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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

The Golden Eagle Battalion hosted the 2013 Veteran's Day Contracting ceremony and Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony Monday 11 November in the Old Gymnasium on Marquette Campus. Twenty four cadets took their oath and we inducted three General Officers; MG Patrick Kelly, 59'; MG Luis Visot, 78'; BG Stephen Gonczy, 6'" to the Wall of Fame.



MG Kelly, MG Visot, & BG Gonczy after their induction to the Golden Eagle Wall of Fame.

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2013 Female Ranger Challenge Team



“A leader is a dealer of hope.”

- Napoleon Bonaparte

From the Professor of Military Science



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

Happy New Year and thank you to all alumni and families as we celebrate the start of a new semester! I hope this newsletter finds you well and excited to learn what our Golden Eagle Cadets have done this past summer and fall. The new academic year was filled with energy, excitement, busy schedules, and tough realistic training. Before I begin with an overview of our amazing Summer and Fall, I must thank the Golden Eagle Battalion Alumni and Family Action Network 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. One alumni graciously donated over \$34,000 to have the Army and Navy ROTC buildings receive a much needed

and overdo facelift, with new paint!!! We are very thankful for your time and donations that greatly benefit your cadets!

We are extremely proud of our outstanding Cadet Leaders and all they have accomplished since our last newsletter. We commissioned nineteen brand new 2nd Lieutenants in May, one in August, and four in December which rounds the Golden Eagle Battalion out with a total of 24 commissionees for the 2012-13 academic year and starts us off with four for 2013-2014 academic year! These Lieutenants will move on to serve in the various components of the U.S. Army: Active Duty (12); National Guard (12); and Reserve (3). Of exceptional note, we’ve had two new lieutenants, elected nationally to participate in the psychiatric nurse practitioner Master’s program at a college of their choosing. This is incredibly impressive as these two cadets represent the remarkable Marquette Nursing program and 20%, two of ten, of those selected nationally the last two years.

This summer, our Cadets had numerous amazing opportunities to lead, develop, learn, and train. We had twelve Cadets attend Cultural awareness trips to nine countries (Botswana, Croatia, France, Jordan, Lithuania, Paraguay, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, and Senegal) and four cadets travel to Amman, Jordan as part of Project Global Officer to study Arabic for eight weeks; you’ll have an opportunity to read about one of each of their experiences in this edition of the Quedette Quarterly. These were truly experiences of a lifetime and amazing venues for our Cadets to develop a deeper appreciation for other cultures – helping to build the adaptable, flexible leaders we require for the 21st century.

We had one Cadet earn his Parachutist Badge, AKA “jump wings,” by completing three weeks of training and five jumps from an Air Force airplane at 1250 feet above ground level at Airborne school. Two Cadets pinned the coveted Air Assault badge on their chest, completing the ten toughest days in the Army learning helicopter planning and air mobile operations.

Our six senior nurses excelled at the Nurse Summer Training Program and one pre-med senior shined at an Army Medical Command internship, all receiving practical, hands-on medical training at Army hospitals across the globe.

Four Cadets participated in Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT) and performed duties as Assistant Platoon Leaders at Fort Jackson, Fort Huachuca, Fort Lewis, and Camp Casey – Korea.

Finally, we sent 23 Cadets to LDAC at Fort Lewis, where they exhibited professionalism and exceptional leadership. The Army physical fitness test average was 284 (the highest score in years), two Cadets earned the Recondo Badge, and six Cadets achieved an overall Excellent – an overall phenomenal performance!

This summer, in conjunction with the Marquette Reunion, we hosted an open house in the unit where many alumni rekindled their memories and friendships, and told numerous stories to our Enrollment Officer and Battalion Executive Officer.





“Whatever you are, be a great one.”

Abraham Lincoln

From the Professor of Military Science continued

As the school year started, we brought in 30 outstanding MSI “freshman” and welcomed them to the battalion during the incoming cadet orientation; we then hit the ground running executing multiple weekly laboratories, the Fall Field Training Exercise (FTX) at Ft. McCoy, Wisconsin, Stand Down helping homeless veterans, and a Home Station TF McCoy Ranger Challenge, due to the government shutdown.

We then 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 MG (retired) Patrick Kelly, MG Luis Visot, and BG (retired) Stephen Gonczy onto our newly christened, Wall of Fame. This Wall of Fame stands opposite and complements our Wall of Honor, for those previously inducted and who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Additionally, we contracted 24 Cadets where they recite the oath swearing to defend the constitution and obey the orders of the President and the officers appointed over them. Welcome to the Ranks!

