

# SPARTAN BATTALION FALL NEWSLETTER

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# SPRING 2023 & SUMMER 2023 COMMISSIONING



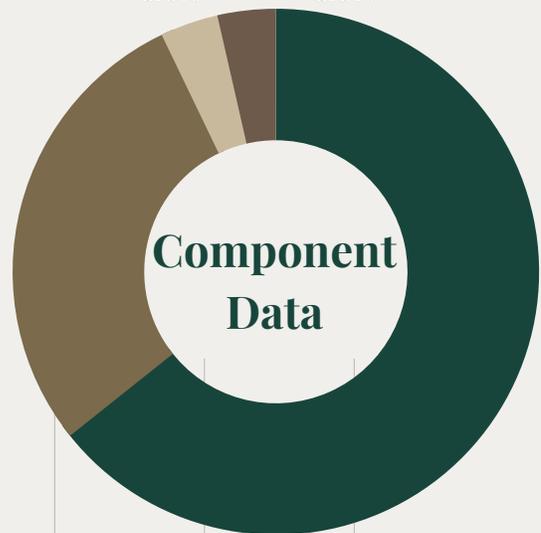
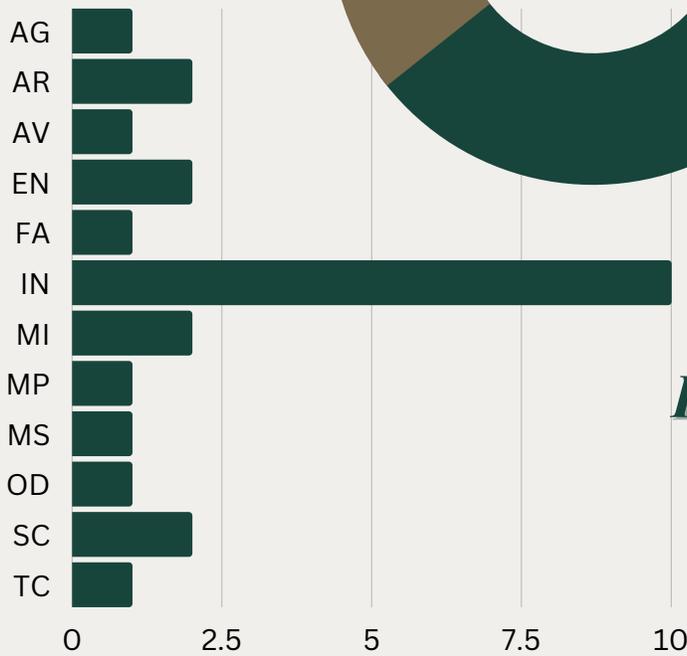
This past May, the Spartan Battalion had the privilege of commissioning 24 of the Army's newest Second Lieutenants!

Reserve 3.6%    Education Delay 3.6%



In August, the Spartan Battalion celebrated the commissioning of 2LT Madison Keegan!

## Branch Data



Active Duty  
64.3%

**6**  
*Distinguished  
Military  
Graduates*

# SPARTAN SPOTLIGHT



This past summer, CDT Braden Stauffenberg had the opportunity to compete for Team USA at the U20 Greco-Roman World Trials in Warsaw, Poland!



Earlier this year 2LT Kirsten Hickman was a recipient of the George C. Marshall Leadership Award. She had the chance to attend a leadership conference where she participated in discussions and seminars with senior Army leaders.

“I have come a long way and have put countless hours into this sport, and it truly feels amazing to have the opportunity to represent Team USA, Michigan State Wrestling, Michigan Army National Guard, and Michigan State Army ROTC. As I’ve progressed as a wrestler, I’ve been blessed with the ability to compete and travel the world. I’ve competed in South America, Europe, and the Middle East. The only difference now is I get to represent Michigan State. Nothing beats wearing that United States Flag on my chest next to the Spartan logo.”

-CDT Braden Stauffenberg

At our spring awards ceremony, 2LT Sean Gordon was the recipient of AUSA’s 2023 Saber Award, effectively declaring him the top ROTC cadet in the state!



