

SPARTAN BATTALION



NEWSLETTER



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Leadership Labs



For the first week of February, Cadets in Alpha Company conducted a Movement to contact at Dobie. Focusing on land navigation, EPW and Aid and Litter Skills. Meanwhile, Bravo Company and Charlie Company focused on conducting a Platoon Attack at Woodlot.

During the second lab of the month, Cadets in Alpha and Bravo Company successfully conducted an Ambush at Woodlot. In addition, Cadets from Charlie Company conducted a movement to contact at Dobie. Where they continued to work on refining tactical kills from last lab.



Before spring break, Charlie and Bravo Company conducted movement-to-contact and patrol base operations at Woodlot, honing their tactical proficiency. Meanwhile, Alpha Company executed a raid at Dobie, emphasizing speed and precision to accomplish the mission successfully.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT



Pathfinders continue to enhance their readiness for Advanced camp through extra field trainings, STX lanes, and Land Navigation training. To honor 1LT Adam Malson, who was killed in action 20 years ago, they completed a 20-mile memorial run at the end of the month, ensuring his legacy lives on and remains remembered here in the Spartan Battalion.



PATHFINDERS

CLUB UPDATES

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This February, Pathfinders have continued to conduct STX lanes every Wednesday. On 21 February, Pathfinders led a memorial workout in honor of 1LT Adam Malson, commemorating his sacrifice 20 years ago in Baghdad, Iraq.

RANGER 1

This month Ranger 1 actives have been honing in on skills necessary for both CST and post commissioning. As well as practical exercises like call for fire, and briefing OPORDs. They have also continued their Alumni Zoom calls to discuss leadership, fitness, and real world issues.

RANGER CHALLENGE

The Ranger Challenge Team is gearing up for the 1st Brigade Ranger Challenge Competition at Fort Knox, Kentucky, on 28 February, 2025. They have been pushing their limits both mentally and physically, following a rigorous training regimen in the weight room as they prepare for Sandhurst in April.

DRILL TEAM

This month, the drill team detail posted and retired the colors at the Military Ball and presented colors at MSU vs. U of M wheelchair basketball game.

COLOR GUARD

This month, the Color Guard proudly performed details at the Minnesota Hockey game as well as MSU's Women's and Men's basketball games, showcasing their dedication and precision.

MARKSMANSHIP

Every Friday the All Army Teams continue to train on the M4 and M17 in preparation for the US Army Reserve Small Arms Championship at Camp Atterbury, IN. Where they will be sending Cadets Colley, Stahlin, Tucker, Kennedy, Wille, Vlahos, Calio, and Smith to represent our program.



Retirements

MSG Zeisser

Master Sergeant Zeisser dedicated three and a half years to the Spartan Battalion, shaping and mentoring our cadets. One of his most cherished memories was the Spring FTX, where he enjoyed the camaraderie, tactical training, and time on the range. As he steps into retirement, he looks forward to beekeeping, but will always carry the Spartan Battalion in his heart. We thank him for his service and wish him the best in this new chapter!

Ms. Clemence

Ms. Clemence has been a valued part of the Spartan Battalion since 1983-1994 and 1996-2024. The best part of her job was interacting with cadets and watching them grow into young adults and future lieutenants. As she moves into retirement, she looks forward to not having to set an alarm! We thank Ms. Clemence for her dedication to the Spartan Battalion!

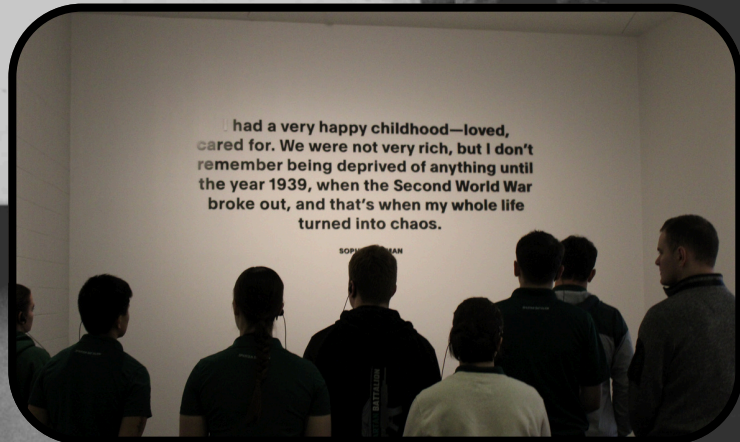
SFC Nyhus

After years of dedicated service, Sergeant First Class Nyhus is retiring from the Spartan Battalion, where he has proudly served as cadre since 10 July, 2018. His greatest reward was witnessing the commitment and growth of each cadet. As he goes into retirement, he looks forward to spending time with his family, friends—and growing an epic beard. His parting message to the Battalion:

"Make your legacy one of impact—not just titles, awards, or badges." We thank him for his dedication to furthering the growth of all our cadets, and may he enjoy his retirement.

THE ZEKELMAN HOLOCAUST CENTER

Cadets with Survivor Rae Nachbar



Cadets had the opportunity to attend the Zekelman Holocaust Center in Farmington Hills, MI. Where they had the opportunity to learn about the Holocaust, and listen to stories from Michigan Holocaust survivors.

Prayer Breakfast



On 26 February, the Spartan Battalion hosted its annual Prayer Breakfast! We had CDTs Peterson, Wenburg, and Motowski lead us in prayer. A special thank you to our distinguished guest, Chaplain Lepley, for joining us and talking to our Cadets!



114th Military Ball

On 08 February, the Spartan Battalion proudly hosted its 114th Annual Military Ball, bringing together Cadets, staff, alumni, family, and friends for an evening of camaraderie and tradition. This year's event featured a distinguished guest speaker, Major General

Hiippaka, who shared his insights and experiences with those in attendance. The evening began with the introduction of the MSIVs, followed by the ceremonial posting of the colors. As dinner was served, attendees listened to inspiring speeches from CDT Montour, CDT Motowski, LTC Sisoura, and Major General Hiippaka. Another highlight of the evening was the special appearance by Sparty, who brought energy and excitement to the event. As the night drew to a close, cadets and guests celebrated with music and laughter, making it a truly unforgettable occasion. The 114th Annual Military Ball was a success, honoring the rich traditions of the Spartan Battalion while connecting with past, present, and future leaders.

Alumni Updates

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We want to know what our alumni are
accomplishing and feature you!

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