

Military Science & Leadership

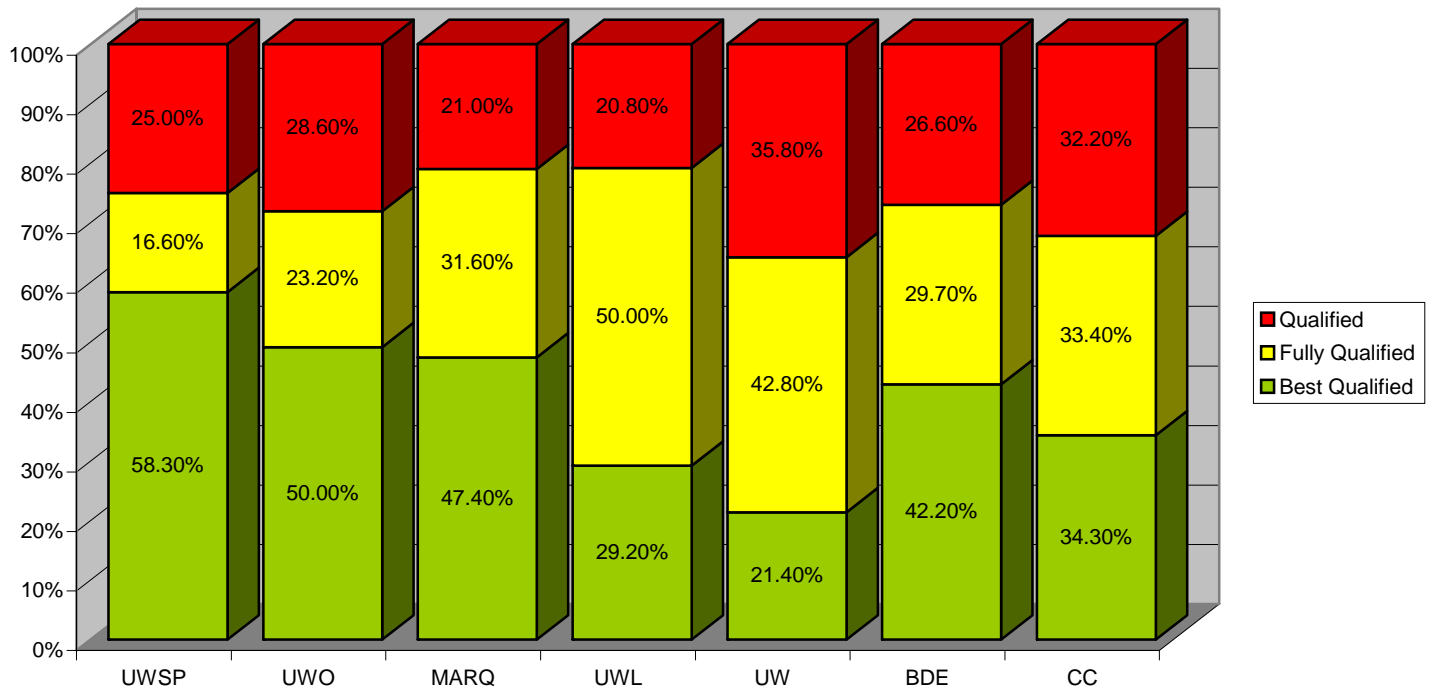
The UWSP Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program continues to excel in its mission to train and develop our Army's future leaders. Our program continues its tradition of producing Lieutenants who are among the best in their cohort. We are also growing, attracting an ever increasing number of great Americans selflessly answering their nation's call to duty. While the program continues to evolve in order to meet the future demands of national defense, our biggest source of pride comes from the cadets and students who make up the program.

