

University of Michigan Wolverine Battalion

# The Wolverine Tribune

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**Army Cadet and Midshipman during the war game**

## Tri-Service Wargame

Starting the semester strong with an event over a year in the making, this year's tri-service wargame saw a few major upgrades. While already working together across Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTC programs, this year, the JAWS (Joint Access Wargame Staff), composed of cadets and midshipmen from each branch, brought on computer science students and transitioned the format to digital. This new University of Michigan wargame website completely changed the way the game is played, and includes a real-time updating map, implemented damage/hit calculation, a leadership chat, and many more features that helped the wargame run even more smoothly. The fictional scenario saw the People's Republic of China attempting to take control of the Philippines after seizing Taiwan, and the cadets and midshipmen were split into teams and tasked with either successfully invading the archipelago or defending it in a multi-domain conflict.

## Second Semester Labs



**CDT Dominguez teaching TCCC**

### Tactical Combat Casualty Care

With the advanced camp just around the corner for the MSIII class, the winter semester ramps up the intensity of Thursday labs to ensure they are as prepared as possible. To begin, Cadet Dominguez drew on his experience as an Army civil affairs medic to provide the rest of our program with better training in Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC). On top of that, CDT Dominguez built a website that allows cadets to go through different scenarios related to TCCC to practice the subject; which can be found at ([wolverinemed.netlify.app](http://wolverinemed.netlify.app)). Thanks to CDT Dominguez for helping ensure our cadets are prepared for camp and their future Army careers.

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### STX Lanes

Situational Training Exercises are one of the most important events at Cadet Summer Training, so once the weather warms up enough, we dedicate each lab to a different battle drill and rotate the MSIIIs through the various leadership positions of the attacking platoon. This year, we are also bringing MSIII cadets from Eastern Michigan to these training sessions to build connections before they join our program next year. Whether they are tasked with a platoon raid, an attack, or any other battle drill, practicing STX lanes allows cadets to develop their leadership and planning skills under pressure and receive mentorship from cadre.

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**Cadets from EMU and UM during a STX lane**

## Basketball and Air Assault Tryouts



**University of Michigan Women's Team  
at the Tournament**

### Notre Dame Basketball Tournament

From February 7-8th, cadets from all ROTC branches formed teams to represent the University of Michigan in the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Flyin' Irish Invitational basketball tournament at Notre Dame. This has historically been the largest cadet-run sporting event in the country, with over 500 cadets and midshipmen participating annually. This year, our women's team placed 2nd at the tournament with an undefeated 3-0 record. Congrats to the team, and we look forward to them bringing home the first-place trophy next year!

### Air Assault/Airborne Tryouts

As noted in the last issue of the Wolverine Tribune, every summer our program is given slots to send cadets to air assault school. This year is no different, but in addition to being given slots for air assault school, our program was also allocated a slot to send a cadet to airborne school this summer. Therefore, our program decided to hold tryouts that spanned multiple days and included a six-mile ruck, a four-mile run, a rope climb, a knots test, and physically exhausting air assault PT led by SFC Shaul. While every cadet in the program participated in the run and ruck, the experience gave cadets trying out for the slots a chance to push themselves, compete, and become better prepared if selected to attend these schools.



**Cadets after the six mile ruck**

**Congrats to cadets Gullo and Aylor (air assault), and McCarthy (airborne) for being selected for the slots!**

# Ranger Challenge



**Ranger Challenge Team after the Competition**

## Bold Warrior Challenge

The Bold Warrior Challenge is an annual military skills competition in which cadets compete in a variety of events against 38 other schools in the 7th Brigade over the course of a weekend. After the Bold Warrior Challenge was postponed this fall, Cadets attended the event from February 20th to 22nd at Fort Knox, Kentucky. The Ranger Challenge team competes in various physically and mentally demanding tasks over the weekend, putting their hard work and training from the fall semester to the test. The BWC not only serves as an opportunity for cadets to showcase their efforts but also to strengthen their leadership and team-building skills.



