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# CADETS OF THE WEEK



Cadet Shamplo



Cadet Wenburg



Cadet Arnold



Cadet Mayes + Cadet Farrell



Cadet Degroot + Cadet Nesom



Cadet Warren

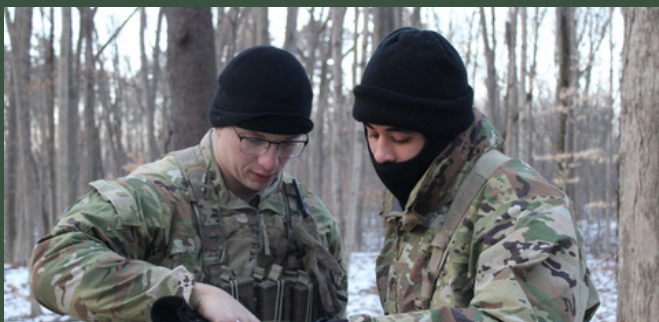
# LEADERSHIP LABS

Cadets kicked off February with the first tactical lane of the semester, a raid, marking an important milestone as it was also the first lane experience for our MSI cadets this year.



Building on prior training, cadets conducted a follow-on raid lane, emphasizing accountability, security, and disciplined execution throughout the operation.

Cadets trained on ambush operations, applying principles of surprise, control, and violence of action while strengthening communication and team cohesion.



To finish out the month cadets expanded their skills by conducting an ambush at Woodlot and Dobie, further prioritizing noise discipline, hand and arm singles, and ruck plans.

# CLUB SPOTLIGHT : RANGER CHALLENGE



Ranger Challenge was recognized as Club of the Month for its consistent commitment to training and preparation. Cadets met weekly to practice the one-rope bridge, work through event-specific skills, and build teamwork through focused drills. Members also followed a structured workout plan centered on strength training, running, and progressive ruck mileage to improve overall performance. Their steady effort and discipline throughout the month contributed directly to their readiness and success.

# MILITARY BALL



The Battalion proudly hosted family, friends, alumni, and distinguished guests at this year's Military Ball. The evening featured a formal receiving line, senior spotlight recognition, presentation of the Commander's Cup, a keynote address, and a night of celebration on the dance floor.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Major General Michelle Link serves as the Commanding General of the 75th U.S. Army Reserve Innovation Command at Joint Base Ellington Field. A graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, she was commissioned as an Engineering Officer. During her address to our cadets, Major General Link emphasized the critical importance of adaptability and the responsibility leaders have to embrace change in order to drive innovation and mission success.

# BOLD WARRIOR COMPETITION



Bold Warrior began Friday night, February 20th with urban orienteering across Fort Knox. Saturday featured a full day of competition with ten physically and mentally demanding events, with timed rucks between each lane.

Events included the Spartan Challenge, land navigation, the one rope bridge, litter carries, log and equipment AMRAPs, the installation obstacle course, and a sprint to task lane that tested both endurance and mental focus. Alternates competed in supplemental events such as dead hangs and hand release pushups.

The weekend concluded with the Commander's Challenge, where teams maneuvered to multiple points to gather coordinates and construct an eight digit grid, closing out a demanding test of teamwork, resilience, and execution.



# PHOTO RECAP



# Spartan Battalion Contact Information



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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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## SFC Boles- MSU/ARMY ROTC NATIONAL GUARD CAREER LIAISON AND RECRUITER

SFC Kyle Boles began his military career in 2010 as an Infantryman, serving in various leadership roles across multiple units, including the 101st Airborne Division and the National Training Center. He transitioned to Active Duty Recruiting in 2017 and currently works as the Michigan State University National Guard Liaison. Boles has two deployments to Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

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