

University of Michigan Wolverine Battalion

The Wolverine Tribune

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Fall 2025 Edition



Cadets Parlagreco, Roberts, and Roshu at the beginning of 1st Regiment Advanced Camp

Summer Training Programs

Before we get into the many exciting events the Wolverine Battalion got up to over the Fall 2025 semester, let's first take a look at the various programs we participated in over the summer. During the summer break, our Wolverine cadets were busy participating in various ROTC programs across the country, learning skills that will be beneficial to bring back to our program and onward to their future careers as officers. The most important of these is all our seniors who are returning from the Advanced Camp. We welcome all cadets back for the Fall semester, and dedicate the first part of this newsletter to recognizing the great things our cadets have been up to over the summer.



Cadets from the Advanced Camp 7th Regiment, 4th Platoon; including our own Cadet Obi (front)

Taking place at Fort Knox, Kentucky, over 36 days, Army ROTC Advanced Camp is designed to develop the critical thinking and problem-solving skills of cadets between their MS III and MS IV years through squad and platoon-level exercises. On top of that, cadets were tested and graded on their performance in the new AFT, land navigation, marksmanship, confidence courses, and throughout their period of field training. Through their years of training and hard work, our seniors have acquired the skills that will enable them to succeed in their future careers as leaders in the Army.

RECONDO Badge

Based on a concept that was designed in 1958 for the 101st Airborne Division, the RECONDO badge is awarded to cadets who excel and exceed the standard for all of the tasks given to them during their time at CST. This involves superior performance in the AFT, confidence course, land navigation, marksmanship, first aid, CBRN, and the 12-mile foot march. We are proud to announce that our own Cadet Battalion Commander, Sam Roberts, has earned this prestigious badge!



Cadet Roberts at Advanced Camp



U.S. Army Wargame Design Course



Cadet Kennedy and Major Goldstein at the U.S. Army Wargame Design Course.

After last January's first of its kind joint-service wargame hosted by Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTC at the University of Michigan, MAJ Louis Goldstein and Cadet Daniel Kennedy completed the U.S. Army Wargame Design Course, becoming the first ROTC representatives to do so. This achievement is a significant step forward for our program, showcasing our dedication to training future military leaders in critical thinking and innovation through cooperation with other branches in multi-domain wargaming. We look forward to continuing to set the standard for ROTC programs and seeing how what was learned at this opportunity helps contribute towards our upcoming wargame this year.



Air Assault School

Over the summer, three members of our program graduated from air assault school: Cadet David Roshu, Cadet Claire Reimer, and our newly commissioned 2Lt Brendan Heinonen. Congratulations to these three for preparing themselves, completing this difficult training, and earning their wings through “The Army’s ten toughest days.”



Cadet David Roshu



Cadet Claire Reimer



2Lt Brendan Heinonen



Robin Sage

Robin Sage is the culminating event of the U.S. Army Special Forces Qualification Course, during which cadets are sent to serve as OPFOR in support of training these elite candidates. This year, we sent three cadets: Cadet Marisa Lucero, Cadet Cecilia Jacuzzo, and Cadet Guinness Glivar. Throughout the experience, our cadets played the role of guerrilla fighters, learning fieldcraft and survival skills. They participated in a rare training opportunity and gained a small glimpse into the world of Special Forces.

Cadet Lucero (top) and Cadet Jacuzzo (bottom) at Robin Sage

Internships

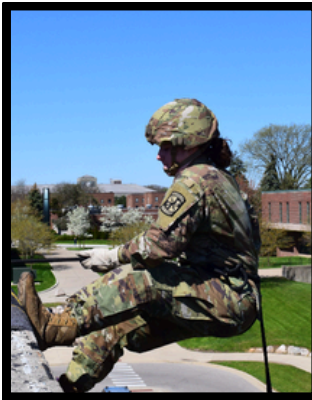
Over the summer, many of our cadets participated in internships related to their desired future branch or pursued other opportunities to better prepare themselves for their careers.