The end of the Fall Semester had many more exciting times including a very successful Brigade Ranger Challenge competition (Second Place, AKA a national “Sweet Sixteen”) and an awesome cadet run Battalion Dining-in, with a new tradition, a formalized Branching Ceremony for our Seniors. We’ll start the next semester with a Military Ball, German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge Challenge, Notre Dame Basketball tourney, Combined FTX, Spring FTX, and Ranger Buddy Challenge.

Your Golden Eagles are excited and motivated to train and look forward to your support throughout the year.

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

Forged From Gold, Eagles Break the Mold!

LTC Michael C. Gibson

Senior Assignments

Abrahamson	MI	Kaiser	EN	Roohr	MP
Clark	MI	Krohn	AN	Towne	AN
Coppernoll	SC	Lemens	IN	Trihn	MS
Dahm	IN	Lewin	IN	VanBeckum	SC
Freeberg	FI	Meller	OD	Vukmir	IN
Gile	EN	Menz	IN	Williams	MS
Gooderham	FA	Rice	AN	Wittkamper	OD
Grosso	AN	Richmond	AN	Wobschall	MS





‘The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men, the conviction and the will to carry on.’

- Walter Lippman

Veterans Day Ceremony

Wall of Fame Induction



MG Kelly being recognized by LTC Gibson at the induction ceremony.

Three of the Golden Eagle Alums finest were welcomed back to campus on Veterans Day and Honored with induction into the new Wall of Fame. Major General Patrick Kelly (59), Major General Louis Visot (78), and Brigadier General Stephen Goczny were recognized for their outstanding leadership, and military accomplishments as the very first members of the Marquette Army ROTC Wall of Fame.

With family, friends and current Golden Eagle cadets in attendance they shared stories of camaraderie, growth, and hard work from their days as Golden Eagles. They also passed on lessons learned from nearly one hundred years of exceptional service as officers in the United States Army. It was a truly special day as Golden Eagles past and present reflected on what it means to be a Golden Eagle and an Officer in the United States Army.

Congratulations MG Kelly, MG Visot and BG Goczny for your outstanding service towards this great nation. You have set the bar high and make us proud to be Golden Eagles.



BG Goczny poses with current MS II cadet Alex Lech after induction into the Wall of Fame



MG Visot shakes the hand and passes on some wisdom to current MS II cadet Edward Linn



“A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent.”

- Douglas MacArthur

Veterans Day Contracting



24 Golden Eagle cadets raise their right hand and recite the Oath of Enlistment during the Veterans Day contracting ceremony at Marquette.

November 11th, Veterans Day, is a day celebrated by our nation to honor those that have answered the nations call to military service. The Golden Eagle battalion celebrates Veterans Day annually by contracting our newest members. This year 24 cadets raised their right hand and took their Oath of Enlistment in front of family, friends and Golden Eagles past and present. With great young leaders like these stepping forward to their nations call, the Golden Eagle battalion and the United States Army are in great hands.

This years newly contracted are; Jacob Arnquist, Jennifer Babula, Hannah Brueck, Anthony Burrows, William Dunford, Jennifer Graham, Steve Graycarek, Allison Hansen, Nikolas Karaffa, Brad Kempka, Brandon Konnow, Tyler Krysiak, Alex Lech, Edward Linn, Gretchen Maty, Alex Matzuk, David McCallops, Theresa Morris, Ryan Olsen, Vincent Paikowski, Alannah Schultz, Vincent Wirth, Katie Wobschall, Frank Wychgram.

Congratulations Golden Eagles and good luck as you train to become officers and leaders in the United States Army.



"I start with the premise that the function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers."

- Ralph Nader

Winter Commissioning

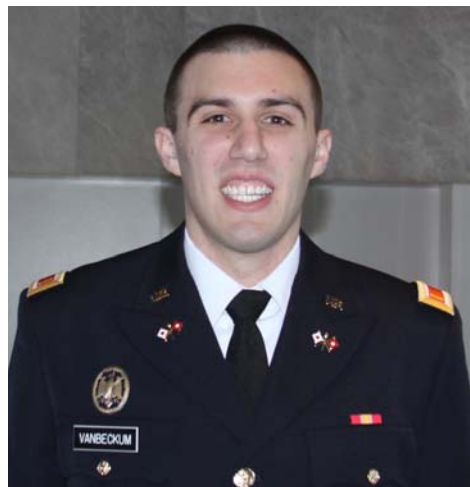


2LT VanBeckum, 2LT Wobschall, and 2LT Menz pose for a picture on at the Lincoln War Memorial in Milwaukee immediately after their commissioning.

