

SPARTAN BATTALION

NEWSLETTER



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LEADERSHIP LABS



WEEK ONE

During the second lab, Spartan Battalion cadets honed their combat readiness for FTX by practicing cold load procedures and receiving an operational briefing on the STX lanes they would be executing, along with land navigation.

Refreshed after Spring Break, all three companies conducted STX lanes featuring MTC, Raid, and Patrol Base operations. Training focused on refining tactical responses to mass casualty scenarios.



WEEK TWO

SPRING FTX

Day 1



On day one of Spring FTX, Spartan Battalion had the opportunity to apply their cold load training by flying to Fort Custer on UH-60 Black Hawks. Additionally, Cadets put their skills to the test with day and night land navigation.

SPRING FTX

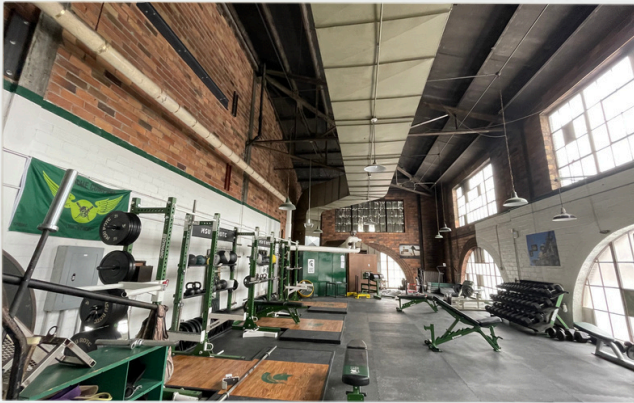
Day 2 & 3



On Days 2 and 3 of FTX, Spartan cadets applied what they had learned during lab by completing five STX lanes.

Spartan cadets, alongside Ferris State and CMU cadets, demonstrated their leadership skills through a Raid, Attack, Ambush, MTC, and Patrol Base.

DEMONSTRATION HALL UPDATES



GYM RENOVATIONS

Equipment has been rearranged in our cadet gym for better spacing. On top of that, our weightlifting platforms have been refurbished and freshly painted for a sleek, upgraded look.

The MS I, II, III, and IV classrooms have been upgraded with new carpeting, charging stations, and rotating TVs, creating a more comfortable and modern learning environment.



NEW PLAQUE

This plaque honors the memory of those who sacrificed their lives in service to their country. Dedicated to the students of Michigan State who gave their lives on November 11, 1927, it stands as a tribute to their bravery and dedication.



REVAMPED CLASSROOMS

Club Updates

Marksmanship

The Marksmanship team has been actively training for the upcoming All Army competition, using both the M4 and M17 rifles.

Training includes a mix of combat-style shooting and long-range target practice.

Ranger Challenge

Ranger Challenge participated in the 1st Brigade Ranger Challenge Competition at the start of March. It was an intense event, featuring rucking and a variety of military skills challenges. They continue to train in preparation for the upcoming competition at West Point this May.

Valkyries

Valkyries has been hard at work, holding a successful fundraiser this month to support the women's shelter in Lansing.

Color Guard

Color Guard held a detail at Basketball game this month and is preparing for a possible detail at the Izzo 5k this Spring (April 27).

Ranger One

Ranger One focused on developing a diverse set of skills, including OPORDs, reconnaissance, surveillance, and marksmanship, with the goal of expanding overall capabilities.

Pathfinders

Pathfinders have been working to improve tactical proficiency by conducting STX lanes every Wednesday. In addition, optional land navigation practice has been offered to strengthen the battalion as a whole.

Endurance Club

Endurance club has been training every Friday morning doing run and ruck workouts. They are preparing for the Army 10 Miler Tryouts, which will take place on April 17th.

Drill Team

Drill Team has been focused on preparation for marching and color guard competitions. Through both classroom instruction and hands-on drills, they've worked on coordination, posture, and flag handling, all while fostering discipline and attention to detail.

Alumni Updates

Send your updates to houtinge@msu.edu &
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**We want to see what our alumni are
accomplishing!**

Updated Alumni Contact
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Support Link





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MR. ROBERT H. SULLIVAN GRADUATED FROM THE CITADEL IN 2000 AND WENT ON TO SERVE IN THE 3RD BDE, 3RD ID DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM IN 2003. ROBB DEPLOYED AGAIN IN SUPPORT OF OIF IN NOVEMBER OF 2007 WITH THE 4TH BDE, 10TH MTN DIV (LI). MR. SULLIVAN CAME TO THE SPARTAN BATTALION FROM VARIOUS CONTRACTOR POSITIONS WITH TACOM AND THE TSA. IN ADDITION TO HIS DUTIES HERE AT MSU, HE IS CURRENTLY A US ARMY RESERVE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO THE 406TH CSSB LOCATED IN ANN ARBOR, MI.



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SSG TANNER HITCHCOCK BEGAN HIS MILITARY CAREER IN 2015 AS A MILITARY POLICEMAN WITH THE 46TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY IN MI, SERVING UNTIL 2021. HIS ROLES INCLUDED AUXILIARY SECURITY FORCES IN TX, DEPLOYMENT TO GUANTANAMO BAY FOR OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AND PEACEKEEPING IN KENOSHA, WI. IN 2022, HE BECAME A SQUAD LEADER AND NON-LETHAL WEAPONS INSTRUCTOR WITH THE 1776TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY. SINCE 2024, HE HAS SERVED AS THE NATIONAL GUARD LIAISON AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.



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Photo Recap

