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Notes from the Cadet Battalion Commander

Hello Spartan family. Let me start off by introducing myself, I am Cadet Drew Dunker and I will serve as the Spartan Battalion's Commander for this semester. I, along with the new Command Sergeant Major, Cadet Matthew Kurt, are looking forward to working with and improving every cadet within the Spartan Battalion throughout the coming months.

The Spartan Battalion is already under way with another intense semester. The battalion hit the ground running this month and wasted no time battling the unpredictable Michigan weather in order to conduct training. So far, this semester the MS1 cadets have continued to build on their leadership and teamwork abilities through training events such as the table top battle scenarios in which two squads faced off in a board game that required the use of squad tactics and movements in order to complete an objective. They have also been introduced to a wide range of military knowledge including: 9-line MEDEVAC requests, call for fire requests, and the basics of how to conduct a squad attack. Our MS2 and MS3 cadets have continued to improve their tactical knowledge



Upcoming Events:

- Etiquette Class
- Military Ball
- Diagnostic APFT



Welcome Back Spartans

On January 8th, 2018 cadets returned back to East Lansing after enjoying a well deserved winter break. Cadets began the transition into the new semester bright and early for the first PT session and have since then picked up right where they left off last semester. Since their return the cadets of Spartan battalion have completed three leadership labs, conducted 12 physical training sessions, and have expanded their knowledge in their leadership competency.

"Leadership is a combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without the strategy."

- General Norman Schwarzkopf Jr.

Leadership Lab

This month's labs presented some review opportunities and new training to Spartan Battalion. MSI cadets were introduced to Squad Movement Techniques, Call for Fire, 9-line Medevac requests, and SPOT reports. They also conducted Table Top Battle scenarios, where they were able to implement tactical knowledge gained from prior labs. MSII-III Cadets continue to refine their skills and knowledge they will need for upcoming summer training events.



Active Shooter Training



On the morning of January 24th, Spartan Battalion cadets received an informational brief regarding how to handle an Active Shooter situation. Spartan Battalion's very own Captain Zappone delivered the brief and instilled valuable knowledge to the cadets of Spartan Battalion making them better prepared to face the challenges our society currently faces.

Local Recognition

Michigan State Basketball has recognized a local veteran at every home game this year. Spartan Battalion cadets Steve Dinverno and Ross Compher were both honored during home games in the month of December and early January.



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Cadets of the Month

CDT Hubbard, Gavin

CDT Hubbard, an MS I, has been acknowledged as Cadet of the month for January for excelling among his peers. Scoring a 300 on the APFT, being a current member of the Ranger challenge team and of Ranger 1. He has also recently been accepted into the Honors College.

CDT Abell, James

CDT Abell, is our MS III Cadet of the month. CDT Abell is a member of the Ranger Challenge team, Student veterans committee, and head of multiple veteran fundraising projects on campus. He scored a 295 on the APFT and achieved a silver in the GAFPB.

CDT Hoover, Jack

MS II Cadet of the Month is CDT Hoover. CDT Hoover has shown a great positive attitude among the battalion and the community. He is a brother in the Delta Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He is also an active participant of both the Ranger 1 and Marksmanship club.

CDT Cosgrove, Patrick

Cadet Cosgrove is our MS IV Cadet of the month. He has taken command of Bravo Company and is also the executive officer of the Ranger 1 club. This year Cadet Cosgrove has volunteered to help fundraise for breast cancer awareness and was a runner in Alex's Great State Race. He maintains an APFT score of 300.