done to give Cadets experience in problem solving with an unfamiliar peer group with different leadership styles.



Each cadet took this training as an opportunity to gain confidence with platoon tactics as well as developing and briefing orders. Junior Cadets know what to expect as they enter a pivotal time in their ROTC careers.

Cadet Brueck (Top) briefs her Squad Leaders prior to executing a mission. This week was full of opportunities for Cadets to train in Platoon level operations like Key Leader Engagements (Center and Right).





## Tri-ROTC Awards

This March, Marquette hosted its annual Tri-ROTC Awards Ceremony. The purpose of this ceremony was to not only acknowledge the talents and accomplishments of Army Cadets but that of the entire Marquette ROTC community as Navy Midshipmen and Air Force Cadets were also honored. Congratulations on a job well done to all of Marquette's Cadets and Midshipmen! A Tri-ROTC Color Guard was present to open the ceremony (Right).



## The Battalion Crest

The Marquette Army ROTC's shoulder loop insignia, or crest, was authorized 9 September 1963. The symbolism on the crest reflects the heritage of Marquette University, our host institution, and is adapted from the design elements of the seal and the colors of the university. Our crest consists of three parts: the upper, middle, and lower portions.

The upper portion of the crest is from a scene taken from a United States postage stamp of the Trans-Mississippi issue of 1898. It bore the label, "Marquette on the Mississippi." Father Marquette is shown speaking to a group of Indians while he points to the great river whose course he followed and observed. Here, Father Marquette, is dressed in black standing in a white canoe, on the Great River, pointing into the distance to his guide, a paddling Indian dressed in red. The canoe sits atop a wreath of two colors, gold and blue, representing the colors of the University.

The middle portion and principle design of the crest is the coat of arms of the noble Spanish family of Lily. A member of this family is Ignatius Lily, known as St. Ignatius, a former Soldier and the eventual founder of the Society of Jesus; who founded Marquette University in 1881. The two wolves symbolize the generosity of the house of Loyola. It was said that the followers of the family were so well maintained that even the wolves found a feast within the kettle after the Soldiers had eaten.

The lower portion below the shield, is a Gold scroll, inscribed in French "CITOYEN PATRIOTE" which translates to "Patriotic Citizen" in English; representing our role as Soldiers and Cadets and our commitment to serve our country as citizen Soldiers.

This special edition of the *Quedette Quarterly* honors our crest and our history by displaying it in the right hand corner of every page.







## New Opportunities — A Cadet's Time in D.C.

Each year several of our Cadets receive the opportunity to study abroad. This year, newly commissioned 2LT Gregory had the opportunity to work as an intern in our nation's capital.

*Last semester, I had the opportunity to study and intern in Washington D.C. as part of the Les Aspin Center for Government. I interned for Senator Ron Johnson, United States Senate, where I experienced first-hand the development and formation of our nation's public policy. Throughout the duration of my internship, I attended hearings in lieu of staffers for the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Committee on Foreign Relations, and Armed Services Committee, compiled briefs for the foreign relations and homeland security legislative counsel, and wrote several policy memos for legislative assistants in banking, public infrastructure, and forestry. My favorite task as an intern was compiling country briefs for the foreign policy staff in preparation for the Senator's attendance at the United Nations General Assembly 61<sup>st</sup> Session. My internship was fast-paced, fun, and above all educational. When I was not working on the hill, I attended class and took a full semester of credits. The Les Aspin program is rigorous but allows students to experience all that our nation's capital has to offer outside the classroom as well. Our class made frequent visits to the Smithsonian Museums and attended concerts at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Les Aspin allowed me to grow personally and professionally, and I look forward to applying all that I learned in my future Army career.*

2LT Gregory  
Marquette Army ROTC '15

2LT Gregory (second from left) had the opportunity to intern for Senator Ron Johnson (Left) last semester.