Cadet Jacuzzo:
Completed an internship with the Army
Medical Department



Cadet Roberts:
Participated in the First Army Cadet Summer
Internship (1ACSI) at Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois



Cadet Aylor:
Completed an internship with the Judge
Advocate General's Corps



Cadet Bertsch:
Completed an internship with the Judge
Advocate General's Corps at Fort Irwin, CA



Operation Sluss Tiller/Operation Grey Knight

This summer, Cadet Roshu participated in Operation Sluss Tiller and Operation Grey Knight. He was allowed to participate in the culminating exercise of the US Army Civil Affairs program, where he and other cadets helped train and learn from future members of this interesting and important branch of the army.

Semester Events



Big House Stair Climb

Continuing our tradition from past years, once again in memorial for the September 11th terrorist attacks, our cadets joined with the Navy and Air Force ROTC programs at the University of Michigan to either ruck or run the 2,071 steps of the Big House in honor of the first responders who climbed the same number of steps in the World Trade Center towers. This event is our way of honoring the service members, first responders, and civilians who lost their lives that day, as well as our commitment to preserving their legacy. For all our cadets, it is an opportunity to reflect on why they chose to serve and a reminder of our commitment to helping protect our nation.

9/11 Diag Flag Pole Vigil

On top of the memorial stair climb in the morning, cadets from each branch volunteered to take shifts standing united in vigil in front of the Diag flagpole. The constant presence at this central location on campus serves as a poignant reminder to all students of the tragedy that surrounds Sep, as well as the dedication to protecting our nation of the service members of the past, present, and future.



ROA & ROTC Working Together Program (WTP)



Wolverine Battalion Cadets at the September seminar meeting

The ROA and ROTC Working Together Program is a unique opportunity within our program that allows cadets the chance to interact with senior military officers in both seminars and individual discussions. The program was devised in April 2024, following informal discussions between the PMS at the time, MAJ Goldstein, and LTC (RET) Louis Wilson, during which the idea of bringing together students and experienced military officers was discussed. After organizing the cadets and officers who showed interest in this opportunity, which was greatly facilitated by MG Joe Marsiglia and BG (RET) Mark Montjar, the first event took place in January 2025.

Through this program, cadets can expand on the technical skills provided by the ROTC program with mentorship from experienced leaders on how to lead effectively, as well as the practical application of their abilities in real-world settings. Through the WTP, cadets were able to improve their leadership skills and have the opportunity to establish connections with officers to assist their careers. The officers involved also enjoyed having the chance to meet the next generation of army leaders, and through sharing their experiences, they helped develop these cadets. Continuing the success of the first program, this semester will continue the WTP from September through November of 2025, and any interested officers of all service branches can reach out to LTC Wilson at louis-wilson@sbcglobal.net

Fall Field Training Exercise

During the weekend of September 5-7, our cadets participated in the Fall Field Training Exercise (FTX) at Fort Custer. Over this weekend, cadets spent their time learning about weapons systems, completing Confidence and Leadership Reaction courses, utilizing the Engagement Skills Trainer, and conducting day and night land navigation exercises. FTX presents an opportunity for cadets to learn from their elder peers to prepare for what they will see at CST and at various other schools within the Army. These experiences allow our cadets to see and participate in events that they wouldn't be able to do in class or lab.

Top: Cadets learning weapon maintenance
Bottom Left: Cadet navigating the confidence course
Bottom Right: Battalion photo op after completing FTX



Meet the Leadership

Every semester, Cadets are assigned to new leadership positions. Their positions provide an opportunity to develop their leadership skills among their fellow cadets, preparing them for their upcoming commission. In addition, our program welcomes two new members to our cadre: Captain Michael Hanson, a new primary instructor, and Major James Maskovyak, the new Professor of Military Science. We are all very excited to see what our new leadership brings to our program and how we can continue our legacy of excellence.

