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Upcoming Events:

- Finals
- Winter Break

Notes from the Cadet Battalion Commander

We have reached the end of yet another productive month and are on track for a strong finish as the fall semester comes to an end. This program continues to lead the way, representing Michigan State in the local community with our annual Prayer Breakfast, campus Veterans Day Ceremony, and service work at nursing homes across East Lansing. In addition to this, Spartan Battalion's Bold Warrior Team took 1st place out of 38 other colleges in the Midwest at 7th Brigade's Bold Warrior Challenge Competition in Fort Knox, Kentucky. This competition involved over 35 mental, military, and physical events where our Spartans displayed their grit and skill. This win gives the team the opportunity to participate in the international Sandhurst Competition held at The United States Military Academy at West Point in upstate New York. This will be my final newsletter as the Spartan Battalion Commander, as I will relinquish Command to CDT Dunker December 4th. It has been an honor to serve this program. I would like to personally thank you for your continued support as we develop leaders of character for a lifetime of service to our nation. GO GREEN!



Veterans Day Ceremony

On 9 Nov 2017 we held our annual Veterans Day Ceremony in collaboration with the Air Force ROTC program here on campus. We invited local veterans, to the MSU Alumni chapel, where we celebrated the honor of all America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.



"The most important thing I learned is that soldiers watch what their leaders do. You can give them classes and lecture them forever, but it is your personal example they will follow."

- General
Colin Powell

Ranger Challenge

Our Bold-Warrior team was sent down to Fort Knox earlier this month to compete in one of the most competitive ROTC programs, the Brigade's Bold Warrior Challenge Competition. The competition has a number of events including the Army Physical Fitness Test, rifle marksmanship, squad assault course, land navigation, hand grenade assault course, combat patrolling, crossing 1-rope bridges, and a 10K foot march. Training all semester paid off for the team as they took 1st place for the 5th year in a row.



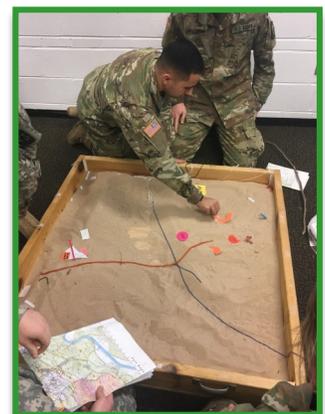
Prayer Breakfast



We invited the 177th Military Police Command Chaplain, Chaplain (Captain) Paul Lepley, to join us in the MSU Ballroom for a morning of spirituality and a nutritious breakfast to kickstart our day. Chaplain Lepley addressed the importance of keeping in touch with your spiritual side, to make even the roughest of times more prosperous. He was accompanied by Major Garno, the Michigan National Guard Officer Strength Manager, and Chaplain (Captain) Brizzee, the US Army Chaplain Branch Recruiter.

Labs

This month's labs had some new and exciting training for the Spartan Battalion. The virtual battlefield simulator training placed our cadets in a life-like scenario to practice tactics they have learned throughout the semester. This past week, training included the use of proper terrain model kit usage during briefs, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN) taskings, and proper handling of enemy prisoners of war. Our MS II-III Cadets continue to train with Cadre for upcoming summer programs.



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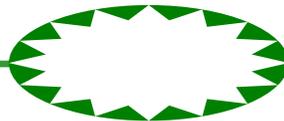
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Mission

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Cadets of the Month

CDT Cloutier, Adam

CDT Cloutier, an MS I of B Company, has been acknowledged as Cadet of the month for November for excelling among his peers. Scoring a 283 on the APFT, being a current recruit for Pathfinders, and participating in Intramural Sports.



CDT Fergle, Matthew

MS II Cadet of the Month is CDT Fergle. CDT Fergle has shown a great positive attitude among the battalion and the community. He is an active participant of both the Pathfinder and Color Guard teams. He achieved the max score of 300 on his APFT.



CDT Gischia, Billy

CDT Gischia, is our MS III Cadet of the month. CDT Gischia's accomplishments include being members of Ranger Challenge, Pathfinder, and Colorguard; he scored a 300 on the APFT and maintains a GPA of 3.87



CDT Pryg, Lukas

Cadet Pryg is our MS IV Cadet of the month. He has demonstrated supreme leadership skills and is extremely active in the Battalion. Cadet Pryg is the Commanding Officer for the Pathfinder club, member of our IM soccer team, and our current Battalion Cadet Supply Officer (S-4).