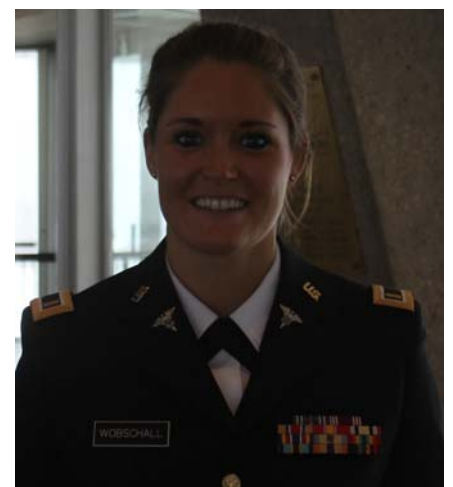
The newest Golden Eagle Alum, 2LT's Menz, Vanbeckum & Wobschall, took their commissioning oaths on 14 December at the Lincoln War Memorial in a ceremony held in front of family and friends. Congratulations Lieutenants and good luck as you start your careers.



2LT Kramer Menz , Infantry, Wisconsin Army National Guard



2LT Samuel VanBeckum, Signal Corps, Active Duty



2LT Katie Wobschall, Medical Service Corps, Wisconsin Army National Guard



“Leadership is unlocking people’s potential to become better.”

- Bill Bradley

Army Medical Department (AMEDD)

AMEDD Internship

By: Cadet Williams



CDT Williams scrubs into a caesarian section at Bassett Army Community hospital in Fairbanks, Alaska

I was given orders to Ft. Wainwright, Alaska in Fairbanks to participate in the Army’s AMEDD internship. I could not have asked for a better opportunity to become exposed to Army Medicine. Not only was I exposed to various areas of Army medicine, to include preventive medicine, women’s health, orthopedics, and radiology, I was introduced to the outstanding leaders who run the hospital as well.

I learned that the opportunities within Army Medicine are endless. Working as a provider for the Army allows you to be the best medical professional possible. All of your patients have insurance so the high costs

of medical care are never a concern when ordering labs and writing prescriptions. One of the best things I found Army Medicine has to offer is the rewarding responsibility of taking care of our nations finest and their families while still maintaining the opportunity to be a leader in the Army.



CDT Williams and her AMEDD group exploring the vast Alaskan frontier



“Do what you feel in your heart to be right - for you’ll be criticized anyway.”

- Eleanor Roosevelt

Nursing Summer Training Program

NSTP Experience:

By: CDT Rice

This summer I participated in Nurse Summer Training Program (NSTP) in Landstuhl, Germany. NSTP is a three week clinical experience in an Army hospital offered to nurses the summer after their junior year. At the hospital, I was assigned to a preceptor who worked on the labor and delivery floor, where I got to assist with two vaginal deliveries and two caesarian deliveries. I became familiar with the Army charting system and learned a lot



about how an Army hospital floor runs. I was able to have additional off-unit experiences in the NICU, Postpartum floor, Emergency Department, PACU, and ICU. Between my off unit and on unit experiences, I was able to practice many nursing skills such as IV insertion, Foley catheter insertions, and surgery preparation. One brave medic on the floor even let me insert a Nasopharyngeal airway into his nose for practice! All the nurses I worked with were great teachers who ensured I had a positive experience.

In Germany, we had the chance to help with the Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility (CASF) and visit the Combat Support Hospital (CSH). At the CASF, we helped load patients onto litters and transport them onto the C-17. When we visited the CSH, we learned all about how the supplies are unloaded and set up into a fully functioning field hospital in only a day and a half.

A cool thing about being in Germany was the opportunity to travel during our time off. I quickly became friends with the seven other nursing cadets from across the United States that comprised my clinical group. On the weekends, we were able to travel across the country and experience the German culture. We made it to Heidelberg, Kaiserslautern, Trier, Cologne, Munich, and Dachau.

By the end of the three weeks, I had logged around 120 hours in the hospital. The experience of being in the labor and delivery unit and traveling to other floors opened my eyes to the amazing types of opportunities in nursing that await me in the future. NSTP was an invaluable experience that I am very grateful to have.



