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The Official Alumni Newsletter of the Golden Eagle Battalion

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

LTC Gibson's Retirement Ceremony



You are invited to attend the retirement ceremony for LTC Michael Gibson on 06 May 2016. We will be honoring his over 20 years of service in the U.S. Army. The social gathering and refreshments will begin at 0930 and the retirement ceremony at 1000. It will be held at the Marquette University Varsity Theatre, 1324 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI.

Be Sure to Check Out

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Attention Alumni

The Golden Eagle Battalion, hosts an open house during the annual Alumni Weekend 28-31 July 2016. Come visit the Old Gym and join us for our annual Army ROTC Golden Eagle Battalion Alumni Open House and Lunch, 30 July 2016 from 1000-1300. We look forward to seeing you and reminiscing about ROTC, the Army, friends, family and fun.

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“The growth and development of people is the highest calling of leadership.”

- Harvey Firestone

From the Professor of Military Science

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

What a great opportunity to send out this quarterly newsletter right after Easter! A time where we all reflect and learn from history and continue to reflect, learn, and develop ourselves. Our program and Cadets have had incredibly great news this past semester, they have learned immensely, and have developed phenomenal leadership skills.

First, YOUR program was recognized as the 2nd best program in the 3rd ROTC Brigade, that’s equivalent to a sweet sixteen nationally of 275 Army ROTC programs. This was a result of a lot of hard work and consistent success at many levels to include winning the training and operations category.

Second, both the 9 person and 5 person female Ranger Challenge Teams won their respective category at the 3rd ROTC Brigade Competition. That is the first time both teams have won. The great news of this is our 9 person team gets to advance to Army West Point (USMA) for the international Sandhurst competition that will pit 60 teams from across the globe against one another on April 8 and 9, come out and cheer us on! Our team is one of eight ROTC teams invited; equivalent to an elite eight. Marquette University recognized this team at the last home basketball game of the year.

Third, we’ve had other teams fare very well: Notre Dame Basketball Tournament (Men’s – 2nd) and (Women’s – Final Four); and, Northern Warfare Competition at UW-Lacrosse (5th and 6th). UW-Milwaukee’s Ranger Challenge Team placed 3 of 15 teams at the Task Force Competition, an impressive feat with only 30 Cadets to select from!

Fourth, we received a winter slot for Air Assault Course, where Cadet Kempka excelled and earned the coveted wings.

Finally and most importantly, we conducted our most precious and important alumni event; Veterans Day Wall of Fame Induction and Contracting Ceremonies on 11 November. We were honored to induct Colonel Christopher DeMeulenaere, a 1985 Marquette Physical Therapy Program graduate, onto our Wall of Fame. Furthermore, we formally contracted 35 Cadets in front of their Parents and Families!

Another exciting note, we received significant donations from our alumni to enable us to work with Marquette University to install a Rappelling anchoring system that will allow us to rappel our Cadets off of Memorial Library for many years to come. Thanks alumni for all of your donations, each donation helps our Cadets in many ways and truly supports our Cadets in becoming the most confident and prepared leaders our Army has to offer.

We are extremely proud of our outstanding Cadet Leaders and all they have accomplished and are about to accomplish to further prepare each for commissioning and many summer leadership opportunities. This semester we’ll continue to prepare our Cadets for success and thriving in chaos with the following events: German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge Challenge, Combined Leadership Development Exercise (LDX), Spring LDX, Ranger Buddy Challenge at the University of Kansas, and 12 Cadets will travel across the Globe for Cultural Understand and Proficiency Program and 2 for Project GO to Oman, 1 for Airborne, 1 for Air Assault, 3 will do Nurse Summer Training Program, 20 will attend Cadet Leader Course and another 18 will attend Cadet Initial Entry Training. Wish them all luck! They will come back well trained and ready to bring their skills to the Golden Eagle Cadets!

I must thank the Golden Eagle Battalion Family Action Network for their incredible contributions to the program. They have enabled our extended family to bond and truly make our program the best FAMILY in the Army. Without their leadership and efforts we would not be the strong and resilient FAMILY that we are! We are so very thankful for your time and donations that greatly benefit **your** Cadets!

Thank you to all alumni and families as we conclude this semester and report on a very successful and exciting past year! I hope this newsletter finds you well and excited to learn what our Golden Eagle Cadets have done this past fall.

Again and as always, I am so thankful for the opportunity to continue to lead your Golden Eagle Cadets and OUR future Leaders of America!

