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# CADETS OF THE WEEK

## ALPHA

Aubrey Broome, Evan Hu, David Arnold

## BRAVO

Mazin Adam, Lucy DeGroot, Kirsten Krysiak

## CHARLIE

Max Fernandez, Mackenzie Huber, Sora Ehrhardt



# LEADERSHIP LABS



The Spartan Battalion kicked off the semester with an urban orienteering lab that reinforced basic soldier skills while building teamwork, confidence, and leadership growth.



Cadets learned the basics of land navigation during labs with guidance from the cadres. This training helped them prepare for camp and strengthen their navigation skills.



Cadets went out to apply navigation techniques in the field at Woodlot and Dobie. MS4 cadets organized the training, set standards for the mission, and guided cadets to successfully complete applied land navigation.



# CLUB UPDATES

## Endurance Club

Endurance Club has been holding regular practices at 0600 on Fridays. Recently they have been going on rucks/long runs. To remember the FDNY firefighters, police, and EMS who gave their lives on 9/11, cadets did a 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb in Grand Rapids.

## Drill Team

Drill team has been working hard training new members. Cadets have had 2 details at the MSU football games presenting the colors.

## Valkyries

Valkyries held their first meeting of the semester introducing the club. On September 14, there was a volunteering opportunity for the Women's Center of Greater Lansing. The next meeting is on October 5.

## Marksmanship

The first meeting has been held and welcomed new members. All members took a test on weapon safety and will learn how to assemble/disassemble a rifle in the coming week.

## Pathfinders

Pathfinder's recruiting proces has started. Members have been reviewing OPORDs and completing activities.

## Ranger One

Active members went over OER/NCOER's. New recruits learned route planning and SQD level STX lanes.

## Ranger Challenge

Tryouts have been held and the team has been formed for the semester with new members.



# CLUB SPOTLIGHT

## Endurance Club



Members of MSU Army ROTC's Endurance Club took part in the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb, ascending the equivalent of 110 stories to honor the lives lost in the World Trade Center attacks. Each step was a tribute to courage, sacrifice, and the enduring promise to never forget. This climb wasn't just physical, it was a reflection of the leadership and grit that define our cadets.

The proceeds from the event supported the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and FDNY Counseling Services Unit, extending care to the families of fallen heroes.



# FALL FTX DAY 1: CWST



On Friday, September 19th, cadets conducted Combat Water Survival Training (CWST) at IM West. Cadets executed a rifle jump, rifle swim, gear drop, a 10 minute continuous swim, and a 5 minute water tread.



Cadets also participated in a company and cadre relay race. Congratulations to Bravo Company, who won this year's competition!





# FALL FTX DAY 2



**On the second day of the FTX, cadets completed land navigation, the Confidence Course, and the Field Leaders Reaction Course (FLRC). These events challenged both individual skills and ability to work together as a team.**





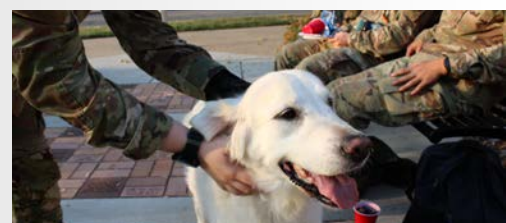
# FALL AWARDS



During FTX, we conducted our Fall award ceremony. Cadets received awards for achievements in academics and physical fitness. Additionally, Cadets received awards for completion of advance camp, Airborne School, CTLT, and internships!



# PHOTO RECAP



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# Spartan Battalion Contact Information



## Mr. Sullivan- ENROLLMENT OFFICER

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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## SSG Hitchcock- MSU/ARMY ROTC NATIONAL GUARD CAREER LIAISON AND RECRUITER

SSG Tanner Hitchcock began his military career in 2015 as a Military Policeman with the 46th Military Police Company in MI, serving until 2021.

His roles included Auxiliary Security Forces in TX, deployment to Guantanamo Bay for Operation Enduring Freedom, and peacekeeping in Kenosha, WI. In 2022, he became a squad leader and Non-Lethal Weapons Instructor with the 1776th Military Police Company. Since 2024, he has served as the National Guard Liaison at Michigan State University.

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