

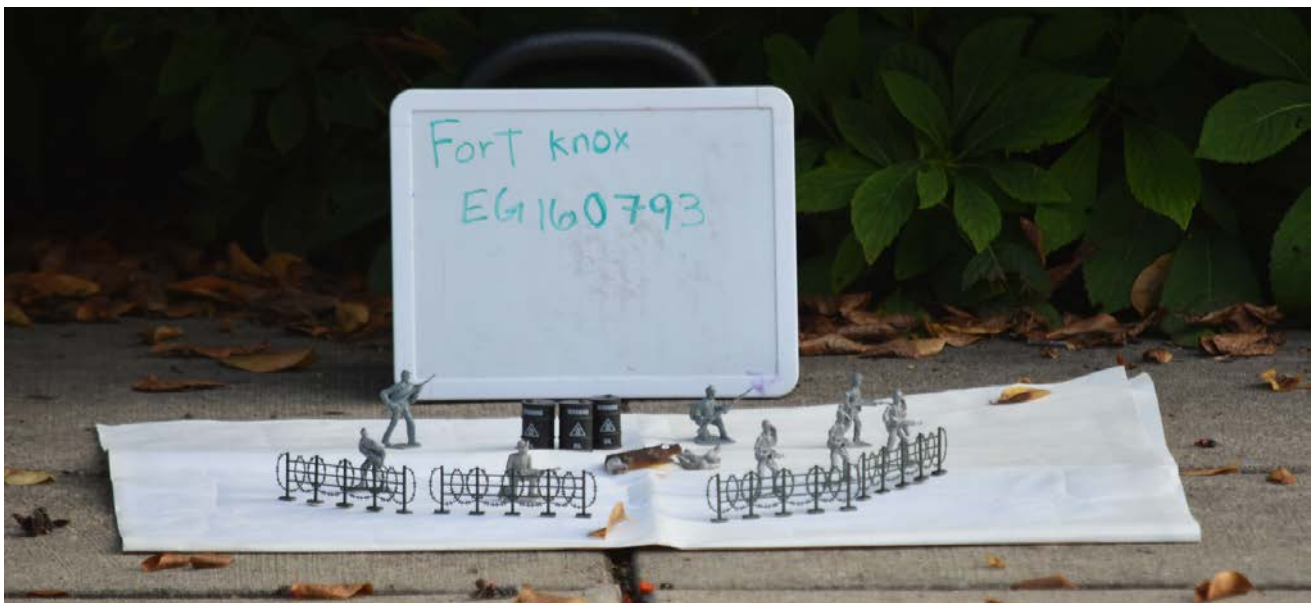


SPARTAN BATTALION NEWSLETTER OCT 23.



**OUR SEMESTER
IS IN FULL
SWING!**

**WE'RE A MONTH INTO THE
SEMESTER AND CADETS ARE
WORKING HARD AND
LEARNING MORE EACH
WEEK!**



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CADET OF THE MONTH

AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH MONTH, BATTALION LEADERSHIP
SELECTS AN EXEMPLARY CADET TO RECOGNIZE AS CADET OF THE
MONTH



CDT CHASE MONTOUR

CDT Montour is a recently contracted MS III who serves as the Platoon Sergeant for Alpha Company, 1st Platoon. He was also selected as the Commanding Officer of Ranger Challenge, allowing him to take on additional leadership as an MS III. CDT Montour is a great leader who sets a phenomenal example for his peers.

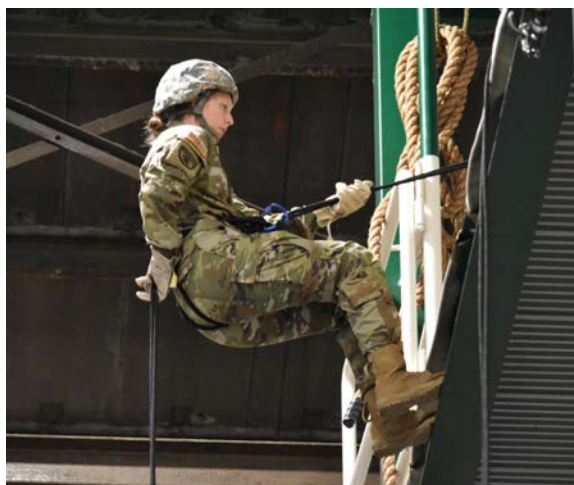
On top of excelling in ROTC, CDT Montour is also a stellar student who studies mechanical engineering and has consistently appeared on the Dean's List.

FALL FTX

ON SEPTEMBER 29TH AND 30TH, SPARTAN BATTALION CONDUCTED ITS FALL FTX ON MSU'S CAMPUS

DAY 1: COMBAT WATER SURVIVAL TRAINING (CWST)

In the IM West pool, cadets put their water survival skills to the test by participating in CWST! Cadets rotated by company and completed a series of events including the FLC drop, continuous swim, rifle swim, water tread, and a blindfolded rifle jump off the high dive! Cadets and cadre alike had a blast in the pool!