2LT Gregory (second from right) and  
Marquette President Dr. Lovell in front of the capital





## Spring LDX



This Semester marked the Golden Eagle Battalion's Spring Leadership Development Exercise (SLDX). This weekend long field training at Ft. McCoy not only tested the tactical proficiency of the Cadets but their mental agility as well. This training opportunity gives Cadets a more realistic operating environment in which they can apply the skills they learned on campus. The SLDX is also used as another chance for junior MS III cadets to practice the technical and leadership skills needed to be successful as Platoon Leaders.

Day one of the SLDX consisted of Land Navigation. However, this event was a little different from the typical "Land Nav" course. Cadets were put in to small groups of mixed class levels and ability. These groups navigated the course but underwent different mental and memory based challenges along the way. Later that night the Cadets occupied Combat Outpost (COP) Lashgar where frigid temperatures and frequent "enemy" attacks made sleeping difficult.



Day two consisted of platoon level tactics as MS III Cadets led patrolling missions accompanied by intense first aid training. On day three, cadets were pushed to their limits as they negotiated the Confidence and Conditioning courses. These obstacle courses tested the physical agility and mental fortitude of the Cadets. The tired Cadets then boarded the buses for home as they were greeted by an awesome meal provided by the FAN club.





## Serving the Community

Cadets at the Golden Eagle Battalion learn numerous life lessons to make them competent and compassionate leaders. One of these lessons is in service to others and in their community. The Golden Eagle Battalion kicked off its spring blood drive this May in partnership with the American Red Cross. Nursing Cadets planned and advertised this event to take place at the Battalion Gym in order to involve the entire Marquette University Community. Cadets volunteered to help with scheduling appointments, set up, clean up afterwards and hand out refreshments while donors were giving blood. Marquette students and cadets waited patiently to donate because of the popularity of this event. This year's event was another overwhelming success as countless Milwaukee lives will be saved as a result of these donations.



Cadets Lyons and Braun after donating.



Local veterans lining up to receive clothing donations.

Cadets from the GEB also helped out at this year's Stand Down at the National Guard Armory on Richard Street. Stand Down acts as a temporary shelter for homeless and at risk veterans. It is a "hand up not a handout" as local veterans who are considered to be "at risk" are welcomed to a warm meal and other forms of aid. At Stand Down, veterans receive numerous services from financial and legal advice to medical and employment assistance. Cadets set up tables, cleaned up after the event and escorted veterans to check in. Because of Battalion volunteer efforts, Stand Down was able to serve over 200 Milwaukee Veterans.





## Blood, Sweat, and Rucking: Buddy Ranger Challenge

During the Spring Semester, the GEB sent eight buddy teams to one of the most esteemed and grueling competitions a Cadet can endure. The Buddy Ranger Competition not only tests the physical endurance of a Cadet but mental sharpness and intestinal fortitude as well. This event began with a 9 mile ruck march and was followed by several events that tested physical stamina and domain knowledge. The day continued with a medical competition that included buddy rushes and carries, litter carry, marksmanship and weapons proficiency. Other cadets would participate in another multi event competition consisting of hill runs, M16 marksmanship, inverted T and Y landing cones, tomahawk throw, water jug carries and a test in ACE reports. The day's demanding activities were concluded by a 3 mile run in ACUs.

Congratulations to Cadets Alanna Schultz (Bottom left) and Patrick Hass (Bottom right) who placed second in the coed division. The GEB is extremely proud of all the hard work and commitment shown by every cadet who participated. However, a special thank you is necessary to all Cadre who acted as coaches and mentors for this event. It is because of your talents and guidance our teams were able to perform so well. We encourage Cadets to continue to show the same perseverance and competitive attitude as you train for next year. Keep up the outstanding work!

### Our Buddy Ranger Teams

Well done!

- Patrick Hass, Alanna Schultz
- Brad Kempka, Tyler, Teichman
- Liam Kilpatrick, Brian Feifer
- John Clancy, Christopher Smith
- Garrett Zenner, Anthony Burrows
- Michael Grimm, Alexander Kafkas
- Brandon Konnow, Sam Davel
- Ryan Olsen, LTC Gibson





## Week of the Golden Eagle

Cadets celebrated the last week of school by starting a new tradition. The Week of the Golden Eagle consisted of several morale and esprit de corps boosting activities. Including the General Mac Arthur Commemoration Breakfast. A Battalion run, senior organized cook out, and an iron squad competition lab kicked off the start of summer vacation!