# WELCOME TO THE SPARTAN BATTALION



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“Welcome back to campus, Spartan Battalion! Congratulations to our Cadet Summer Training (CST) graduates and to the Army’s newest Second Lieutenants! My family and I are excited to be returning to the Michigan State University community; I am looking forward to the challenging training our cadet leaders have planned and meeting all the new teammates this year.  
GO GREEN!”

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**-LTC Oroch "Koky" Sisoura**

**47th Professor of Military Science**

**FUN FACT!**

LTC Sisoura is a Spartan Battalion alum!



**CPT Nicholas McCahill**

CPT McCahill is the MS II Instructor. He enlisted in 2002 as an infantryman, deploying twice to Iraq with the 101st Airborne Division, later becoming an Infantry OSUT drill sergeant. In 2015, he direct commissioned as an Engineer officer. CPT McCahill assumed his duties with the Spartan Battalion in the summer of 2023.



**CPT Gabriella Katz**

CPT Katz is the MS I Instructor. She is a graduate of Norwich University and commissioned as an Ordnance officer before transferring to Armor. She has served in a variety of leadership roles in both branches and has one deployment to Iraq. CPT Katz assumed her duties with the Spartan Battalion in the summer of 2023.

# BEST OF LUCK TO YOU!

LTC JOSEPH DUMAS AND MAJ PHILIP PARENTI



During their time with the Spartan Battalion, both LTC Dumas and MAJ Parenti were instrumental in the training, mentoring, and ultimate success of MSU cadets. Their leadership and commitment to duty has certainly inspired the next generation of Army officers.

From the entire Spartan Battalion, we wish you both the absolute best in all of your future endeavors!

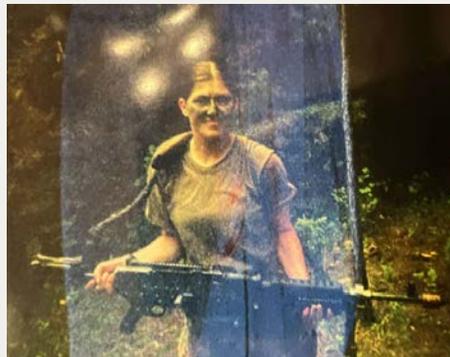
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# CST 2023

Cadet Summer Training (CST) is one of the final steps cadets must take before commissioning as 2nd Lieutenants.

Cadets spend 35 days at Fort Knox and are evaluated on a variety of tasks essential to being a soldier and leader.

Congratulations to all of our cadets who completed CST!



## RECONDO

The Recondo badge is awarded at CST to cadets who display superior performance in all graded events. The Spartan Battalion had 2 Recondo recipients, 2LT Keegan and CDT Saval!

# Summer Training

During the summer, Spartan Battalion cadets are offered opportunities to travel the country (and sometimes the world!) to complete a wide variety of Army training. This past summer, select Spartan Battalion cadets attended OPFOR, Sage Eagle, Robin Sage, Air Assault, CTLT, and NSTP!



# DEMONSTRATION HALL RENOVATION



New garage door



## Upgrades Inside and Out!

Over the past year, Dem hall has seen lots of changes! From renovated office spaces to the lovely plaza outside, the Spartan Battalion is thrilled to have an awesome new space!

Renovated office spaces



# Battalion Leadership



## Battalion Commander



CDT Anna Johnson

## Battalion XO



CDT Kara Hall

## Battalion CSM



CDT Caitlin Magolan

## Battalion S-3



CDT Michelle Eau Claire

# Battalion Staff

## Battalion S1



CDT Taylor Sutton

## Battalion S2



CDT Zachary Cauffman

## Battalion S4



CDT Ryan Prost

## Battalion S5/S6



CDT Laila Denning

## Assistant S1



CDT Emily Evers

## Assistant S2



CDT Teah Peterson

## Assistant S4



CDT Kayla McClinton

## Assistant S5/S6



CDT Wesley Welt

# Company Leadership



## HHC

CO: CDT Elizabeth Paloyan

1SG: CDT Zack Rodahaver

## Alpha Company

CO: CDT Bryce Durand

XO: CDT Lexi Mohney

1SG: CDT Jack Peterson



## Bravo Company

CO: CDT Jon Shamaine

XO: CDT Avery Damon

1SG: CDT Alicia Horecki

## Charlie Company

CO: CDT Galen Gibbons

XO: CDT Patrick Byrne

1SG: CDT David Jahnke



# Extracurriculars

## Pathfinders

Pathfinders works to develop a high level of leadership and tactical proficiency in its members by training in a wide array of critical military skills. Through their weekly trainings, cadets are afforded the opportunity to challenge their knowledge and skills to strengthen their leadership in preparation for CST and their futures as Army leaders. Cadets in the club go on to hold important leadership positions in the battalion; these same cadets also go on to have highly successful military careers.