**Michael Gibson, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army Engineer
Chair and Professor, Department of Military Science**



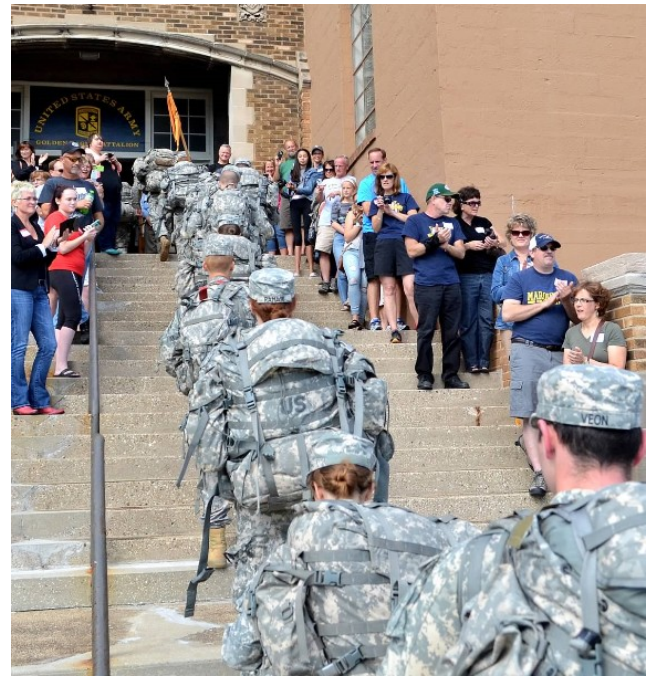


Family Action Network (FAN) Club

How to Get Involved

If you're not receiving regular emails from the Family Action Network (FAN Club) about upcoming activities, please let us know by sending a message to the incoming President Ms. Karen Smith at ben-ji0295@aol.com.

The FAN Club helps the Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets achieve a higher level of performance by providing the support and supplies that aren't part of their budget from the Federal government. Please take a minute to find out more about the FAN Club by visiting our web site: www.goldeneaglebattalion.org.



Above: Cadets are welcomed home by family and friends just before a warm meal provided by the FAN Club after arriving back at Marquette following their rigorous three day Fall Leadership Development Exercise.



Left: Cadets receive and eagerly tear into their Christmas stockings provided by the FAN Club at the conclusion of the Fall Semester's final Lab. The stockings are just one of the many ways in which Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets are supported throughout the year by the FAN Club. Cadets Schultz (MSIV), Babula (MSIV) and Zenner (MSII) smile in anticipation of their holiday gifts.





“The attacks of September 11th were intended to break our spirit. Instead we have emerged stronger and more unified”

-Rudolph W. Giuliani

Tri-ROTC 9/11 Ceremony

On Thursday, 11 September 2015, the Navy, Air Force, and Army ROTC programs came together to remember those who lost their lives 14 years ago, as well as those who have served our great nation and still serve today.



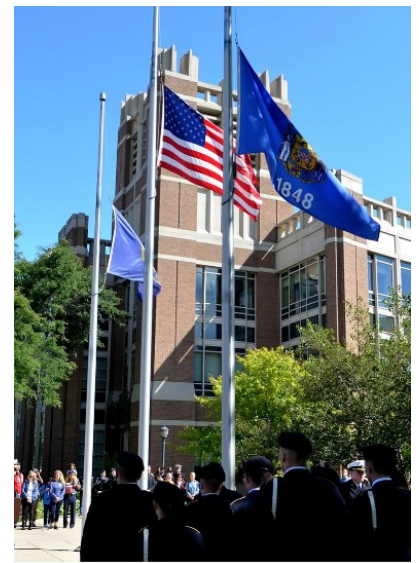
Above: Cadet Greidanus (MSII) and others standing at attention as the National Anthem plays.

“The speaker that day spoke of the important reasons to remember the day and to uphold the obligation we made, never to forget those lives that perished as a result of the attack. Crowds of students gathered around the platoons of Cadets and Midshipmen to take a moment of silence and pay their respects. This ceremony not only brought together all branches of the military, but the Marquette community as well.”

-Cadet Schultz (MSIV)

Bottom Left: Cadet Olsen (MSIII) leads the Army ROTC detachment honoring those we lost on 9/11/01.

Bottom Right: The National Colors flying half-mast above the Cadets during the ceremony.





