

# Spartan Battalion Newsletter

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## **Cadet Battalion Commander Notes**

Hello,

As outgoing Cadet Battalion Commander, I would like to thank you all for reading this newsletter and staying up to date with Spartan Battalion activities. We have worked hard this semester collectively as a battalion. This semester we had physical training four days per week, leadership labs every Thursday, an on-campus leadership development exercise, earned over 30 foreign awards in the German Armed Forces Badge competition and Norwegian Foot March, placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Ranger Challenge competition, held a prayer breakfast, and commissioned three new lieutenants. This still does not include our fantastic clubs such as the Color Guard, Ranger 1, and Pathfinders.

This battalion has become better every semester since I have been a freshman and it has been a pleasure to watch it grow. I fully expect next semester to be even better than this one. I have truly enjoyed working with all of the companies and I welcome Cadet Gischia, the new Battalion Commander, into command.

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## Norwegian Foot March

15 Cadets traveled to the University of Southern Indiana to compete in the Norwegian Foot March, a foreign military award, on November 3rd. The standards for the award are completing an 18.6-mile foot march with a 25-pound ruck in 4.5 hours. Every Cadet that went earned the award. The team consisting of Kevin Mulligan, Adam Cloutier, Conrad Landis, Hayden Tucker, and Conner Stevenson finished in 1st place in the team category, with a time of 3 hours and 36 minutes.





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## Veterans Day Ceremonies

**This past Veterans Day, Spartan Battalion Cadets conducted a ceremony on campus at the Alumni Chapel to honor all of our veterans, as well as off campus at several different local retirement homes. Thank you to all veterans for their service!**



## December 2018 Commissioning Ceremony

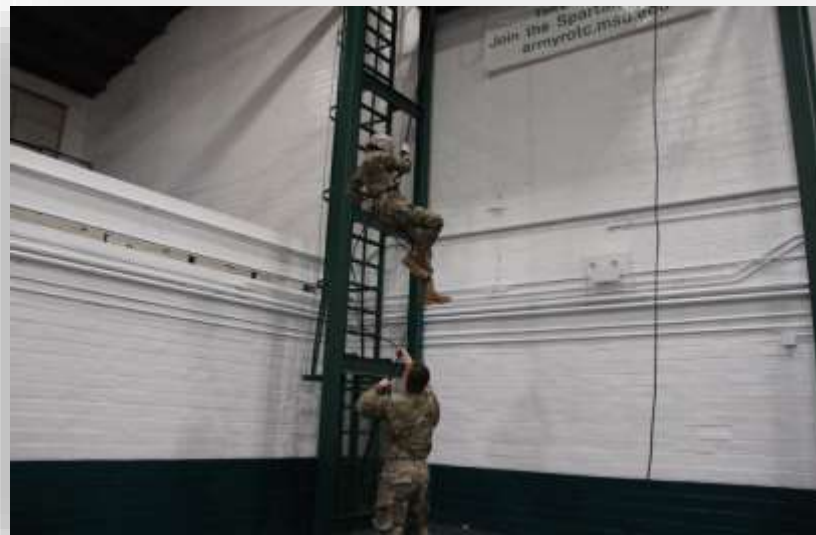
**This December, Spartan Battalion would like to congratulate our three newly commissioned second lieutenants: Maria Foley, Lucas Pryg, and Paul Rankin. Go Green!**





## Leadership Labs

Over the past month Cadets have spent their leadership labs being introduced to the basics of US Army weaponry, practicing individual soldier skills such as Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) and squad movement techniques, and participating in a simulated Air Assault operation.



## Cadets of the Month



Cadet Erich Gries is a political science major who plans on going Active Duty Infantry when he commissions. He is a member of the Ranger Challenge Club and looks forward to holding a leadership position. He is not an SMP Cadet, but is a part of the USARPAC-SU Det K. He plans on completing RASP in the future to join the 75th Ranger Regiment.



Cadet Davis Young is a fisheries and wildlife management major and plans to be an Active Duty Infantry officer when he commissions. He is looking forward to holding a leadership position in the battalion and is from Metamora, Michigan.



Cadet Lane Martin is a zoology major who is applying for education delay in order to join the Veterinary Corps for the Active Duty Army. She is the President of the Cadet Fund, Cadet Coordinator for the Military Ball, Executive Officer for Color Guard and was also the 1st Sergeant for Alpha Company fall semester.



Cadet Amanda Denney is a human biology major branching Medical Services into the Army Reserves. She plans to attend medical school at Michigan State University. She was the fall Battalion Executive Officer and has been with the 401st Medical Logistics Company since 2014. She is also a Tactical Combatives Instructor at her unit.