## Ranger 1



Ranger 1 is renowned nationwide for its ability to produce the most physically fit, tactically proficient, and competent leaders in the Army. This is reflected by countless alumni becoming General Officers, Green Berets, Rangers, and 160th SOAR Aviators. They also pride themselves on having a strong alumni network that undoubtedly sets its members up for success in the military and civilian sectors.

Whether you are just getting into running or are completing marathons every week, Endurance Club is for you! Joining is an excellent opportunity to consistently push yourself while building camaraderie with fellow hard-working, motivated cadets. Endurance Club participates in several races throughout the year, including Alex's Great State Race, the Army Ten Miler, and the Izzo Legacy Race!

## Endurance Club



# Extracurriculars

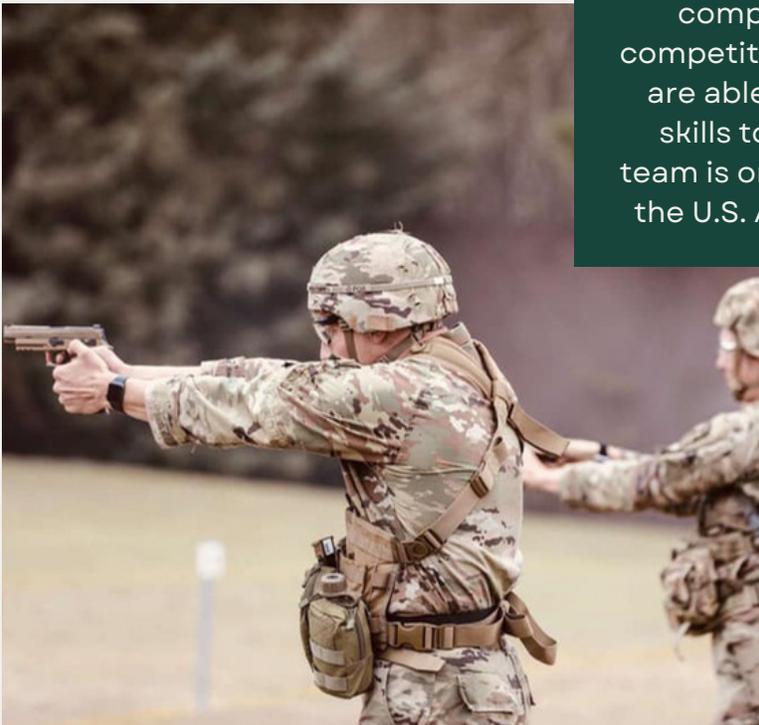
## Color Guard

The Spartan Battalion Color Guard serves as the face of MSU ROTC. Color Guard works to develop cadets, instilling members with discipline and professionalism, teaching its members not only the proper techniques for presenting the flags, but also the proper disposition and manner to conduct themselves to ensure the flags are treated with the respect they deserve. Cadets who participate in the Spartan Battalion Color Guard have the unique opportunity to present the nation's colors at a variety of campus events.



## Marksmanship

The MSU Army ROTC Marksmanship Club is an extracurricular comprised of cadets interested in marksmanship and competitive shooting. Through their weekly meetings, cadets are able to gain confidence and hone their marksmanship skills to prepare for CST and beyond. Additionally, MSU's team is one of two ROTC Programs that competes annually in the U.S. Army Smalls Arms Championship at Fort Moore, GA.



Social Media Club works hard to maintain all of the Spartan Battalion's social media platforms and provide outreach to cadets, families, and alumni. Members of the Social Media Club photograph Spartan Battalion events and highlight all of the awesome things that our cadets do throughout the year!

## Social Media Club