

# Spartan Battalion Newsletter

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## **Professor of Military Science Notes**

Once again it is my honor to serve as the Professor of Military Science (PMS) for the absolute best ROTC Program in Cadet Command. As we get into the swing of the academic year, I want to reflect on the accomplishments of this program beginning with Cadet Summer Training (CST).

65 Cadets attended training this summer. 29 Cadets graduated Advance Camp. 12 Cadets graduated Basic Camp. 16 Cadets attended a Cultural Understanding and Leadership Program (CULP) in a foreign country like Sri Lanka, Poland, Latvia, Peru, Morocco and Mozambique, among others. 10 Cadets graduated from an Army skill school: Air Assault School (AAS), Combat Diver Qualification Course (CDQC), Basic Military Mountaineering Course (BMMC), Jungle Operators Course (JOC) and Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) School. And 15 Cadets completed Cadet Troop Leader Training, where they shadowed Army Officers at different posts and locations.

This year's Senior class produced 2 top 10% Cadets and 9 Distinguished Military Graduates. Of our 25 graduating Seniors, nearly half are in the top 20% of all 3,500+ Cadets seeking a commission this year. And they have started this year out as a strong team. They have laid the groundwork for our underclassmen to continue the success of the Spartan Battalion.

The battalion continues to engage in our community and region. I look forward to Alex's Great State Race, the Leadership Ethics and Diversity in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (LEADS) in Detroit and the Veterans Day Ceremony at The MSU Alumni Chapel. The Spartan Battalion also prepares to defend the title in the Brigade Bold Warrior Challenge, and participate in The German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge, and Norwegian Ruck March.

It is a great day to be in the US Army. But spending time with these future Army Leaders is my absolute privilege!

Go Green!

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## Fall Leadership Development Exercise (LDX)



**Mission: Spartan Battalion Cadets conduct the fall LDX 14-16 SEP018 at various locations on and off campus to strengthen their military skills and tactics. Pictured to the left are Cadets being trained in combat water survival training.**

**Pictured to the right is Master Sergeant Yanez instructing two Cadets on how to successfully rappel down the rappel tower.**



**Pictured to the left are Cadets being instructed by two members of the Spartan Battalion Marksmanship Team on basic marksmanship skills and the fundamentals of shooting.**



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## Leadership Labs



**MS 1 Cadets learning Drill and Ceremony**



**Cadet Meintsma teaching how to properly use a hand grenade**



**Cadets learning how to properly apply camo at Woodlot**



**Cadets conducting Individual Movement Techniques (IMTs) at Demonstration Hall field**



**Cadets practicing knot tying at Demonstration Hall field**



**Cadets plotting points for land navigation at Woodlot**

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## Fall Awards and Recognitions

### Advanced Camp Graduates:

Cadets Baker, Cavazos, Compher, Crowne, Dawood, Dean, Deaven, Delfrate, Denney, Gischia, Greene, Hoaglund, Holihan, Hocevar, Kim, Lindeman, Maldonado, Meintsma, Meldrum, Meyer, Obermeyer, Plensdorf, Roney, Ryan, Stevenson, Suntheimer, and Wood

### Basic Camp Graduates:

Cadets Agro, Balsinger, Benoit, Bevacqua, Dame, Davis, Emphriam, Johnson, McMahon, Richardson, Tedesco, and Wurtz

### Air Assault:

Cadets Abell, Crown, Fergle, Hoover, Martin, Roney, and Stass

### Basic Military Mountaineering Course:

Cadet Gischia

### Jungle Operations Training Course:

Cadet Hubbard

### Suba School- Combat Dive Course:

Cadet Carter

### SERE- Survival Evasion Resistance Escape

Cadet Compher

### MS3 Leader Training:

CDT Delfrate

### Opposing Forces in Support of Summer Training at Ft. Knox:

Cadets Cloutier, Hager, and Stass

### Cadet Field Training:

Cadet Lucas Martin

### Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT):

Cadets Crowne, Dawood, Denney, Hocevar, Hoaglund, Maldonado, Jake Meyer, Roney, Kim, Stevenson, Thad Meyer, Woodard, Gardner, and Plensdorf

### Cultural Understand and Leadership Proficiency (CULP):

Cadets Dawood (Sri Lanka), Delfrate (Cabo Verde), Dunker (Morocco) Fergle (Poland), Friend (Latvia), Gardner (Mozambique), Hoaglund (Poland), Maldonado (Honduras), Martin (Indonesia), Meyer (Peru), Mink (Cabo Verde), Pasternak (Paraguay), Pryg (Peru), Roney (Latvia), Woodard (Togo), and Wright (Bulgaria)

### Engineering Internship Program:

Cadets Stevenson and Wright





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## Cadets of the Month



Cadet Hayden Ferguson is a political science major aspiring to be an active duty Soldier branching armor. He is in the color guard and is on the team for the Norwegian Ruck March.

Cadet Nicholas Lake is a political science major with a pre-law focus aspiring to be in the JAG corps. he is involved in the color guard and community outreach for Spartan Battalion.

Cadet Eric Wertheim is a criminal justice major aspiring to be a field artillery Soldier in the National Guard, while doing NYPD Counter Terrorism Task Force for his civilian career. He is currently with the 1-119th FA HHB as an SMP Cadet and is the Bravo 2nd platoon PSG.

Cadet William Gischia is an MS4 who wishes to branch military intelligence detail infantry. He is an International Relations major with a minor in Russian. Cadet Gischia is the battalion S3 and is also involved in pathfinders and ranger challenge. He has made the Dean's List every semester and attended Mountain Warfare School this summer.