

SPARTAN BATTALION NEWSLETTER



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Leadership Labs

Attack



To start this month off, the Spartan Battalion conducted an attack exercise, with MSIs and MSIIIs separated from MSIIIs for focused training. This allowed MSIs and MSIIIs to practice attack basics, while MSIIIs ran through lanes with assigned leadership roles, honing their tactical and leadership skills in a simulated operation.

Ambush



For the second lab of the month, the Spartan Battalion focused on conducting an ambush. The MSIIIs took leadership roles for one iteration; Meanwhile, the MSIs and MSIIIs went through multiple iterations and familiarized themselves with an ambush.

Raid



The Spartan Battalion successfully carried out a raid, marking the first time this semester that the MSIs, MSIIIs, and MSIIIs collaborated within their companies on a single lane. This opportunity to work together in a realistic scenario enabled all cadets to apply their skills in a dynamic environment.

Defense



Lastly, cadets worked together in their organic companies to establish a perimeter defense, ensuring 360-degree security while enhancing their defensive positions. By employing well-coordinated strategies, each company ensured safety and preparedness for all circumstances.

Club of the Month



The MSU ROTC Drill Team demonstrates dedication and discipline, practicing twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays for two hours. Each session targets the team's marching skills and rifle handling. A highlight of their training includes "knockout," a quick-paced exercise in command accuracy. The Drill Team also proudly performs flag detail, raising the American flag at the beginning of each week and lowering it with respect at the week's end.

Club Updates

Color Guard

Cadets have participated in Michigan State football and soccer game details, and the MSU Homecoming Parade. Look forward to upcoming MSU basketball game details.

Drill Team

Cadets have completed flag details and retiring of the flag, while also participating in extra workouts on the side. The team has recently opened a instagram account @spartan_battalion_drill_team.

Marksmanship

Club members participated in air soft shooting and electronic shooting training, while learning the fundamentals of shooting. Recently, members traveled to the range to practice qualifications, assessing each members skill levels.

Pathfinders

Recruits have completed multiple STX lanes and rigorous training to prepare for camp; The recruits and recruit staff have been working hard to get ready for their mission less than a month away.

Ranger Challenge

Club members have been getting physically and mentally fit to compete in the Bold Warrior Ranger Challenge in Fort Knox, Kentucky on November 1st-3rd.

Ranger 1

Ranger 1 Cadets have successfully completed multiple patrols and numerous OPORD exercises, and are now preparing for their upcoming Fall FTX. Cadets recently attended a zoom meeting with alumni to learn about their insights and experiences enriching the cadets' training and network.

Valkyries

Members attended a Krav Maga self-defense class learning more about hand to hand contact.

Army Ten-Miler



10 of our cadets competed in the Army 10 miler in Washington D.C! Before the race, members explored D.C, met up with alumni, and welcomed back Veterans.



One of our teams placed 11th out of 97 ROTC and academy teams!



Homecoming Parade



The Spartan Battalion proudly took part in the annual MSU Homecoming Parade, leading the way this year. Many of our MSIII cadets had the chance to call cadences as we marched across campus, adding to the event's spirit and camaraderie. Even MSG Reyes joined in, leading a cadence and motivating the team along the route.



Alumni Updates

Send your updates to houtinge@msu.edu
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We want to see what our alumni are
accomplishing!

Updated Alumni Contact
information



Support Link



Demonstration Hall

Updates



Our latest addition to Demonstration Hall is the updated Chain of Command display, which is now located in the hallway near the stairs leading to our Battalion gym!

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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