Royal Warrior Battalion
Roll Call—June 2011

Royal Warrior Battalion Commissions 28 New Officers Into the Force

During commission ceremonies held on the 21st and 28th of May the Royal Warrior Battalion commissioned a total of 28 new Second Lieutenants into the Active Army, U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard.

On Saturday, 21 May a total of eleven Cadets took the oath of office and entered the Force at a ceremony on the campus of Kings College. Over 180 friends and family members attended the event as University of Scranton graduate and Royal Warrior Battalion alumni, Colonel (retired) Robert Guglielmi spoke to the commissionees and audience. He shared his thoughts and experiences as a career Military Officer and a father of two sons currently serving in the U.S. Army.

Also, present at the commissioning was King’s College President Father Thomas O’Hara who delivered the invocation. This marked Father O’Hara’s last commissioning ceremony as he retires from his post later this summer.

On Saturday, 28 May over 300 friends, family, staff and faculty filed into Houlihan-McClean Hall on the University of Scranton campus to witness seventeen young men and women commission.

University of Scranton graduate and U.S. Air Force Brigadier General Christopher Burne served as the program’s guest speaker. Brigadier General Burne shared with the new officers the importance of always being prepared and encouraged them to continue to expand their knowledge through the military’s professional education system.

Also taking part in the ceremony was Colonel George Schwartz, commander of the 55th Heavy Brigade Combat Team of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. Colonel Schwartz administered the State Oath of Office to those new Second Lieutenants who will serve in the Army National Guard.

Since the creation of the Military Science Department at the University of Scranton in 1951, 1,098 officers have earned their commissions from the Royal Warrior Battalion and gone forward to serve the Nation.

Quotable
“Developing adaptive Leaders is the number one imperative for the continuing health of our profession.”

- General Martin Dempsey
Army Chief of Staff
When the University of Scranton cadets recite their creed, they call to mind three very important ideas; they are the past, the present and the future of the United States Army. These ideas were acted out Thursday by the University of Scranton’s Reserves Officers Training Corp, the Royal Warrior Battalion.

The cadets took part in the Change of Command Ceremony, held in the Byron Center. Current senior cadet leader Michael Faherty passed on his duties to current junior Jenna Caserta. The ceremony, one rich of Army tradition, showcased the “passing of the torch” between Faherty and Caserta.

All of the cadets, freshmen through seniors, or MS1s through MS4s, respectively, stood at attention facing Lieutenant Colonel Remley, professor of military science; their current leader Faherty and soon to be new cadet leader. After a brief history of the ROTC and highlighting the achievements of the battalion, the ceremony truly began.

Remley, Caserta and Faherty walked together to the battalion’s flag, a symbol of the battalion’s unity. Throughout history, the unit’s flag has been carried into battle to distinguish the unit. The colors are the commander’s symbol of power within the battalion. The flag is then passed around from old cadet leader, to professor, to new cadet leader.

Each pass holds symbolism not only for the cadet leaders, but the battalion as a whole. The pass from professor to new cadet leader signifies the trust the cadre or instructors have in the new cadet. The pass from the new cadet to the non-commissioned officer shows the confidence and trust the new cadet leader has in the battalion.

With each pass, words are exchanged between the person giving and the person receiving the flag. This symbol of Army tradition showed that, although there is a change, the old cadet leader and senior cadets won’t soon be forgotten. Furthermore, it signifies what is to come for the battalion.

Echoing these sentiments, LTC Remley addressed the crowd and said he is “sad to see the seniors go.” He added that all of the graduates from the University of Scranton’s ROTC program will be commissioned into the Army, including positions in active duty and with the National Guard.

He also expressed excitement for the soon-to-be seniors, the class of 2012. The current seniors, in many ways, changed the program, LTC Remley said. The seniors were given the task of being more hands on within the battalion, something not done in past years. The jobs usually given to the cadre, such as mentoring or developing exercises, were handed off to the seniors. LTC Remley said he would like to build on the work of the current seniors and “make the battalion even better.”

This ceremony is a prime example of the Army’s adherence to the tradition of the past, but also its ability to embrace not only the present, but whatever comes next.
Army Strong: “Symbol of Strength” Campaign Kick-Off

“Symbol of Strength” is the latest extension of the “Army Strong” campaign which highlights the life-changing decisions that the majority of young adults are focused on as they begin to plan for their futures – getting a strong education, having access to a variety of options and opportunities that will set them apart, and gaining important leadership skills to make a difference in their lives and the lives of others.

This campaign focuses on inspiring young adults to see for themselves how putting on the Army uniform will strengthen their own life.

The uniform is proof of the places it can take you, the experiences you will have while wearing it, and the incomparable strength you gain as a Soldier.

The campaign focuses on the important outward-facing symbol of the U.S. Army – the uniform – to show “it’s more than a uniform.” The uniform symbolizes the variety of experiences and opportunities each Soldier gains by putting on the Army uniform day after day.

The campaign shows that the U.S. Army opens doors and allows access to education, the ability to lead something important to you and opportunities other people just don’t get. The campaign will also help stress a range of surprising, unique and unexpected opportunities that can be gained through service as a Soldier.

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