Fall 2025 Cadet Leadership:

Battalion Commander:

Sam Roberts

Command Sergeant Major:

Daniel Kennedy

Executive Officer:

Robert Muñoz

S3:

Paul Przeslawski

Meet our Cadre



SFC Kyle Barth

Branch: Infantry

Position: Senior Military Science Instructor/MSI Instructor



CPT Michael Hanson

Branch: Field Artillery

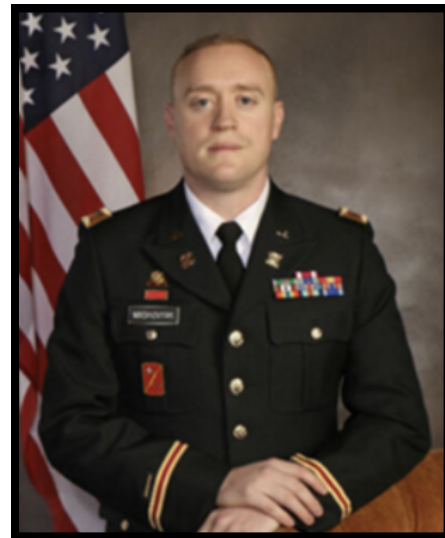
Position: Assistant Professor of Military Science/MSII Instructor



MAJ Louis Goldstein

Branch: Engineer

Position: Assistant Professor of Military Science/MSIII Instructor



MAJ James Maskovyak

Branch: Logistics

Position: Professor of Military Science (PMS)/MSIV Instructor

Meet our Cadre



Mr. Elvin Trusty, III

Position: Recruiting Operations Officer



Mr. Richard DeToy

Position: Human Resources Assistant



Mrs. Sharese Crenshaw-Trusty

Position: Logistics Technician



Ms. Cynthia Ellis

Position: Administrative Assistant

Football Color Guard



Due to the October government shutdown, which caused the other ROTC programs at the University of Michigan to cease extracurricular activities, the Wolverine Battalion took over the responsibility of conducting the color guard for the home football games. What is usually a tri-service event, the Wisconsin, Washington, and Purdue games had a color guard detail consisting entirely of Army ROTC cadets. This opportunity allowed more of our cadets to be a part of an important and fun event, as well as showing our program's dedication to service.

Alex's Great State Race

Every year, our battalion joins the MSU Army ROTC, as well as the Navy, Marine, and Air Force ROTC programs at UM, to participate in Alex's Great State Race. This event is a 65-mile relay race where cadets run in five-mile shifts overnight to deliver the game ball to the school hosting the annual rivalry football game. The event itself is in memory of Alex Powell, an MSU student who received cancer treatment from UM, with a goal of raising money and awareness for disability services for both schools involved. This year had an amazing turnout, with over 40 cadets and midshipmen joining the trek to East Lansing.



Stop Soldier Suicide Ruck



Cadets preparing before the ruck

On November 15th, the battalion conducted a 15 km ruck in support of the Stop Soldier Suicide foundation. The University of Michigan Campus Ruck raised \$1,331, exceeding the original goal by \$331, to support an important cause that helps provide life-saving care, raise awareness, connect communities, and support at-risk veterans and service members. We are proud to have been a part of the mission to end the suicide crisis within the military community.

Veterans Day Flag Raising

On November 11th, in honor of Veterans Day, the battalion proudly conducted a flag-raising ceremony on the Diag to honor the men and women who served our country. This ceremony stands as a reminder of the freedoms we enjoy because of their dedication and the responsibility we carry as future leaders to uphold those values. This ceremony reflected our commitment to honoring, remembering, and showing gratitude to veterans for their service.



Dining In



MSIV Cadets with their Branch Assignments

After a busy semester, the annual dining in ceremony took place on December 5. As is tradition, the focus of dining in is on the seniors,, where we celebrate their accomplishments, and reveal the branch assignments of each senior, as shown to the right.

MSIV Branches (Left to Right)

CDT Muñoz-Army Reserve Military Intelligence
CDT Kennedy-Army Reserve Engineer
CDT Parlagreco-Active Duty Signal
CDT Roshu-Active Duty Engineer, branch detail
Military Intelligence
CDT Roberts-Active Duty Field Artillery
CDT Bertsch-Army Reserve Finance
CDT Obi-Michigan National Guard Signal
CDT Przeslawski-Active Duty Field Artillery

Our cadets spent the summer preparing for the semester ahead and stayed busy executing the many events in which we participated. We look forward to the Winter semester events, including Winter FTX, the Expert Wolverine Badge Competition, and the delayed Bold Warrior Challenge, scheduled to take place on Feb. 20.

Until then, here's to an exciting Winter semester and a bright future for the Wolverine Battalion! It's great to be a Michigan Wolverine!