“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.”

- John Maxwell

Cultural Understanding & Language Program



CULP: Croatia

By: CDT Hurdman

This past summer I attended a military-to-military CULP trip to Croatia. During our first two weeks in country, we attended numerous briefings from various units within the Croatian Army, Air Force, Navy, and Special Forces. After each briefing we were able to tour the various bases and try out some of their equipment. A highlight of the trip was all of the training we received on their weapons and the time we spent

on the range with their cadets, soldiers, and Special Forces operators. We also conducted armored personnel carrier and tank rides while visiting a mechanized infantry brigade. The Croatian's were incredibly hospitable and did a wonderful job giving us a holistic picture of how their military operates and what their capabilities are.

Our final week in Croatia was spent at the Croatian Defense Academy summer training camp. We spent the week working on squad level tactics, conducting tactical road marches, shooting numerous weapons systems, and conducting physical training. Learning how to work with their cadets and overcome language barriers is a skill that will benefit me in any future joint operations. One of my most memorable experiences is sitting outside after a long day of training and just talking with their cadets.

My time in Croatia was incredibly rewarding experience. I gained so much perspective on the sacrifices the Croatia people made during their Homeland War for Independence in the 1990s. The Croatian officers and NCOs I met exemplified what it means to be a professional soldier and a quality leader. Their advice and insight on how to lead soldiers will definitely guide me as I continue to develop myself as a leader. I knew it would be a good experience, but it ended up being an incredible experience. I am so thankful for the opportunity to work with the Croatian military and learn about their culture.





“Education is the mother of leadership.”

- Wendell Willkie

Project Global Officer



Project GO; Amman, Jordan

By: CDT Rezabek

This past summer I was selected along with a few of my fellow cadets to participate in an eight week intensive Arabic program in Amman, Jordan called Project Global Officer. It was the experience of a lifetime as we immersed ourselves into the language and Middle Eastern culture. We studied formal and colloquial Arabic while we were in Jordan in order to acclimate to our surroundings. We lived with host families which gave us an opportunity to interact with people and their families throughout Jordan.

While we were in Jordan, the holy month of Ramadan began. It was a different experience to see a culture switch identities overnight. Some of us stayed with Christian families so we did not have to follow the rules of Ramadan as strictly, however while at the Amideast Institute, where our classes were held, we abided by the guidelines of Ramadan.

Every weekend we had the extraordinary opportunity to go on excursions throughout the beautiful Jordanian countryside with Marquette’s own Arabic professor, Dr. Enaya Othman. Some of the places we were able to visit included the old Roman towns of Jerash and Aljoun, the ancient carvings found in Petra, and Wadi Rum. Every place was more amazing than the last as we were able to experience history, culture, and traditions.

I learned a lot about myself and gained appreciation of a misunderstood culture. Over the course of the eight week program. The Jordanians that I met helped show me that the Middle East is a safe environment and that the Islamic lifestyle is one full of many opportunities. I have become closer to my teachers and classmates as we all began to understand each other and their backgrounds. I look forward to sharing the knowledge I gained to help educate others about the beauty and culture of the Middle East.



“Leaders aren’t born, they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. And that’s the price we’ll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal.”

- Vince Lombardi



Fall Field Training Exercise



Greetings Golden Eagles!

The Golden Eagle Battalion conducted the annual Fall Field Training Exercise at Fort McCoy, WI 12-14 September. One Hundred and one Cadets along with twelve Cadre members ventured to Fort McCoy Military Training Base. Day one consisted of day and night land navigation. It was a chance for the MSIs and MSIIIs to sharpen and refine their skills as they navigated about rolling hills and deciduous forests of CC01B. The MSIs paired with a MSIV who served as a guide and mentor offering helpful tips and advice to these new cadets.

Day two consisted of basic soldiering skills to prepare cadets for a future in the military. It was a busy day for the cadets as 8 squads rotated between M16 zero/qualification, M9 firing, tactical reports, radios, EST, virtual react to contact in a convey, call for fire, grenade throwing, field hygiene/craft, camouflage, and emplacing claymores. The MSIVs did an amazing job coordinating with cadre, planning, and executing their tasking as instructors for the day. Cadets stayed motivated and morale was high. The battalion topped off the night with weapons cleaning and a pizza dinner – a tradition that has been many years in the making.

