

SPARTAN BATTALION



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During this leadership lab, cadets were able to learn and practice disassembling and assembling the M4, M240B, and M249.



Cadets were introduced to marksmanship through participating in Preliminary Marksmanship Instruction (PMI).



During lab at Woodlot, cadets conducted a raid. MSIII's led the MS I/II's through the lane by acting as platoon leadership, preparing them for FTX and Advanced Camp.



At Grand Ledge, cadets practiced embarking and disembarking Black Hawks in order to prepare the cadets flying to FTX.



LEADERSHIP LABS

CLUB OF THE MONTH



MARKSMANSHIP

This past month, 8 cadets who had previously tried out for a spot on the marksmanship team, went to the All-Army competition at Fort Moore. Of the 2 teams from MSU's Army ROTC, 1 team placed second overall. They competed against other ROTC programs around the country in various marksmanship exercises. While the team was competing, the rest of the club continued to work on their marksmanship skills during their weekly club meetings.

CLUB UPDATES

PATHFINDERS:

Pathfinders are rounding out the month of March completing mission briefs, sitting for Leadership Boards, and preparing for their 24-hour mission.

RANGER 1:

Ranger 1 cadets have spent the month of March training for the Ranger 1 FTX. Cadets engaged in tactical lanes and CQB.

ENDURANCE :

The Endurance Club has continued to train for the Izzo Legacy Race in April. Endurance Club cadets are engaging in workouts including ability rucks, speed workouts, and conditioning.

MARKSMANSHIP:

The Marksmanship Club is our Club of the Month! Members of the Marksmanship Team were able to complete in the All Army Competition.

COLOR GUARD:

The Spartan Battalion Color Guard has continued to present the Nation's colors at Michigan State University's various university sponsored events. You will be able to see the Spartan Battalion Color Guard next month at the annual Izzo Legacy Run/Walk/Roll. This event will take place on April 20th; in addition, we hope to see you there!

VALKYRIES:

The Valkyries spent this month preparing for developing mentorship as the Spartan Battalion prepared for Spring FTX.

SPRING FTX

DAY 1



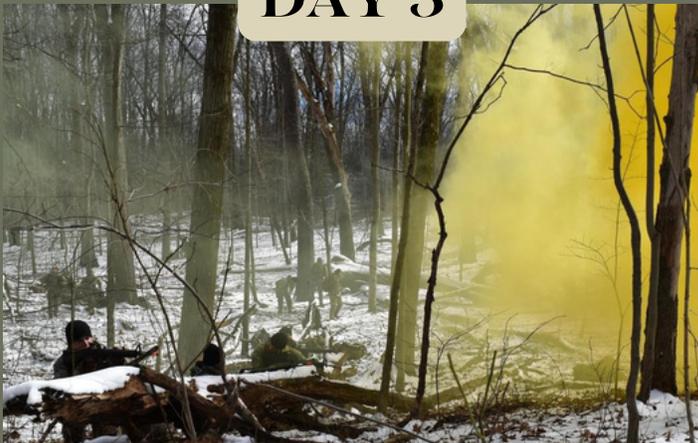
To kick off FTX, cadets had the opportunity to fly from MSU's campus to Fort Custer on CH-47 Chinooks in partnership with the Michigan Army National Guard. Once the Spartan Battalion arrived to Fort Custer, all MS levels conducted day and night land navigation.

Cadets braved the snowy weather and were out on the range for day 2! MS III cadets went through EST, the zero range, and weapons qualification in preparation for camp, while MS I/II's rotated through EST, the grenade range, and a crew-served weapons station.

DAY 2



DAY 3



For the final day of FTX, MSU cadets worked in conjunction with Central Michigan and Ferris State cadets to conduct tactical lanes to prepare for Advanced Camp and reinforce their learning.

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Awards Ceremony

April 18, 2024 - 8 AM

Demonstration Hall Ballroom

Spring Commissioning Ceremony

April 26, 2024 - 3 PM

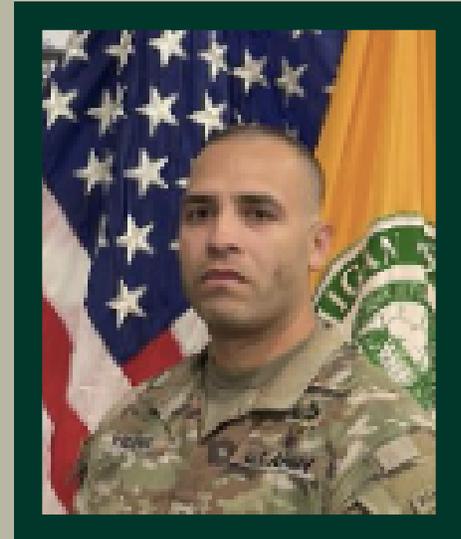
Demonstration Hall Ballroom





INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SPARTAN BATTALION?

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DEM HALL COMMEMORATIVE PLAZA PROJECT



The Dem Hall Commemorative Plaza Project continues to offer opportunities to share Spartan Stories while also serving to support the Spartan Battalion and beautify the campus near Dem Hall. We are accepting gifts in support of the plaza project and will place the bricks during the summer months. To secure your gift, please follow the link on our social media platforms, our department website, or contact Mr. Thomas Enterline (enterlin@msu.edu).

