

Freshman Orientation



Spartan Battalion launched the year with our annual Freshman Orientation, welcoming new cadets into our program. During this event, incoming MSIs received a comprehensive introduction to cadet life, guided by assigned mentors (Top Left). They learned about the Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) standards (Top Right) and familiarized themselves with the customs and courtesies that define our military community. Additionally, MSIs had the chance to explore various clubs, discovering the exciting extracurricular opportunities available within our program. The event concluded with introductions to our cadre members, highlighted by an inspiring and inclusive speech from our Professor of Military Science (Bottom Right).

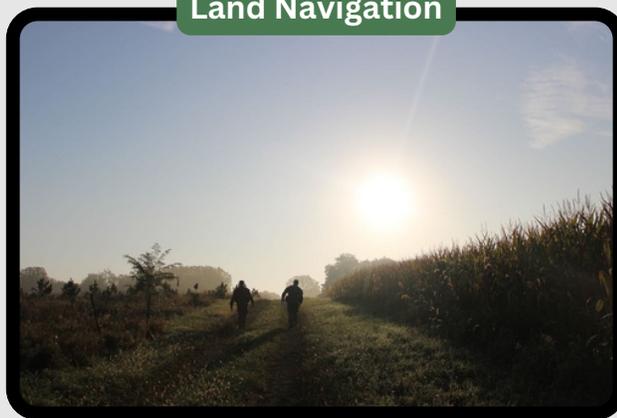


Round Robin



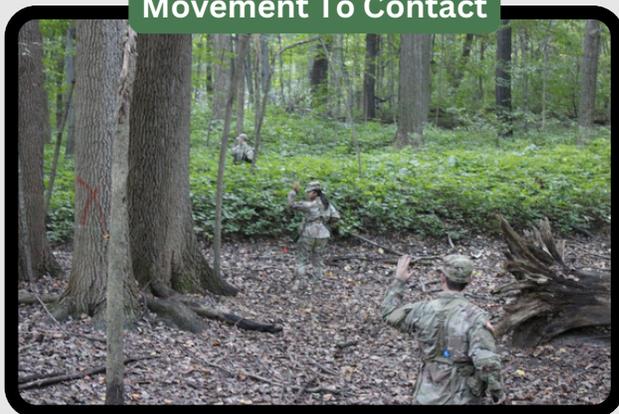
Spartan Battalion completes a round robin lab at Demonstration hall. MS I and MS II cadets familiarized themselves with Marksmanship, Land Navigation and FOOM, while MS III cadets enhanced their expertise in TCCC and call for fire/TTLODAC.

Land Navigation



Spartan Battalion enjoyed their first Woodlot lab of the semester improving their land navigation skills. MS I and MS II cadets worked in teams to find their points while MS III cadets ventured off individually to test their knowledge.

Movement To Contact



Spartan Battalion conducted a movement to contact lab at Woodlot. MS Is and IIs were instructed on the basics, while MS IIIs tested their leadership skills by running through a MTC iteration.

Club Updates

- **DRILL TEAM**

The team conducted flag details, including the raising and retiring of the flag outside the DEM, along with a special 9/11 flag detail at half-staff. Members practiced every Tuesday and Thursday for two hours, honing their skills and commitment to honoring the flag and its significance.

- **PATHFINDERS**

The Pathfinders have officially begun their rigorous recruiting cycle for the Fall semester. Along with that, recruits along with active members attend groups lifts and STX lanes at Woodlot.

- **RANGER 1**

The intense recruiting process is underway for Ranger 1. Members conduct workouts before PT in the morning and STX lanes at Woodlot.

- **ENDURANCE**

Endurance Club has been diligently focusing on ACFT prep and training for the Army 10 miler in Washington D.C

- **MARKSMANSHIP**

Marksmanship recently conducted their entry test, achieving impressive attendance and new members. This month, participants engaged in comprehensive reviews of M4 fundamentals and various shooting positions.

- **COLOR GUARD**

New color guard members have begun training on flag and rifle drills and presented colors at the MSU vs OSU football game (9/28).

- **VALKYRIES**

The Valkyries completed their first official meeting that introduced the club as well as future events and guest speakers.

Fall FTX

Day 1: CWST

On Friday, September 13th, cadets and cadre conducted Combat Water Survival Training at IM West.

Cadets executed a rifle jump, rifle swim, gear drop, continuous swim, and water tread!



Day 2: Fort Custer

On Saturday, September 14th, cadets worked on zeroing their rifles at the range, completed various obstacle courses, participated in team-building exercises, and enhanced their land navigation abilities.



Day 3: Awards

We wrapped up the weekend with weapon cleaning, fall award presentations, and a picnic. Congratulations to all the cadets who were awarded!



Demonstration Hall Updates



The exterior of Demonstration Hall now features a striking new sign above the main doors. This addition enhances visibility for students, making it easier to identify the hall. Plus, the sign looks fantastic!

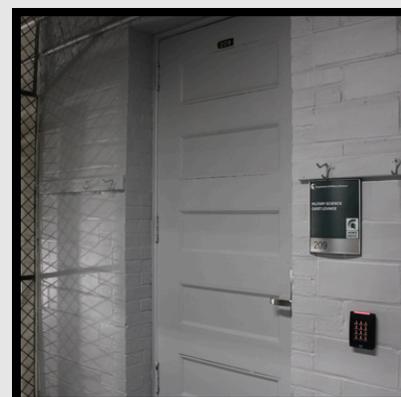
New Banners!



In Demonstration Hall, new banners have been installed above the stairs. These banners showcase the essence of our program and highlight the achievements of our ROTC students as successful leaders.

New classroom signs & paint job

Over the summer, the Battalion added new signs to help new students locate the various classroom. The stairs and walls also got a fresh coat of paint!



Battalion Contact

Information

Sergeant Ybarra



SFC Antonio Ybarra is the National Guard Liaison/Recruiter and MS I Assistant Instructor for the Spartan Battalion. He has a background as an Infantryman and has served in various roles including with the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment and the Georgia Army National Guard Long Range Surveillance Unit. He has deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan and currently works with the Michigan Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion.



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Sergeant Boles

SFC Kyle Boles is the National Guard Career Liaison and Recruiter for Michigan State University and the Spartan Battalion. He 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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Mr. Sullivan



Mr. Robert H. Sullivan is the Enrollment Officer for the Spartan Battalion. He 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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GAME DAY

FOOTBALL TAILGATE

- Network w/ our Alumni
- BYOBeverage
- Free Food

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Demonstration Hall
(Outside entrance to Ballroom)