

SPARTAN BATTALION

NEWSLETTER

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LEADERSHIP LABS



Fort Custer

Spartan Battalion's MSIIIs traveled to Fort Custer to test their confidence on the confidence course. They also practiced their marksmanship skills with EST.

Round Robin



Land Navigation

Spartan Battalion's MSIs and MSIIIs worked on perfecting their land navigation skills at Woodlot.

Spartan Battalion spent their last Leadership Lab focusing on weaponry (M4, M240 and M249) and SINCGAR radio familiarization.

PHOTO RECAP



CLUB OF THE MONTH



SPARTAN BATTALION IM VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Throughout March, our MSU ROTC Battalion's intramural volleyball team engaged in a series of three regular season matches. Throughout April, our IM Volleyball team faced a challenging regular season game, and advanced to the third round of the IM Volleyball playoffs. Looking forward to the upcoming Fall semester, they are energized and focused on ultimately aiming for championship victory.

SEASON RECORD

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SEASON ACHIEVMENTS

- 4 regular season games during March and April
- Made it to round 3 of IM Volleyball tryouts

ARMY / AIR FORCE PT

RESULTS FROM EVENTS

- 3mile Run -
 - Time: 18:02 (M), 23:00 (F)
 - 1st: Army ROTC
 - 2nd: Air Force ROTC
- Deadlift -
 - Weight: 525lbs
 - 1st: Army ROTC
 - 2nd: Air Force ROTC
- Plank -
 - Time: 10:04
 - 1st: Army ROTC
 - 2nd: Air Force ROTC
- Pull-Ups -
 - Amount: 56 (M)(F)
 - 1st: Army ROTC
 - 2nd: Air Force ROTC
- Burpees (First To 150) -
 - 1st: Army ROTC
 - 2nd: Air Force ROTC



CDTs Pfahl and Juergens at the start line, ready to rock the 3 mile race



CDT Jahnke absolutely crushing it on the deadlift



CDT Denning providing encouragement and story time to help the time fly by during the plank



Repping out pull-ups to take the win for the event

CLUB UPDATES

PATHFINDERS:

This month, Pathfinders hosted a 10-mile ruck down and back from Woodlot in memory of Jack Swamba, our beloved cadet/Pathfinder. Furthermore, leadership spent days preparing selected cadets for Air Assault School this summer.

RANGER 1:

Ranger 1 conducted their Spring FTX this month. During this FTX, cadets took UH-60 Blackhawks down to Fort Custer. At Fort Custer, Ranger 1 cadets completed both day STX lanes and night while using night vision goggles. In addition, they finished with practicing search operations.

ENDURANCE:

The Endurance Club completed the Spring 2024 Semester preparing for the Izzo Legacy Run/Walk/Roll! Tryouts for the Army 10 miler in October also took place this month. Cadets will be training over the summer for this Fall event!

MARKSMANSHIP:

Marksmanship members ended off the semester with paintball, pizza, and leadership elections at Woodlot. Thank you to old leadership for setting the path for new leadership; congratulations to CDT Martin, Simkins, Kennedy, Colley, and Tucker on earning leadership positions for Fall '24!

COLOR GUARD:

The Spartan Battalion Color Guard presented the Colors at the Izzo Legacy race. Majority of the members also helped with teaching members of a new Spartan Battalion team, Drill team, with the fundamentals for their routines.

VALKYRIES:

The Valkyries spent their last meeting of the year preparing for the Fall 2024 semester and transitioning leaders. Thank you to CDT Anna Johnson for her incredible leadership this year and we are looking forward to the leadership of CDT Madelyn Lloyd!

SPRING COMMISSIONING

On April 28th, the Spartan Battalion commissioned 28 of the Army's newest Second Lieutenants. During this ceremony they stated their oath, got their bars pinned and had their first salute. We are so proud of every single one of them and cannot see what great things they accomplish in their military careers.



2LT Elizabeth Paloyan
Adjutant General, Army National Guard



2LT Caitlin Magolan
Aviation, Army National Guard



2LT Emily Evers
Nursing, Active Duty



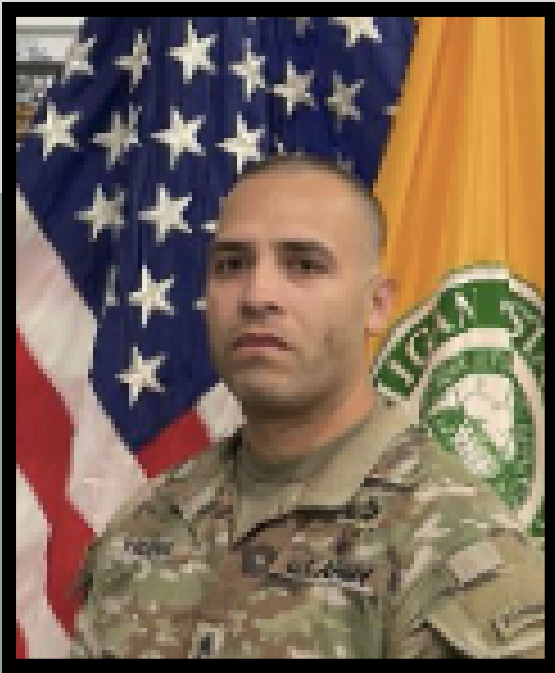
2LT Maddie Gallavan
Medical Service, Army National Guard

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).

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