- Bold Warrior Challenge Team:**
- David Roshu (Captain, MSIV)
  - Claire Reimer (Co-captain, MSIII)
  - Leopold Hoang (MSIII)
  - Juan Moreno (MSII)
  - Fletcher Todd (MSII)
  - Olivia Wenk (MSII)
  - Robert Anderson (MSI)
  - Carter Berg (MSI)
  - Cassie Beste (MSI)
  - Sam Braun (MSI)
  - Ajay Varghese (MSI)

## Combat Water Survival Test and EMU Superlab



### Combat Water Survival Test

In mid-March, cadets conducted the annual Combat Water Survival Test (CWST) to assess their proficiency in both basic and combat-oriented water survival skills. This 3-day event consisted of a train-up day familiarizing cadets with testing procedures and comfort in the water, and testing days with events such as a 5-minute tread, a 15-meter equipment swim, a 3-meter drop and exit, and equipment removal. This training allowed cadets to test their abilities and get out of their comfort zones.

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### EMU Superlab

To further prepare the MS3 cadets for CST and strengthen collaboration between our program and Eastern Michigan University, cadets from both programs conducted a full-day STX lanes lab outdoors in Chelsea this semester. Working in an unfamiliar environment with another program provided cadets with an opportunity to be challenged in new ways, particularly in adaptability and teamwork. This training presented cadets with the added challenge of the unfamiliar, offering a different experience from our weekly labs in the arb.



## Norwegian Foot March



**Cadets after the completion of Norwegian**

### Norwegian Foot March

The Norwegian Foot March is an enduring military tradition in which participants are tasked with rucking 18.6 miles (30 km) while carrying an 11kg pack. Successful completion of the event within the given time standard awards a Norwegian Armed Forces skill badge, which is worn on the service uniform. This semester, 14 cadets decided to take on the challenge and traveled to Bowling Green State University, where every cadet who attended earned their badge. On top of that, our program brought both the number-one overall finisher (CDT Carle) and the tie-for-number-one finishers for women (CDT Wenk and CDT Aylor).



## Normandy and Opening of Observatory Hall



**CDT Parlagreco briefing at Utah Beach**

### Normandy Staff Ride

Over the spring break, the MSIV class traveled to Normandy, France, as part of the staff ride. This experience included the cadets visiting various historical sites and preparing briefs on the operations during Operation Overlord in 1944. Seeing these locations offers a broader perspective on historical conflict, and looking back at the actions of past military leaders gives cadets a chance to further develop their briefing skills before graduating and joining their respective units.



**Ribbon Cutting at Observatory Hall**

### Observatory Hall Opening Ceremony

The ROTC programs for each branch used to be based out of the chemistry building, but this year the university moved us to our own building, the newly refurbished Observatory Hall. This building offers dedicated floors for each branch, as well as meeting rooms, classrooms, lounges, and even a two-story gym for cadets and cadre. Although the building has been in use for the entire academic year, the official grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony took place on March 10th.

### 12 Mile Ruck March

Hitting the ground running, the first event of the second half of the semester after spring break was the annual 12-mile ruck march. Since this is now a graded event at advanced camp, practicing is essential for the MSIII cadets and provides new cadets with experience with long rucks. Congratulations to Cadet Roshu (MSIV-2:11:30), Aylor (MSIII-2:28:10), Lopez (MSII-2:30:11), and Craft (MSI-2:30:35) for coming in first place for their respective classes!



**Cadets stepping off for the ruck**

# JFTX



**Cadets during the STX lanes portion of JFTX**

## JFTX

Every year, as a final event of the semester, our battalion joins the Eastern Michigan University and Notre Dame programs to conduct Joint Field Training Exercises at Fort Custer. This four-day event is designed to model what the MSIII class will see at Advanced Camp over the summer and to serve as the final training they will need before going to camp. This includes refreshers on all the warrior skills they've been training for the entire semester up to this point, as well as hands-on experience with skills that they can't train on campus, such as M4 qualification, and obstacle courses.

While built around to help prepare the MSIII class for Advanced Camp, JFTX also allows the MSI and MSII classes to get what is potentially their first experience in many of these warrior tasks and skills, as well as giving them the opportunity to make connections with other cadets at Notre Dame and EMU.