Fall Leadership Development Exercise

From September 18-20, Cadets of the Golden Eagle Battalion traveled to Ft. McCoy, WI, to participate in the Fall Leadership Development Exercise. They trained on Land Navigation, Marksmanship, and much more! The Cadets built confidence and camaraderie with obstacle courses and problem solving as well.



Cadets Von Der Linn (MSII), Lyons (MSII), Brekke (MSI) and Lukasik (MSI) enjoying camaraderie.



Cadets learning the technique to throw grenades.



Cadet Bischel (MSII) aims his weapon during a virtual



Cadet Graham (MSIII) qualifying on her M16.



Cadets train on an M9 simulator.



Cadets Brune, Babula, and Tobin (MSIVs) after a long days work.





Task Force Ranger Challenge

The Golden Eagle Battalion participated in the Task Force Ranger Challenge at Ft. McCoy, WI. The Battalion sent 4 teams out to compete, comprising of a 9-person team from Marquette University, a 9-person team from UW-Milwaukee, a 5-female team from Marquette University, and two 5-man teams from Marquette University. The Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets performed wonderfully and culminated with sweeping Task Force Ranger Challenge as the 9-person team won seven of the ten events and the 5-female team won nine of the ten events; both teams took first place. The 9-man team from UW-Milwaukee took third place. The 5-man teams from Marquette University took second and third place. Both the 9-man and 5-female teams from Marquette University advanced to the Brigade Ranger Challenge the next weekend.

9-PERSON TEAM (MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY) - 1ST PLACE OF 15	
CDT BRUNE	CDT OLSEN
CDT DAVIS	CDT SCHULTZ
CDT HAAS	CDT SETZER
CDT KEMPKA	CDT SMITH, BEN
CDT MCCALLOPS- CAPTAIN	CDT TEICHMANN
9-PERSON TEAM (UW-MILWAUKEE) - 3RD PLACE OF 15	
CDT BURROWS- CAPTAIN	CDT MCMILLIAN
CDT EGGENBERGER	CDT NICOLAS
CDT GUNTHER	CDT VON DER LINN
CDT KAFKAS	CDT WOLFF
CDT MAHER	CDT ZENNER

5 FEMALE TEAM (MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY) - 1ST PLACE OF 4	
CDT BELLINDER	CDT RAMAGE
CDT DEMEULENAERE	CDT ROBINS
CDT LEMENS- CAPTAIN	CDT WOLFRUM
LLANES-SMITH	CDT YOUNG
5-MAN TEAM (MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY) -2ND PLACE OF 4	
CDT CLANCY- CAPTAIN	CDT GRIFFITH
CDT FEIFAR	CDT HAUGER
CDT FERNANDEZ	CDT WALES
5-MAN TEAM (MARQUETTE UNIVERISTY) - 3RD PLACE OF 4	
CDT BREKKE	CDT MCKEE
CDT KILPATRICK- CAPTAIN	CDT NIEMASZEK
CDT LUKASIK	

The Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets and Cadre would like to extend their gratitude for the support and responses that were received after the news of our great teams was shared. It is with the support that we receive that we can continue to build up such a successful program. Thanks to your support, we are able to offer a number of extracurricular activities that allow Cadets to practice the art of leadership. Here in the Golden Eagle Battalion we are creating America's future leaders, and we are glad to have your support!





Brigade Ranger Challenge Champions!

The Golden Eagle Battalion 1st place teams from the Task Force Ranger Challenge advanced to compete in the Brigade Ranger Challenge at Ft. McCoy, WI. The Battalion sent both the 9-Person and 5-Female teams from Marquette University. The Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets competed with a ton of heart and pushed themselves as hard as they could. We are beyond proud that both of our teams finished 1st place overall and the 9-Person team moves on to compete at the internationally called Sandhurst at United States Military Academy from April 8-9, 2016.



Left: The 5-Female team evacuates a casualty.



Above: Cadets McCallops, Brune, and Schultz (MSIVs) work together to create a plan.

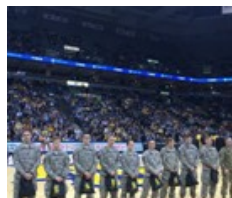


Below: The 5-Female team stands with trophy in hand after a long weekend of fierce competition.



Right: The 9-Person team poses after the ceremony in which their 1st place trophy was presented.

Bottom Row: 9-Person team being recognized at a MU Men's Basketball game on March 1st.





