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# Notes from the Cadet Battalion Commander

The progress continues this month in Spartan Battalion as the Cadets continue to standout on campus, in our local community, and various national competitions. Several exciting events have taken place giving our Cadets not only the opportunity to participate in the local community, but also take lead. Spartan Battalion was the front runner in Alex's Great State Race, the Army 10-Miler, GAFPB, and the Adopt-a-School program. These events allow the Cadets opportunities to not only give back to their community, but also compete and display leadership. . As always, we thank you for your support and will continue to develop leaders of character for a lifetime of service to our nation. GO GREEN!



#### **Upcoming Events:**

- Veteran's Day Ceremony
- Ranger ChallengeCompetition
- APFT

### Alex's Great State Race



The day prior to the infamous Michigan v. Michigan State game, Cadets from both Michigan State and University of Michigan ran the game football from East Lansing to Ann Arbor. They started at 2 a.m. and ran across 64-miles of Michigan's backroads to Ann Arbor. This event over the past 4 years has raised over \$100,000 dollars for the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities and U-M's Services for Students with Disabilities.



### **LEADS** Conference

We sent designated Cadets to Marygrove College, in Detroit, to assist with the Leadership Ethics and Diversity in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (LEADS). The conference is held to promote STEM majors for high school students. Michigan State Cadets gave real-world examples on their leadership experience, promoted the STEM major, gave lectures on Ethics and Diversity Development, and promoted the idea of attaining a higher education.



"Leaders are made, they are not born. Which is the price all of us must pay t o achieve any goal which is worthwhile"
-Vince

Lombardi

# Army 10-Miler



The day after Alex's Great State Race, the Army 10-Miler Team of the MSU ROTC program went south to Washington D.C to take part in the Army's 33rd Annual Army 10-Miler. The run every year attracts 35,000 participants from across the globe to support unity through the Army. Our team placed 10th out of the 110 teams who participated.

# **Homecoming Parade**

Homecoming week, our Cadets participated in the annual Homecoming parade. The battalion marched down Grand River while singing cadence which really motivated the crowd for a great weekend of Michigan State Football. Michigan State the following day would lead to victory in a win of 17-9 against Indiana.



# Weekly Labs

This month's labs have been packed with great training. One thing we trained on was Land Navigation which is a vital skill of being an Army Officer. We had our MS I Cadets also doing Marksmanship training, classes and exercises on Tactical Combat Casualty Care, and worked on simple battle drills by playing some tactical paintball. Meanwhile, our MS II and III cadets have been training with Cadre members on proper battle drill performance to better enhance their small unit leadership skills.



# German Armed Forces Proficiency Testing



The 27-28th of October designated Cadets went to Toledo University to partake in German Armed Forces Proficiency Testing. In the United States military the German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency is one of the few approved foreign awards, and is one of the most sought after awards to achieve. Covering events such as: Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) taskings, Combat Life Saver (CLS), pistol qualification, and more. We had 11 Cadets attain Gold and 6 achieved silver.

### Adopt-a-School

Spartan Battalion has teamed up with Kendon Elementary with their Adopt-a-School program. Every week our Cadets volunteer their time to provide mentorship to elementary students and overall just have fun with the students! Kendon elementary is located in South Lansing and the kids look forward to our visit every week.



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### **Mission**

The U.S. Army Cadet Command partners with universities to recruit, educate, develop, and inspire Senior ROTC Cadets in order to commission officers of character for the Total Army; and partners with high schools to conduct JROTC in order to develop citizens of character for a life-

time of commitment and service to the nation.





### Cadets of the Month

#### CDT Grand, Jonah

CDT Grand, our MS I cadet of the month, has been recognized for amazing productivity in the battalion. He recently achieved GOLD standard for the GAFPB event, scored a 300 on his APFT, and is a recruit for the Ranger Challenge team.



#### CDT Crown, Torre

MS III Cadet of the Month is CDT Crown. He has been recognized for being one of the top in his class for scoring a 292 on his APFT, Ranger 1 member, Bold Warrior member, and by participating in the CULP program this past summer.



#### CDT Pasternak, Nathan

CDT Pasternak, MS II, demonstrates the characteristics of a well-rounded Army Leader. He demonstrates terrific performance scoring 300 on his APFT and is member of the Education board at the Beta Theta Phi Fraternity.



#### CDT Kurt, Mathew

Our Senior Cadet of the Month is CDT Kurt. He excels in all taskings both in the Battalion and the Community. Maintaining above a 3.5 GPA, receiving a 275 on his APFT, and being a positive motivator to his peers has earned him this position. He embodies the ideals of a 2LT in the U.S Army.

