Welcome back Royal Warriors! This semester is going to fly, just as fast as last semester. We know you are ready to handle it. There are so many events coming up that the Cadre and MSIVs have planned in order to challenge you and make you better leaders. We know that all this hard work is going to pay off when the MSIIIs head to Warrior Forge this summer and stand out among their peers. We have a number of Cadets attending schools this summer in addition to LDAC. We want every single one of you to feel as prepared and confident as possible so that you can go be successful. But first, we need to get all of you through the training and events coming up this semester.

To kick off the semester, we have the Brigade Deputy Commanding Officer visiting on February 16th. While here, he will listen to briefings on the battalion, as well as a summary of the training received by each Military Science class. Also in February, we have two other major events: CWST on the 18th and the highly anticipated Military Ball on the 25th. The Military Ball is a great way to celebrate all our battalion has accomplished. This event also serves as a way to bring together the three campuses.

On March 31st, the Battalion will depart for Fort Dix, New Jersey, to begin our Spring FTX. This event will be very different from Fall FTX, but it will still require the same amount of hard work and motivation. In April, the MSIIIs will be challenged more than ever with JFTX, a patrolling lanes exercise and the Cadet Battalion change of command ceremony. First, the MSIIIs will be integrated with different schools throughout the brigade to simulate the experience of LDAC. As the MSIVs can attest, this is the best training they will receive prior to Warrior Forge. After JFTX is complete, the MSIIIs will set out to receive training on patrolling operations on April 21st.

Finally, on April 26th, the MSIVs begin changing over their leadership positions to the MSIIIs who will fill their spots. The formal ceremony for the CSM and BC will take place on that day, relieving us of our command. After April, the battalion does not have any major training events scheduled. The seniors will graduate and commission in May, and the newly appointed MSIVs will take over the reigns of the Battalion. This being our final semester, we have a few expectations from you. Last semester we moved slowly; everyone was still adapting to being in their new MS class. This semester, we are going to hit the ground running. From day one of PT, we expect everyone to give 110% and stay motivated regardless of the circumstances.

By now you should all know how to manage the balance between schoolwork and ROTC. Also, we hope that by the end of the semester the campuses are more integrated than ever. Make it your goal to become good friends with at least three cadets from the two campuses other than your own by the end of the semester. Most importantly, we want everyone to have fun and enjoy training. Being a cadet is hard work, but if you keep a positive attitude and remind yourself everyday of how lucky you are to have this opportunity, then you will reap the benefits that ROTC has to offer you. Set goals for what you want to accomplish now, and make lists of how much you have achieved each week.

On behalf of the MSIVs, we are truly looking forward to completing our last semester as Cadets and hope to leave a great legacy with the Battalion. If we all work together this semester and give everything we have into every training event, then everyone will leave this year having learned an extraordinary amount. Do not forget that if you ever need anything, you can always turn to your MSIV mentors, good luck this semester!

Cadet Jenna Caserta  
Warrior Six  
&  
Cadet Joshua Soto  
Warrior Seven
(Left) Assistant Professor of Military Science and Battalion Operations Officer, Kristofer Thompson watches as his oldest son Kyle affixes his major’s rank during his promotion ceremony held Wednesday, 18 January 2012. (Right) Lieutenant Colonel Ryan Remley and Master Sergeant Alexander Ortega, along with Marywood University officials, Dr. Garvey, Dr. Foley and Dr. Woodruff congratulate MS II Michael Stauffer on his taking the contracting oath at a ceremony held on Thursday, 19 January in the Marywood Rotunda.

MS III Cadets Selected For U.S. Army Cadet Command Internship Programs

Congratulations to Cadet Alec Brown of Marywood University and Cadet Kevin Demko of the University of Scranton on their selection to participate in summer Engineering and Medical internship programs offered by the United States Army and U.S. Army Cadet Command.

Cadet Kevin Demko will participate in a medical internship with the Army Medical Department Activities based at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington state. Under this program, Cadet Demko will have the opportunity to gain insight into Army medical facilities and exposure to leadership within the medical community.

Cadet Alec Brown will take part in an internship program hosted by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers located in Wilmington, North Carolina. The program is designed to expose Cadets to various engineering and construction functions such as design, project management, and quality assurance. Cadets will be exposed to projects in support of both military installations and local civilian communities.

Cadets are selected for the programs based on their academic majors, grade-point average, overall performance in Army ROTC and the recommendation of their Cadre.
**Cadet Profiles**

**Marywood University MS IIs**

**Cadet Richard Naperkowski**

**Hometown:** Mountain Top, PA

**Campus & ROTC Activities:** Student Resident Advisory Board

**Why do you seek to become an Army Officer:** “To serve my country by leading my fellow Soldiers.”

**How do you feel ROTC has benefited you the most:** “Reminding me to selflessly serve others.”

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**Cadet Tyler Doherty**

**Hometown:** Allentown, PA

**Campus & ROTC Activities:** Varsity Lacrosse and Tough Mudder Competition

**Why do you seek to become an Army Officer:** “I seek to become an Officer because I feel like it would be a great honor. You get to be around people everyday that are going to push you to be a better person. I also believe that by being an officer in the Army you have an adventure that no one else gets to experience and pick up new skills that most don’t have the chance to receive.”

**How do you feel ROTC has benefited you the most:** “The biggest benefit I have received doing ROTC is the ability to push myself beyond what I thought I was capable of doing, both physically and mentally. This ability allows me to pull the all-nighter to get a good grade or run faster and farther to train for PT and my baseball season.”

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**Cadet Dominic Loughlin**

**Hometown:** Petersburg, NY

**Campus & ROTC Activities:** Ranger Challenge, Color Guard, Varsity Baseball Team, Conservative Club

**Why do you seek to become an Army Officer:** “My father and grandfather were both Army Officers so I grew up with a sense of honor knowing my family is carrying the torch of Freedom and Liberty.”

**How do you feel ROTC has benefited you the most:** “MS III To Train In Spain With Airborne Brigade

Congratulations to MS III Cadet Sean Cogan, who was selected by U.S. Army Cadet Command to participate in a 30 day Cultural Understanding and Language Program starting in May. Cadet Cogan will travel to Spain where he and 24 other Cadets from across the country will have the opportunity to train with and learn from Soldiers and Officers assigned to a Spanish Airborne Brigade. Last summer Cadet Cogan trained at Fort Benning, Georgia, for several weeks with students from Columbia’s Military Academy. Remember to keep your feet and knees together!!!

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MS II Marywood University Cadets Richard Naperkowski, Dominic Loughlin and Tyler Doherty.