

# Spartan Battalion Newsletter

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## **Cadet Battalion Commander Notes**

My name is Cadet Justin Roney and I am the Cadet Battalion Commander for fall semester. I will graduate this coming spring and serve as an active duty armor officer. I am very excited to continue to watch this program grow since I have been a freshman. Two main goals we are emphasizing this year are physical fitness and our training philosophy. Lieutenant Winters, from the popular "Band of Brothers" series, said in his book that physical training was one of the key factors which helped him become the leader he was during the war.

I am also excited that we are continuing the training style for labs in which the MS1's are being trained by the MS4's on Warrior Skill Level 1 tasks while the MS2's and MS3's are in the field honing in on preparing for Advanced Camp with our excellent cadre. Lastly, I am extremely proud of all of our clubs and extra-curriculars and the variety of opportunities we offer to Cadets. Our Cadets brought 32 total foreign awards into the battalion this year alone. I am extremely proud of Spartan Battalion and our progress this semester and I look forward to seeing what the rest of the year holds. Go Green!

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## Alex's Great State Race

R.O.T.C. Cadets participated in Alex's Great State Race this October, where they ran the game ball for the MSU vs. U of M game 64 miles from Ann Arbor to East Lansing in support of the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities.



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## German Armed Forces Badge Competition

16 R.O.T.C. Cadets and 2 Cadre members competed to earn the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge. The events included a pistol shoot, combat life saver test, MOPP test, 100m swim in uniform, shuttle sprints, flexed arm hang, 1000m run, and a ruck march.





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## Leadership, Ethics, and Diversity in STEM Conference

16 R.O.T.C. Cadets taught at the Leadership, Ethics, and Diversity in STEM Conference at Marygrove College. The goal of the conference is to educate 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders on ethical decision making models and introduce them to the exciting world of STEM.



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## Leadership Labs

Over the past month Cadets have spent their leadership labs conducting paintball at Lott woodlot, sharpening marksmanship skills, receiving training on tactical casualty combat care, and running through battle drills.





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## Cadets of the Month



Cadet Jack McCarthy is a crop and soil science major with future plans to be an active duty Infantry officer. He is involved in the Turf Grass Club at MSU and also competed in the Norwegian Foot March with Spartan Battalion. He is a member of Bravo Company 2/2.

Cadet Bryce Houser is a mechanical engineering major with a focus in biomedical engineering. He wishes to go active duty in the Army Corps of Engineers. He is also a member of the R.O.T.C. Endurance Club and helps manage the Cadet Fund. He is a member of Alpha Company 1/2.

Cadet Dalton Mink is an economics major who wishes to go active duty and branch Aviation. He is involved in R.O.T.C. Pathfinder's Club and is currently the squad leader for Bravo Company 2/2.

Cadet Kyle Meintsma is a forestry major and plans on working for the DNR for his civilian career while he remains with the 3-238th GSAB in the Michigan Army National Guard. He wishes to branch Aviation. He is currently Bravo Company's company commander.