- **LIEUTENANT PRODUCTION** - In 2003-4, the Pointer Battalion commissioned 12 new Second Lieutenants (2LT). This is an increase of 8 over the previous year and the second highest number since 1990. Second Lieutenants Dustin Cebula (Organizational Communication), Matt Wagner (Mathematics), Darek Huckbody (Political Science) and Eden Olson (Biology) received the Chancellor's Leadership Award, the university's highest recognition of academic and leadership excellence. Of these 12 Lieutenants, 6 chose to stay with the WI Army National Guard while the other 6 went on to active duty. The most popular branch among this commissioning class was Aviation, with 4 of our Lieutenants going on to Fort Rucker, AL, and the U.S. Army's Initial Entry Rotary Wing (Helicopter) Course.

- **NATIONAL ADVANCED LEADERSHIP CAMP (NALC)** - In the summer of 2003, the UW-Stevens Point ROTC program sent 12 juniors ("MSIII cadets") to the National Advanced Leadership Camp at Ft Lewis, Washington. Over 5,000 cadets from 271 Army ROTC programs nation-wide attend NALC to receive their "final exams" on basic military soldier and leadership tasks. Our cadets excelled in all the tasks they were evaluated on and, as a group, performed better than any of 9th Brigade's 21 Army ROTC programs, all located in the upper-Midwest. This is the 2d second consecutive year the Pointer Battalion has led the "Iron Brigade". The areas they were evaluated in are:
 - Leadership
 - Physical Fitness
 - Land Navigation
 - Basic Rifle Marksmanship
 - Peer Evaluations

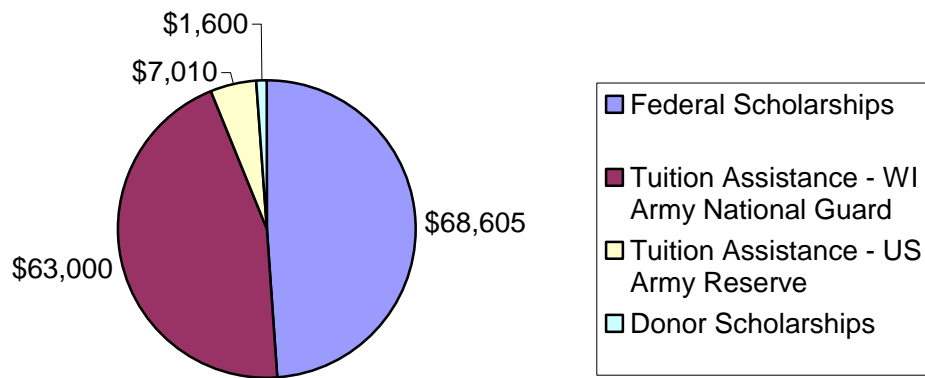
Seven of our cadets were ranked in the top one-third or "Best Qualified" category. Additionally, four of these cadets received recognition for being among the top 10% in their respective regiments. This summer we will be sending 11 cadets to the National Advanced Leadership Camp and expect them to meet or exceed the previous years results. The following chart depicts the aggregate Pointer Battalion 2003 NALC performance against Wisconsin programs and against 9th Brigade and Cadet Command (national) averages:

Cadet NALC Performance

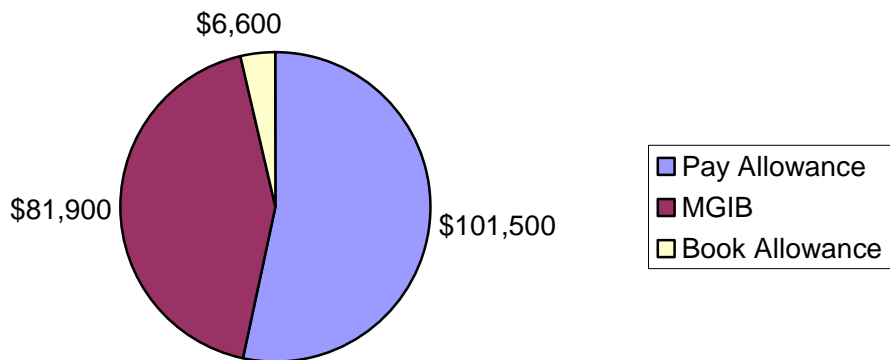


- SCHOLARSHIPS / ASSISTANCE** - Through both state and federal tuition assistance and scholarship programs, we were able to provide over \$140,000 to the university and our cadets to cover tuition costs. Additionally, ARMY ROTC Pay Allowance, Book allowances and Federal Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) benefits provided our cadets over \$190,000 in income for their hard work and dedication in the pursuit of academic and leadership excellence!