The Iron squad competition lab consisted of several physical and mental challenges that tested Cadets domain knowledge, physical fitness, and mental agility. This was the first leadership lab entirely run and executed by MS III's as they will soon be taking on that responsibility full time next year as new MS IV Seniors.



### Cadets hurry from one event to another in the Iron Squad Competition Lab.

This exciting week also saw a special change of command ceremony. As the senior class of 2015 graduates, they impart full responsibility of leadership onto the new senior class of 2016.

The ceremony included a traditional Army change of command ceremony as the graduating Cadet Battalion Commander handed over the battalion colors to the new Commander as a sign of passing on the responsibility of command to the new generation of senior MS IV Cadets.



A formal change of command ceremony was done to show a new generation of seniors would soon take charge. CDT Hurdman (Second left) will pass the colors to new Battalion commander CDT McCallops (Far right).





## Welcome New Cadets

### Marquette University Army ROTC Welcomes the New Incoming Freshmen Class of 2019!

Margaret Bellinder	Sarah Lemar
Sarah Bergen	Zachary Lukasik
Timothy Bobeck	Theodore McKee
Jonas Brekke	Lauren Niemiec
Rasmyah Curtis	James Nolter
Joseph Davis	Per Peterson
Bryce Dively	Mandilynn Race
Alexander Fernandez	Vanessa Ramage
Victoria Ficher	Angel Ramirez
Kevin Griffith	James Turek
Peter Hauger	Liam Veon
Reggie Hot	Buchanan Waller
Margaret Keeler	Jack Wilkins
Jenelle Lee	Kayla Wolfrum
	Morgan Yankee

Please note: This list is not all inclusive as we continue to build the class with many individuals that will join us in the fall to serve our great Nation and compete for ROTC scholarships.





## MacArthur and Marquette

While many are aware of General MacArthur's contribution to the history books, few are aware of his connection to the city of Milwaukee and Marquette University. While he was not a born native of Milwaukee, MacArthur's father and grandfather were active members in the Milwaukee Community. The city would have such an influence on MacArthur, that he would later refer to it as his "ancestral home". Because MacArthur wanted to be an Officer, he would only consider Marquette an option if he did not get into West Point. In fact, it was a Milwaukee Congressman that awarded MacArthur the congressional nomination necessary to attend the Military Academy.



MacArthur family portrait. A young Douglas MacArthur is seen wearing white.



After MacArthur left the Korean Peninsula in 1951. He received a telegram from Marquette President, Fr. Edward O'Donnell inviting him to return to Milwaukee and speak at Marquette's commencement. As recognition for his loyalty to Milwaukee and his devotion to his duty as an Officer, MacArthur was awarded an honorary law degree.



The Golden Eagle Battalion commemorated MacArthur's sacrifice and connection to Marquette by hosting the Douglas MacArthur Commemoration Breakfast. Cadets, Cadre, and members of the Marquette and Milwaukee community gathered in the Old Gym as Historians and guest speakers presented the legacy that MacArthur left behind. Army ROTC dedicated new plaques detailing key events of MacArthur's life and his contribution to Marquette. These plaques act as a reminder to Cadets and the University of the importance of Duty, Honor and Country.

(Center) MacArthur troops the line in Marquette's football stadium 27 April 1951. (Bottom left) James Zobel highlighted MacArthur's career and connection to Milwaukee and Marquette





# Contacts and Donations

## Attention Alumni!

### 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:

[armyrotc@marquette.edu](mailto:armyrotc@marquette.edu)

## 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

## Recent Dey Fund Donations

### Talon

- Joydell Kuphall
- James Rand
- Diana Rettig
- George Chittenden
- Michael Bell
- Lawrence Dacunto
- Lawrence Kaplan
- Richard Minks
- John Pion
- Kevin Wilson

### Wing

James Whalen

### Eagle

Dorothy Dey

### Golden Eagle

- John Mezera
- George Gaspar
- Richard Gibbs

## How to support the GEB

### Check's payable to:

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