DAY 2: SPARTAN STAMPEDE

Spartan Stampede is a new addition to Spartan Battalion's Fall FTX! During Spartan Stampede, cadets participated in a timed competition consisting of five tactical tasks, including TCCC, Call for Fire, camouflage application, SALUTE reports, and radio PMCS and etiquette. Each tactical task was paired with a physical task to challenge cadets' knowledge and physical fitness!

Companies not in the thick of Spartan Stampede were being familiarized with rappelling or participating in football and paintball to build esprit de corps.

FALL AWARDS

AT THE CONCLUSION OF FALL FTX, SPARTAN BATTALION CONDUCTED ITS FALL AWARDS CEREMONY, RECOGNIZING CADET ACHIEVEMENTS FROM THE SPRING AND SUMMER

Awards ceremonies are critical in acknowledging and celebrating the achievements of our cadets. Not only does this improve morale, but it continues to motivate cadets to strive for excellence.



In our Fall Awards Ceremony, we recognized what some of our cadets have achieved during the spring semester and summer break. Some of these awards included Dean's List, exemplary ACFT scores, Advanced and Basic Camp Graduation, and summer trainings!

Congratulations to all of our Fall award recipients!



Special shoutout to Alpha 1/2 for coming in first place for Spartan Stampede!

ALUMNI NEWS

CHECKING IN ON WHAT SOME OF OUR ALUMNI HAVE BEEN UP TO SINCE THEIR TIME WITH MSU ROTC



RANGER GRADS

2LT Ferguson ('22), 2LT McRoberts ('22), and 2LT Nygaard ('22) recently earned their Ranger Tabs! Ranger school is a 62-day United States Army small unit tactics and leadership course. The United States Army's Ranger school is one of the most challenging military schools in the world. To earn the coveted Ranger tab, soldiers complete 2 grueling months of intense mental and physical training designed to push every soldier to their limit.

LTC SEAN VERGOWVEN

LTC Vergowven ('06) recently took command of the 850th Military Police Battalion of the Arizona Army National Guard.



1LT Caitlin Hebert at the Army Ten Miler with her brother, CDT Nathan Hebert

1LT CAITLIN HEBERT

1LT Herbert commissioned in 2021. Since then, she has completed ABOLC, two tank gunneries, platoon STX lanes and live fires. She has been a tank platoon leader for one year and is about to do a third tank gunnery, loving every minute of it.

CLUB UPDATES

CHECKING IN TO SEE WHAT OUR CLUBS HAVE BEEN UP TO IN THIS FIRST MONTH

PATHFINDERS:

Pathfinders have officially begun their rigorous recruiting cycle for the fall semester. Active Pathfinders have been keeping their skills sharp, conducting land nav, OPORD practical exercises, and tactical lanes. Pathfinders shine above their peers with their endurance, will, and grit.

RANGER ONE:

Ranger One cadets have gotten a chance to participate in an FBI training exercise with Ranger 1 alumni and a 9/11 memorial stair workout with Mr. Enterline and Team RWB. They have recently connected with alumni BG Hiipakka and CPT Simmon of the MIARNG. Recruiting is currently underway for Ranger One's 02-23 class.

RANGER CHALLENGE:

Ranger Challenge held tryouts for their eleven-man team on September 15. They look forward to 7th Brigade's Bold Warrior Competition on October 27-29 where they will compete for their spot at Sandhurst.

MARKSMANSHIP:

The Marksmanship Club has just finished its recruiting process and safety training. They train weekly to improve their marksmanship capabilities and are constantly preparing to compete at the All Army Competition at Fort Moore in the spring.

COLOR GUARD:

Color Guard has officially begun for the Fall semester! So far, they've completed 2 football game details and led the Homecoming parade with a detail. They look forward to conducting details for several upcoming sports events such as the hockey and basketball games.

VALKYRIES:

This month, the Valkyries (formerly Female Empowerment) held their first meeting of the semester. September's meeting focused on the importance of how you carry yourself as a woman in the military, as well as the portrayal and perception of women that serve.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

THIS MONTH, WE'RE HIGHLIGHTING ENDURANCE CLUB! ON OCTOBER 8TH, THE ARMY TEN MILER TEAM AND CPT KATZ COMPLETED THE ARMY 10 MILER IN WASHINGTON DC

1. What is Endurance Club all about?

Endurance Club focuses on running and building camaraderie between cadets through weekly workouts designed to help build cardiorespiratory endurance. Throughout the year, Endurance Club participates in a multitude of races of varying distances.

2. What is the Army 10 Miler?

The Army 10 Miler is a race held annually in Washington DC that attracts over 35,000 runners and 900 teams from across the world. All proceeds benefit the Family Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) program. In its 39 years, ATM has generated over \$8 million to benefit Army MWR programs.

3. What was the team up to in DC?

During their weekend in DC, the team attended the ATM Expo and the National Museum of the United States Army at Fort Belvoir. At the museum, they had the unique opportunity to delve deeper into the Army's history through a variety of exhibits. The team was up bright and early the next morning to race through DC with thousands of other participants!





PHOTO RECAP

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