Source of Cadet Tuition Payments to UWSP



Source of Pay and Benefits To UWSP Cadets



- **CADET TROOP LEADER TRAINING** - We have a record number of cadets taking part in the Cadet Troop Leadership Training (CTLT) program after they complete the National Advanced Leadership Camp. MSIII cadets Christopher Kegel (History), Sean Leahy (Sociology) and Ryan Johnson (Psychology) will each have the opportunity to "shadow" a platoon leader in operational Aviation, Armor and Signal Corps, respectively, for approximately one month. The unit locations, in order, are Fort Carson, CO; Fort Knox, KY; and Kitzingen, Germany.

- **CADET LEADERSHIP INTERNSHIPS** - Two of our cadets will take part this summer in select Army Internships that support their academic studies and potential career paths in the Army. Cadet Jamie Wehman (MS II; Biology) will go to the United Kingdom and experience leadership in an allied force, the Queen's Royal Army. Cadet Jennifer Garnsworthy (MS III; Biology) will be with the Army Medical Department in Fort McPherson, GA, experiencing training in industrial hygiene, environmental health and field preventive medicine. These are highly competitive internships and the fact that we were able to secure 2 of them stands as another testament to the quality cadets we have in the Pointer Battalion.

- **CADET PRACTICAL FIELD TRAINING** - This summer is replete with opportunities for our cadets to attend U.S. Army Special Skills schools. For the first time in many years (and, perhaps, in this program's history), we are sending a cadet to the Army's Combat Diver Qualification Course near Key West, FL. Cadet William Barnett (MSI; Wildlife Resource Management) will spend over one month undergoing a grueling test of physical and mental stamina in mastering tactical underwater operations that include applying an operational understanding of oceanography, a 3000 meter navigation swim, underwater survival techniques, and several other underwater maneuvers most of us would find unimaginable. Additionally, MSIII cadets Mark Jepsen (History), Bryan Huebsch (Political Science) and Aaron Engel (Biology) will attend the U. S. Army's Basic Airborne course at Fort Benning, Georgia. This 3-week course is designed to instill discipline and self-confidence in soldiers while qualifying them for duty as Army paratroopers. MSIII cadet Russell Simonis (Political Science) will attend Air Assault School at Fort Drum, NY. This course is equally demanding, as it prepares students for all tasks associated with tactical insertions via helicopters (and the long tactical marches that follow). Congratulations and continue to lead the way!

- **COMMUNITY SERVICE** - The Pointer Battalion continued to volunteer its services to the University and the Community this year by participating in many activities including:
 - Adopt a Highway Program
 - Earth Day Tree Planting
 - YMCA and Big Brothers/Big Sisters

- College of Professional Studies "Open House"
- Portage County Veteran's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day Celebration Support
- Color Guards for AIRO Pow-Wow, UWSP Commencement Ceremonies, UWSP "Honor America" Night and UWSP home football games
- **CHANGE IN CADRE (FACULTY)** - The UWSP ROTC Battalion changed Senior Military Instructors this past year with Master Sergeant (MSG) Robert Stasik (now a Sergeant Major) departing for the Sergeants' Major Academy. In his place, we have MSG Michael Butcher, fresh off his Operation Iraqi Freedom I tour. We also said good-bye to long-time member Major Patrick Beyer, who is currently in Iraq with the 264th Engineer Group of the WI Army National Guard (WIARNG). Captain (CPT) Robert Kehoe also left us and will soon be in Iraq with the 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry Regiment, also of the WIARNG. We expect CPT Kehoe to return to our program after his tour in Iraq is complete. Good luck to all who've departed and a hearty welcome to MSG Butcher!