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— *Cadet of the Month*

Class:
MS III

Major:
Nutrition Science

Hometown:
Freeland, MI



CDT David Jahnke

CDT Jahnke serves as Charlie Company's 1st Sergeant and is an active member of Pathfinders. He joined ROTC out of a desire to serve and to better himself; he also derives inspiration from both of his grandfathers, one served in Korea and the other in WWII. He decided to lead in order to extend his influence into something greater and positively impact the community. As a leader, he is most motivated by the collective success of those around him.

Beyond ROTC, CDT Jahnke is a member of the MSU Powerlifting Club and the Nutrition Science Club. In his spare time, he works as an EMT and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity. He hopes to be granted an education-delay to attend medical school and become an army physician.



The purpose of conducting weekly labs is to develop leadership skills, problem-solving/adaptive skills, and critical thinking while under stressful situations. MS I and II cadets receive familiarization training in land navigation, tactical lanes, and a multitude of tactical tasks; MSIII's test their knowledge in these areas by running their own iterations. This immersive training imbues cadets with the power to lead, emerging with newfound confidence and readiness to take on CST and beyond.



Over the past month, cadets have been separated by MS level to conduct attack, defense, and ambush; this allows MS Is and IIs to learn the tactics while MS IIIs can use their lab time to prepare for camp. For the raid lab, cadets remained with their companies to conduct lab, challenging the skills and knowledge of all cadets.

— Leadership Labs



Veterans Day Ceremony

Veterans Day began as Armistice Day, recognizing November 11th as the date of the armistice that ended World War I. In recognition of the numerous sacrifices that members of our military forces have made, Armistice Day evolved into Veterans Day. On Veterans Day, we as a nation get to honor and express our gratitude to those who sacrificed and continue to sacrifice every day to keep us safe.

At the MSU Army and Airforce ROTC Veterans Day Ceremony, Army ROTC Cadets narrated the ceremony, sang the national anthem, posted the colors, recited the Soldier's Creed and presented the history of Veterans Day, the MSU Army ROTC, and the MSU Marching Band. Additionally, cadets listened to Major General Bryan Teff, the Assistant Adjutant General of the Michigan Air National Guard.

Check it out!

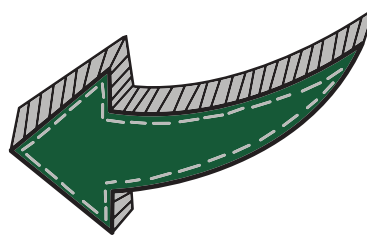
Company Merchandise

Unit apparel serves as a tangible symbol of morale and esprit de corps. Producing company specific merchandise affords cadets the opportunity to represent their company, fostering an environment that ultimately boosts morale and motivation within the entire battalion.

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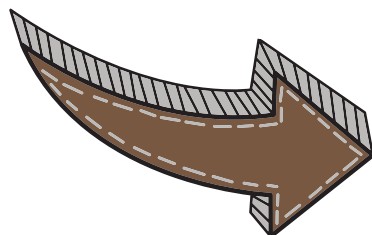


Bravo Company



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Charlie Company



Battalion merch coming soon!

Club Updates

Pathfinders:

Pathfinders are actively engaged in weekly tactical lanes, preparing for their upcoming semester mission and an 8-mile ruck to the capitol in November. October's focus included attack and ambush scenarios, with ongoing emphasis on enhancing land navigation skills.

Ranger 1:

Ranger 1 is concluding its recruiting cycle with recruits undergoing an extensive 24-hour activation mission, including a PT test, ruck march, land navigation, written exams, and STX lanes. Throughout the semester, active members focused on OPORDs, small unit tactics, breaching, and CQB.

Endurance Club:

Having completed extensive training for the Army 10-miler and Alex's Great State Race, Endurance Club is now shifting focus to speed. The emphasis is on training for the 2-mile portion of the ACFT and a forthcoming holiday 5k in early December. Additionally, the club has introduced rucks into the training plan to diversify workouts and build strength in preparation for MS3s heading to Advanced Camp next summer.

Marksmanship:

The Marksmanship club is prepping for the All Army Shooting Competition by beginning to hold team tryouts. Those selected will compete in the competition held at Fort Moore (Benning) in the spring.

Color Guard:

The Color Guard has presented the nation's colors a variety of events, such as hockey, basketball, football, and the Michigan Military and Veterans Gala.

MSU ROTC's Ranger Challenge team attended the 7th Brigade competition in Fort Knox, KY from 27OCT to 29OCT



Club Spotlight:

Ranger Challenge

Ranger Challenge is a club that tests physical limits as well as mental agility. It is the only US Army qualification tab awarded exclusively to ROTC cadets. The goal of this club is to place in the top 2 in the 7th Brigade competition to move on to the international Sandhurst competition. The competition events include patrolling, marksmanship, weapons assembly, one-rope bridge, grenade assault course, Army Physical Fitness Test, land navigation, and a ten-kilometer road march. MSU's Army ROTC's training consists of cardio training in the mornings, classroom work in the afternoons, and individual strength training.

— *In memory,*

Cadet Jack Swamba



We remain with heavy hearts from the loss of a dedicated, hardworking, and passionate Spartan Battalion cadet.

Jack was a vibrant, self-confident, and driven soul, who was rooted in his Catholic faith. During high school, he excelled in various sports including varsity football and hockey, ending his athletic career as an Assistant Captain for the Catholic Central High School hockey team that was crowned state champions in 2022.

Within the Spartan Battalion, Jack was widely known as a positive, uplifting friend that pushed himself and others to be the best they could be. He was awarded an MSU ROTC scholarship, allowing him to follow his family legacy of military service at MSU. He was highly involved within the Spartan Battalion and participated in numerous clubs, including Pathfinders and Marksmanship. For Marksmanship, he served as the club's 1SG. Jack placed 2nd overall in the cadet bracket for the All Army Shooting Competition this past spring. Outside of the program, Jack was an active player on an intramural volleyball team alongside some of his fellow cadets.

All his life, Jack had a tremendous passion and respect for the military. To honor his memory, the "Jack Swamba ROTC Memorial Scholarship" is being established to help support future MSU ROTC cadets. More information on this scholarship will be officially published at a later date.

Jack's presence is one that cannot be replicated and is one that will remain with us forever. Our thoughts and prayers remain with his family and friends.

REST EASY, JACK.