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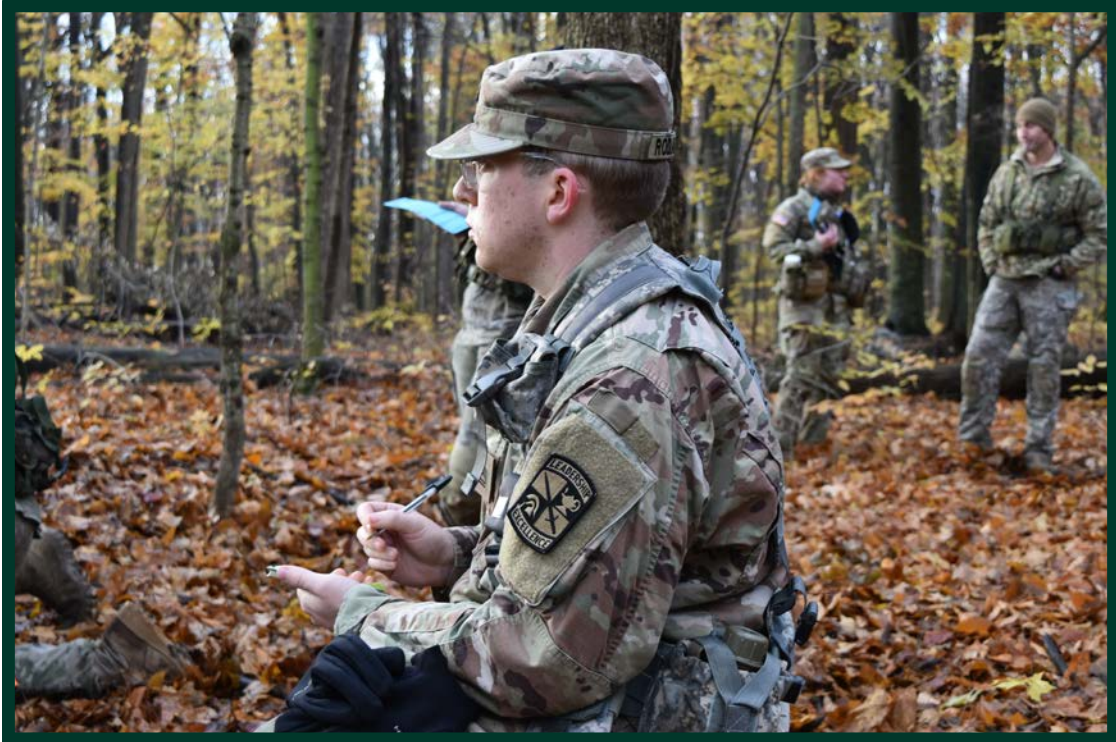
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CADET SPOTLIGHT



CDT ZACK RODAHAVER

CDT Rodahaver is a dedicated member of the Spartan Battalion, serving as the Battalion OPS SGM and the Club Commander of the Battalion IM Volleyball Team. Originally from Severn, Maryland, he majors in Social Relations and Public Policy within James Madison College. He continues to serve the Battalion by participating in extracurricular activities - IM Volleyball, Color Guard- and supports the Battalion when needs arise. CDT Rodahaver is looking forward to the rest of the Spring Semester and training for Cadet Summer Training (CST)!

LEADERSHIP LABS

LAND NAVIGATION



For the first leadership lab of the month, cadets put their land navigation skills to the test! Cadets got hands on experience with plotting points, shooting azimuths, and counting pace counts in the woods. MS I/II's practiced their skills at Woodlot while MS III's tested their knowledge at Dobie.

In the second lab of February, cadets conducted Movement to Contact (MTC) lanes. Cadets remained in their organic companies with all MS levels working together to getting hands-on practice with tactical skills.

MOVEMENT TO CONTACT



Attack



In the third week of February, cadets persevered through the snow and conducted attack lanes. MS I/II's learned the key aspects of an attack while MS III's held leadership positions.

VALKYRIES



CLUB OF THE MONTH

The February Club of the Month is Valkyries! Under the leadership of Club Commander CDT Anna Johnson, Valkyries serves as a safe space for the Spartan Battalion female cadets to meet once a month and participate in enrichment activities. This month, the Valkyries had an amazing opportunity to meet rRADMRL Adams. rRADMRL Adams discussed the history of women in military service, the importance of safety, and registering for the Military Women's Memorial.

CLUB UPDATES

PATHFINDERS:

Pathfinders started this month reviewing tactical lanes including Attack and Defense. In the later half, members were able to spend time conversing with alumni and understanding their roles as officers.

RANGER 1:

Ranger 1 cadets have spent the month of February training for the Ranger 1 FTX. Cadets engaged in tactical lanes, CFF, and breaching simulations.

ENDURANCE :

The Endurance Club has spent the month of February training for the Izzo Legacy Race in April. Endurance Club cadets are engaging in workouts including ability rucks, speed workouts, and swimming as a cool down.

MARKSMANSHIP:

For the month of February, the Marksmanship club began practicing for the All-Army Competition at Fort Moore in March. Keep an eye on the Spartan Battalion social media platforms for updates!

COLOR GUARD:

The Spartan Battalion Color Guard has continued to present the Nation's colors at Michigan State University's at BIG 10 Basketball games. You can see the Spartan Battalion Color Guard at the Men's Basketball Game on March 6, 2024.

VALKYRIES:

The Valkyries spent this month with rRADMRL Adams discussing the historical significance of women in military service.



SPARTANS VISIT



This month, the Zekelman Holocaust Center welcomed Spartan Battalion MS IIIs and IVs for an education workshop featuring a group discussion and a guided museum tour. Throughout the day, cadets were able to learn and reflect on the impact military leaders can have in preventing atrocities.

Cadets also had the opportunity to meet with Gloria Ruskin and hear her recount her father's story of survival and resilience.

THE ZEKELMAN HOLOCAUST CENTER

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Awards Ceremony
April 18, 2024 - 8 AM
Demonstration Hall Ballroom

Spring Commissioning Ceremony
April 26, 2024 - 3 PM
Demonstration Hall Ballroom

Spring 2024
Events

DEM HALL COMMEMORATIVE PLAZA PROJECT



The Dem Hall Commemorative Plaza Project continues to offer opportunities to share Spartan Stories while also serving to support the Spartan Battalion and beautify the campus near Dem Hall. We are accepting gifts in support of the plaza project and will place the bricks during the summer months. To secure your gift, please follow the link on our social media platforms, our department website, or contact Mr. Thomas Enterline (enterlin@msu.edu).



PHOTO RECAP