**Above: MSIII cadets at the M4 qualification**

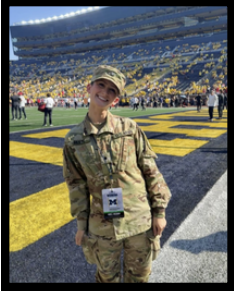
**Below: Change of command ceremony for new cadet leadership at the end of JFTX**



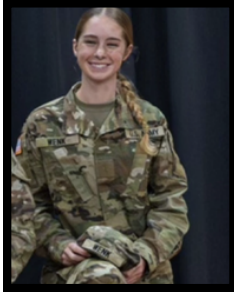
## Anschuetz Hogel Scholarship Award

### Hogel Scholarship Winners:

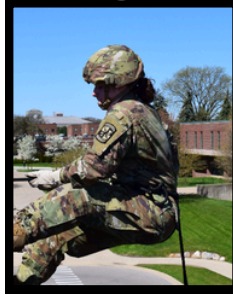
**CDT Cassandra Beste**



**CDT Olivia Wenk**



**CDT Reagan Aylor**



**CDT Liam McCarthy**



**CDT Fletcher Todd**



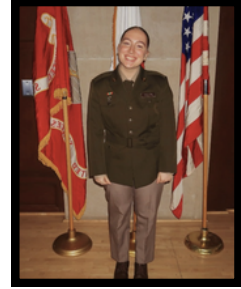
**CDT Nathaniel Cumming**



The James C. and Ruth V. Hogel Scholarship is awarded to Wolverine Battalion students based on high academic and fitness achievements. The First Lieutenant Norman C. Anschuetz Award is given to three cadets who display high qualities of leadership, professionalism, and intellectual and physical capacities. Congatulations to all of our winners!

### Anschuetz Award Winners:

**CDT Cecelia Jacuzzo**



**CDT Patrick Kraft**



**CDT Caroline Lafferty**



## SFC Barth Retirement

SFC Barth began service in August of 2006 as an 11B (infantryman). Throughout his career, SFC Barth has had four combat deployments: three with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division and one with the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division. During these deployments, he served as a machine gunner in Iraq and as a fire team leader, weapons squad leader, and platoon sergeant in Afghanistan, where he was twice awarded the Bronze Star. He has also served as a Drill Instructor at Fort Moore, GA, from 2017-2019, and as a Combat Military Advisor at Fort Liberty, NC, from 2021-2024. After a distinguished career of 20 years with the army, he has decided to retire from service and begin a new chapter in his life. From everyone at the wolverine battalion, we thank him for all his help and service to the Army and our program, and wish him the best in all his future endeavors!



## MS4 Commissioning



Above: 2LT Roshu and Professor of Military Science, MAJ Maskovyak  
 Left: Class of 2026 Group Photo

### Commissioning

For our final event of the semester, on May 1<sup>st</sup>, the commissioning ceremony took place, with the MSIV cadets officially taking their oaths and pinning on their ranks as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants. They have spent four years preparing for this moment, and now they're ready to bring what they have learned to their various units in the Army. This is a big day for our new Wolverine Battalion alumni, so congratulations to all of them, and forever go blue!

### Branch Assignments:

- 2LT Roberts: Active Duty Field Artillery
- 2LT Muñoz: Army Reserve Military Intelligence
- 2LT Bertsch: Army Reserve Finance
- 2LT Parlagreco: Active Duty Signal
- 2LT Obi: Michigan National Guard Signal
- 2LT Przeslawski: Active Duty Field Artillery
- 2LT Roshu: Active Duty Engineer, Branch Detail Infantry

That wraps up the 2025-2026 school year for the Wolverine Battalion! We wish good luck to our newly commissioned officers and to our MSIII class, who will be attending CST over the summer. We also give a big thank you to our departing cadre member SFC Barth, who is retiring after 20 years of service!

Until then, here's to a productive summer and a bright future for the Wolverine Battalion! It's great to be a Michigan Wolverine!