



# Michigan State University Spartan Battalion Newsletter

## Upcoming

### November

- 01NOV15 - Change of Command Ceremony
- 02 - 03NOV15 - Veterans Day Operations
- 18NOV15 - Prayer Breakfast
- 15NOV15 - 5DEC15 – Team Building/Vignettes/Military Communication Labs

### December

- 07-11DEC15 – Battalion Sports Week
- 14-18DEC15 – Finals week
- 19DEC15 – Commissioning Ceremony
- 01DEC15 – Air Assault Mission



## Happy Thanksgiving!

## Commander's Corner

I look forward to the opportunity of being the Battalion Commander for the next 10 weeks of this academic year. ROTC has taught me a lot throughout my 3 previous years of being in the Battalion.

I am prepared to do my best to ensure that the Cadets in the Battalion are tested physically and mentally during the labs. While I hope the Cadets also have some fun participating in unique team building exercises in order to build strong bonds within their squad, platoons, and companies that will last them a life time whether they go active duty or not.

Adam York, CDT Battalion CDR.

The beginning of November marked a new change for the Spartan Battalion as the old leadership was relieved and the new leadership took over. CDT McLeod was succeeded by CDT York as the Battalion Commander and CDT Bierwirth was replaced by CDT VanLopik as the command Sergeant Major. The Cadets of Spartan Battalion also spent Veterans Day visiting retirement homes to honor military veterans with a ceremony. On 18NOV15 LTC Garvey visited the Battalion to discuss religious awareness within the army and to inform the future 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants of the type of assets they will have in their units.



CDT York, LTC Winston and CDT McLeod during the Change of Command Ceremony

## Veterans Day



Cadets folding the colors



CDT Basset giving a speech

The Spartan Battalion celebrated Veterans Day by holding a ceremony at the Chapel on MSU's campus honoring those that have previously and are currently serving in the Military. The Cadets gave a speech during the event then conducted a ceremonious flag folding with the Air Force ROTC.

## Cadet Highlights

The marksmanship team was recognized for their win over CMU's ROTC Program.

### Competing Team Members

- CDT Aitken
- CDT Rottman
- CDT McLeod
- CDT Natrass
- CDT Rankin
- CDT Daley
- CDT Pryg

### GAFB

(German Armed Forces Badge)

Several cadets had the opportunity to compete in the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge. They participated in several events to earn either a gold, silver, or bronze badge

### Gold Winners

- CDT Aitken
- CDT Piper
- CDT Romine
- CDT Pryg
- CDT Faltriguera

### Silver Winners

- CDT Morse
- CDT Medema
- CDT Maldonado



GAFB Winners

## Prayer Breakfast

LTC Garvey is the Chaplain assigned to all ROTC programs including the Spartan Battalion. The LTC gave a speech on the importance of a balanced life including a strong religious belief no matter what it may be.



LTC Garvey speaking to the Spartan Battalion



Cadets listen intently to the Chaplain