Rain kept the Golden Eagles indoors on Day 3, but that didn’t slow down their eagerness to learn and train. With little sleep the previous two days, it was a joy to see the enthusiasm the cadets still possessed. While the MSIIIs headed to the virtual battlefield to practice squad and platoon movements, the MSIs and MSIIs refined their skills in M16 assembly/disassembly, evaluating a casualty, and improved their drill and ceremony. The Golden Eagles headed back to Marquette University where they were greeted by the Battalion’s Family Action Network (FAN) group. Upon arrival, proud parents, happy faces, and a bounty of food laid await for the tired and hungry cadets.

Overall the FTX was a great success. The Golden Eagle Battalion Cadets became more well-rounded in their basic soldier skills and leadership style. For many, it was their first time firing weapons, and others; it was their first time stepping up in a leadership role. The Golden Eagles exhibited strong determination and as a result, the unit cohesion was at an all-time high. While there is still a lot of work and learning ahead of them, the cadets displayed the makings of fine future officers.



“Men make history and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better.”

- Harry S. Truman

Ranger Challenge



The 2013 Golden Eagle 3rd BDE 2nd Place Ranger Challenge Team

The 2013 Golden Eagle Ranger Challenge teams had another outstanding year. The nine cadet team Captained by MS IV Brookes Wittkamper won the Wisconsin Task Force competition for the 5th consecutive year. They also placed second at the 3rd BDE Ranger Challenge competition at Ft. McCoy; equivalent of a national “Sweet Sixteen”. The three day event was an exceptionally challenging competition that tested their technical and tactical competence, strength, stamina, mental focus and will. The five cadet Female team took second in the Wisconsin Task Force and the Golden Eagles also fielded three five man teams that all did very well in the task force.





“The supreme quality of leadership is integrity.”

–Dwight Eisenhower

Dinning In



The Golden Eagle Battalion conducted one of the time honored traditions in the Army on 3 December, the Unit Dinning In. Mr. President, MS IV Joseph Lemens, & Mr. Vice, MS II Brandon Konnow, got the fun started with the creation of the “Grog” and the Golden Eagle cadets kept it going with spirited “Points of Order” and “Limericks”.

Guest speaker 1LT Jackson Wikamper, brother of MS IV Brookes Wittkamper, gave a pointed speech on the importance of being a Warrior and always striving to be the best in your craft. The MS IV’s were honored for their performance over the last four years by receiving their Branches and components in front of the battalion. The night concluded with class skits poking fun at upper classmen and cadre.

It was a fantastic event that raised the unit Esprit de Corps, honored the achievements of our MS IV’s, and celebrated a fantastic fall semester.





“A great leader’s courage to fulfill his vision comes from passion, not position.”

- John Maxwell

Family Action Network



Find out how you can get involved with the Golden Eagle FAN club. Contact Dave Davel via the FAN club website at <http://www.goldeneaglebattalion.org/index.html> or directly at DavidADavel@gmail.com.

Where Are They Now



COL Mark Mitchell (87) has been selected to serve at the White House as a member of the National Security Council.



Congratulations to newly promoted Brigadier General Rick Kaiser (87). BG Kaiser is currently serving as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, NATO, Allied Rapid Reaction Corps.





"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

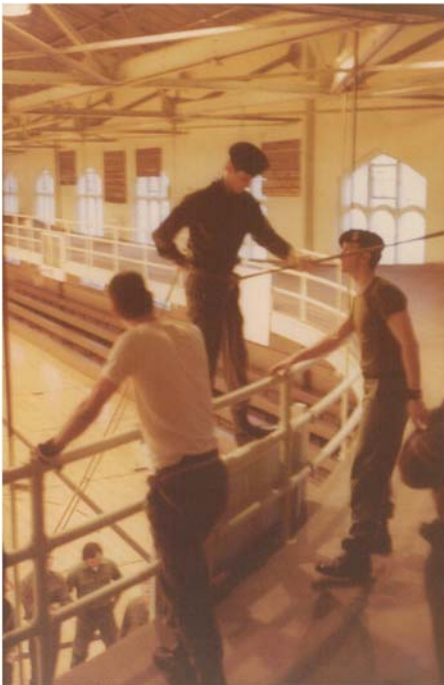
- John Quincy Adams

Golden Eagle Battalion Alumni

Blast From the Past



The 1981 Champion Golden Eagle Tri ROTC Flag Football team



MU cadets conducting Rappel Training in the Old Gym circa 1978



University of Wisconsin Milwaukee cadets conducting Field Training





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:

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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.

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