Contracting Ceremony

On November 11th, the Golden Eagle Battalion conducted its Contracting Ceremony and Veteran’s Day Event. 35 Cadets stood before their families and were sworn into the Army by Lieutenant Colonel Gibson. In addition, Marquette University alumni Colonel (retired) Demeulenaere was honored and inducted into the prestigious Golden Eagle Battalion Wall of Fame. The Cadets and their families enjoyed the event and look forward to continuing this tradition well into the future.



Cadets from the Golden Eagle Battalion raise their right hands and take their contracting oath as administered by LTC Gibson (above).



Cadet Olsen (MSIII) served as the Master of Ceremonies for the event.



Colonel (retired) Demeulenaere stands by his daughter, Cadet Demeulenaere (MSIV) after being inducted into the Golden Eagle Battalion Wall of Fame.





New Scholarship Cadets

Name	Scholarship	MS Level
Bellinder	3-Year	I
Duncan	3-Year	II
Griffith	3-Year	I
Lyons	3-Year	II
Niemaszek	3-Year	II
Niemiec	3-Year	I
Young	3-Year	I



Cadets state their oath as a group during the Fall Leadership Development Exercise after receiving contracts with the US Army.

*This list is not all inclusive. We continue to build our program with many individuals that compete and are selected for ROTC scholarships.





Fall Leadership Labs

The Fall semester Leadership Labs are generally geared to teaching Cadets individual soldier skills. These include drill and ceremony, marksmanship training, land navigation training, and movement techniques. Cadets then begin to apply the troop leading procedures to team, squad, and platoon levels to conduct multiple operations. Our Cadets did a great job this semester and are eager to move to the next stage of their training!



Cadets work as a team to evacuate casualties of simulated injuries.



Cadets Lee (MSI), Lyons (MSII), and Coenen (MSII) practice assembling, programming, and functioning an Army communication device.



Cadets Paikowski (MSIII) and Harris (MSIV) demonstrate individual movement techniques with a weapon.

The Dean's List

The following Cadets received the Dean's List Award for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.50-4.0 during the Fall semester of 2015.

CDT Babula, Jennifer	CDT Fouks, Hannah	CDT Kennedy, Joseph	CDT Niemaszek, Patrick	CDT Wales, Steven
CDT Bellinder, Margaret	CDT Gehne, Aaron	CDT Kramer, Shawn	CDT Novak, Winter	CDT Wegrzyn, Michael
CDT Bradley, Emily	CDT Good, Micah	CDT Krueger, Kenneth	CDT Paikowski, Vincent	CDT Wolber, Dylan
CDT Braun, Ashley	CDT Grabowski, Matthew	CDT Lech, Alexander	CDT Pritzl, Nicholas	CDT Wolff, Timothy
CDT Brune, Matthew	CDT Gunther, Jeremy	CDT Lee, Jenelle	CDT Rezabek, Kevin	CDT Wyrwas, Abigail
CDT Christman, Nicholas	CDT Hasse, Alicia	CDT Lemens, Jordan	CDT Robins, Paige	CDT Young, Aileen
CDT Cluth, Jeremy	CDT Henderson, Andrew	CDT Lyons, Isabelle	CDT Schultz, Alannah	CDT Zenner, Garret
CDT Demeulenaere, Rachel	CDT Kafkas, Alexander	CDT McCallops, David	CDT Setzer, Drew	
CDT Eggenberger, Max	CDT Karraffa, Nicolas	CDT Morris, Theresa	CDT Sherwood, John	





Cadets in the Community

On December 12th, crowds of the community gathered at Wood National Cemetery to participate in the annual Wreaths Across America event.

The Golden Eagle Battalion was also there, represented by 35 Cadets who volunteered for the event. A historical ceremony took place to remind service members and civilians that those who gave the ultimate sacrifice should never be forgotten. The Cadets then honored the fallen by placing wreaths on their graves around the cemetery.



Above: Volunteers for this event pose next to the wreaths that are to be placed throughout the cemetery.

Below: UW-Milwaukee students stand side-by-side after commemorating the fallen.





All American Bowl

“As a [high school] senior in 2015, I was chosen to play clarinet in the US Army All American Bowl a part of the United States Army All American Marching Band. Recently, I had the opportunity to return to the US Army All American Bowl as an ROTC Cadet to assist the Marching Band throughout the week up until the Bowl game. This experience was enriching and unbelievable with the chance to build relationships with other ROTC Cadets as well as the chance to introduce myself to higher ranked officers. I was not only able to share my experience with the senior students, but I was able to watch the students grow throughout the week. The United States Army All American Bowl has brought me great opportunities and has helped me to grow into a more confident and stronger leader.”

