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# SPARTAN BATTALION NEWSLETTER

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# Fall Comissioning and Contracting Ceremony



The Spartan Battalion contracted 21 cadets during the 2024 Fall contracting ceremony.



The Spartan Battalion also had the honor to comission three of the Army's newest Second Lieutenants.



# Meet Our Newest Second Lieutenants

## 2nd LT Michelle Eau Claire

Major: Marketing  
Branch: Signal, Michigan National Guard

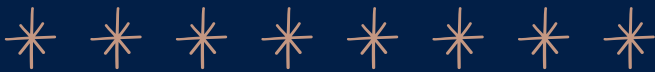
Future Plans: “After attending BOLC, I plan to grow in my career as a Signal Officer in the Army National Guard while working in the Sport and Entertainment industry on the civilian side”



## 2nd LT Kayla McClinton

Major: Biomedical Laboratory Science  
Branch: Medical Service Corps, Michigan National Guard

Future plans: “I plan to attend BOLC in 2026 but for now I’ll be drilling at the 1-125th IN in Saginaw as their 70B (Health Service Administration Officer). For my civilian job I’ll be working at Henry Ford Hospital as a Medical Laboratory Technologist”.



## 2nd LT Adriana Ruby

Major: Environmental Studies and Sustainability  
Branch: Army Reserve Chemical Corps

Future plans: “I will be working at HPC-Industrial and will be filtering water for oil refineries, pipelines, and many other areas.”



# What to Look Forward to Next Semester...

## Key Dates

February 8th, 2025

## The Main Events

### Military Ball

A formal event celebrating military traditions, camaraderie, and heritage through dinner, ceremony, and socializing.

### Spring FTX at Ft. Custer

March 23-25th, 2025

Three days of hands-on, immersive training where Cadets practice tactical skills and mission scenarios in realistic field environments to prep for Advanced Camp.

### Staff Ride to Gettysburg, PA

April 11-13th, 2025

A professional development activity where MS4 Cadets will travel to Pennsylvania to study leadership, strategy, and decision-making by analyzing the historic Civil War battle on its actual terrain.

### Spring Commissioning Ceremony

May 5th, 2025

Our formal transition of cadets into officers for their commitment to military service through the signing of official agreements.

# Pathfinder Alumni Highlight

## Captain Jake Meyer

### Service Highlights

An alumnus of MSU from 2016 to 2019, this officer has demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication throughout their military career. CPT Meyer started his career in the Ordnance (OD) branch before transitioning to Logistics (LG). He has excelled in numerous challenging roles and assignments since graduating from MSU.

### Positions Held

E FSC, 326 BEB, 1/101 ABN, Ft. Campbell

Distribution Platoon Leader - Oct 2019–Oct 2020

Maintenance Control Officer - Oct 2020–Dec 2021

6-101 GSAB, 101 CAB, Ft. Campbell

S4 Officer-in-Charge (OIC) - Dec 2021–Dec 2022

296 BSB, 1-2 SBCT, 7ID, JBLM

Deputy Support Operations Officer - Jun 2023–Sep 2024

B Co (Field Maintenance Company) Commander - Sep 2024–Present  
(forward rotated to Korea)

### Training and Preparation

With the support of the Pathfinder Club offered through our ROTC program, this officer successfully prepared for and completed both Air Assault School in 2019 and Ranger School in 2023. This achievement highlights his commitment to excellence and operational readiness.

### Leadership

CPT Meyer has held various positions throughout his service, enabling him to make a significant impact on planning and coordination as a Logistics Officer. He currently serves as a Company Commander during a forward rotation in Korea. CPT Meyer exemplifies the values of leadership and service, making meaningful contributions to his units and the Army community.

We are proud to have you as one of our Alumni!

# Alumni Highlight Continued

## Captain Jake Meyer



Sling load practice with E FSC in 2021



Dedicated Recovery Lane during PLT STX in 2024



CPT Meyer's Field Maintenance Team after PLT STX in 2024



1st place team from HHC, 6-101 at the 2022 Week of the Eagle Obstacle Course Competition (CPT Meyer - far right)



First static lift of the Tank Rack Module (TRM) in the 101st (non-standard sling load) in 2020 (CPT Meyer - second left)

# ALUMNI UPDATES

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Send your updates to [houtinge@msu.edu](mailto:houtinge@msu.edu)  
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# Semester Recap

You are cordially invited to the

# MSU ARMY ROTC

# 114TH MILITARY BALL

Saturday 8 February 2025

at 5:00 PM

(Check in begins @ 4:30 pm)

**Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center**

**Room B/C**

**219 S. Harrison Rd**

**East Lansing, MI**

RSVP by 24 January 2025 @

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/951632607747?aff=oddtcreator>



# Battalion Contact

## Information

### SFC Ybarra



SFC Antonio Ybarra is the National Guard Liaison/Recruiter and MS I Assistant Instructor for the Spartan Battalion. He has a background as an Infantryman and has served in various roles including with the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment and the Georgia Army National Guard Long Range Surveillance Unit. He has deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan and currently works with the Michigan Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion.

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### SFC Boles

SFC Kyle Boles is the National Guard Career Liaison and Recruiter for Michigan State University and the Spartan Battalion. He began his military career in 2010 as an Infantryman, serving in various leadership roles across multiple units, including the 101st Airborne Division and the National Training Center. He transitioned to Active Duty Recruiting in 2017 and currently works as the Michigan State University National Guard Liaison. Boles has two deployments to Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.




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### Mr. Sullivan



Mr. Robert H. Sullivan is the Enrollment Officer for the Spartan Battalion. He graduated from the Citadel in 2000 and went on to serve in the 3rd BDE, 3rd ID during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. Robb deployed again in support of OIF in November of 2007 with the 4th BDE, 10th MTN DIV (LI). Mr. Sullivan came to the Spartan Battalion from various contractor positions with TACOM and the TSA. In addition to his duties here at MSU, he is currently a US Army Reserve Officer assigned to the 406th CSSB located in Ann Arbor, MI.

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