-Cadet Yankee (MSI)



Air Assault School



“This past winter break, I was honored to be one of two Cadets to represent 3rd Brigade as a part of the winter Air Assault course in Fort Benning, Georgia. This ten day course was nothing less than the intensity I was promised and kept me working hard from the early morning on Zero Day till the final formation on Graduation Day. With three phases in total, I learned the specifications of the Army’s basic helicopters as well as their capabilities, how to set up and inspect sling loads, and all the steps required to safely conduct a rappelling operation. From Zero Day until my rappel out of the UH-60 Blackhawk on day nine, no day was easy while I was at Air Assault. However, I would do it all over again in a heartbeat.” -Cadet Kempka (MSIII)





High School Shadow Days

Shadow Days is a unique opportunity for high school seniors to experience what Army ROTC in college is like. In the fall we had 16 students shadow some of our current Cadets and in the spring we had 14. During Shadow Days the shadow student arrives on a Thursday morning and are paired with an current Cadet. The Shadow and Host conduct Physical Training together as well as experience college classes together for the day.

Shadows also had the opportunity to learn Weapon Assembly and Disassembly of M16, Basic Rifle Marksmanship (BRM), and Engagement Skills Trainer (EST) in the Golden Eagle Battalion's Unit and a local Wisconsin Army National Guard Armory. The shadows received a class from current Cadets about all the vast opportunities and unique activities that the Golden Eagle Battalion has to offer. The shadows were able to experience Milwaukee's off-campus dining for an evening to allow them to see what the city has to offer.

Friday morning the shadows attended Leadership Lab with their hosts. The shadows were able to experience labs on first aid, army litters and casualty transportation, and enter and clear a room. Shadow Days is a great way for high school students to see if ROTC is a good fit for them and to further inspire interest within our great program here in Milwaukee.



Shadow student assesses and begins treating simulated injuries on a mannequin during his Fall Leadership Lab experience.



A prospective student poses next to her older brother, Cadet Davel (MSIV), during her visit.



Shadows and hosts practice techniques for entering and clearing a room.





Dining-In

The Golden Eagle Battalion celebrated its annual December Dining-In like it has never done before! Dining-In is one of the two social events on the Golden Eagle Battalion calendar. It is a dinner steeped in European and early Continental Tradition. To honor this long and important tradition the Cadets and Cadre participated in a family-style dinner, served by Cadets to fellow Cadets, at four long "Viking" tables. This arrangement brought together the Cadets and Cadre in a more intimate setting in order to promote the comradery and *Espirit de Corps* celebrated by those who serve and have served in the family of the profession of arms.



Members of the Cadet Choir leads the battalion in the singing of the National Anthem and the Army Song.



Cadet Cluth (MSII) impersonates a well known senior whose love of German history and Conditioning Drill I surpass all others.



Cadets Kilpatrick and Flaherty (MSIIs) pose for a picture prior to a game involving egg yoke on the head of the loser.



MSI Cadets perform a skit to emphasize the difficulties of first formation as a freshman Cadet.



Cadet Walls (MSII) sits among the "Viking" style feast.





Upcoming Events & Training

- German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge Event — 02 April
- Sandhurst Ranger Challenge — 08-09 April
- Combined Leadership Development Exercise — 07-10 April
- Buddy Ranger Competition — 08-10 April
- Tri-ROTC Award Ceremony — 16 April
- Spring Leadership Exercise — 22-24 April
- Commissioning Ceremony — 21 May

We are almost there Class of 2016!

The beginning of your Officer career is just months away.

3rd Brigade Officer Instructor of the Year

Captain Meyers received recognition as the 3rd Brigade Officer Instructor of the Year. Captain Meyers currently serves as the Assistant Professor of Military Science for the Freshman (MSI) Cadets.

He has provided guidance that has undoubtedly shaped the minds of the future officers produced by the Golden Eagle Battalion. We would like to congratulate him for his hard work and dedication to the Golden Eagle Battalion.

Right: Captain Meyers mentoring Cadet Clancy (MSII) during the Fall LDX.





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:

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 of replenishing after supporting our Cadets this spring. Your contributions help continue the legacy of Golden Eagle Cadets and 2LTs 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

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