Royal Warrior Battalion
June 2013

Battalion Commissions 24 Second Lieutenants
During May Ceremonies

During Commissioning Ceremonies held on Saturday, 18 May, and Saturday, 25 May, the Royal Warrior Battalion commissioned 24 new leaders into the United States Army.

The first ceremony took place on the King’s College campus on 18 May, as eight individuals took the oath of office, had their Second Lieutenant bars affixed to their Army Service Uniforms and rendered their first salutes as commissioned officers. Presiding over this ceremony were Father John Ryan, the president of King’s College, Brigadier General Walter Lord, commander of NATO Forces-Bosnia, Colonel Mark Rado, commander of the U.S. Army Accessions Support Brigade and Professor of Military Science Lieutenant Colonel Ryan Remley.

Colonel Rado served as the guest speak and took time to commend each Cadet on his or her achievements as a Cadet and also shared with them what it means to take the oath of office and serve as a commissioned officer. Brigadier General Lord then came forward to administer the oath of office as more than 125 friends and family watched the young men and women become Second Lieutenants.

Just a week later the Battalion gathered at the University of Scranton to commission 16 more officers. Lieutenant General Rhett Hernandez, commander of U.S. Army Cyber Command, joined the Battalion to serve as the guest speaker and administer the oath of office to the Army’s newest leaders. Major General (retired) K. Frederick Mauger served as a member of the official party and delivered the invocation.

More than 180 friends, family, University staff and faculty, as well as other special guests gathered in the Houlihan-McLean Center as LTG Hernandez reflected back on his 37 plus years of service and shared his thoughts on the careers the new commissionees are about to begin. He reminded the new officers that they are entering the “...best trained, best equipped and best led Army in the World.” He also discussed how as officers they will be held to higher standards and the importance of taking care of their Soldiers and their Soldier’s families.

Among the 24 new Second Lieutenants commissioned this month, there were five Distinguished Military Graduates: 2LT Jonathan Beekman, 2LT Edward Ferkel, 2LT Margaret Troxell, 2LT Kevin Demko and 2LT Kaitlin Bolster. 2LT Margaret Troxell was the unit’s 2013 George C. Marshall Award Winner.

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Commissioning Class 2013

2LT Irvin Anglin
2LT Jonathan Beekman
2LT Kaitlin Bolster
2LT Alec Brown
2LT Jennifer Bullis
2LT Sydney Carmody
2LT James Carty
2LT Robert Coccio
2LT Sean Cogan
2LT Lisa Delbridge
2LT Kevin Demko
2LT Edward Ferkel
2LT Amanda Hane
2LT Carina Hanks
2LT Sean Kulaga
2LT Michael Laporta
2LT Ryan Lord
2LT Ian McCaughey
2LT Victoria Meyer
2LT Stephen Morrissey
2LT Timothy Olds
2LT Jessica Persoon
2LT Ian Poshka
2LT Margaret Troxell

Royal Warriors
Professor of Military Science—LTC Ryan Remley
Senior Military Instructor—MSG Roland Cuellar
Cadet Battalion Commander—Christian Burne
Cadet Battalion CSM—Nicholas Constantino

Army Values
Loyalty
Duty
Respect
Selfless Service
Honor
Integrity
Personal Courage

Warrior Ethos
I will always place the mission first; I will never accept defeat; I will never quit; I will never leave a fallen comrade

Cadet Command Mission
U.S. Army Cadet Command selects, educates, trains and commissions college students to be officers and leaders of character in the Total Army; an instills the values of citizenship, national and community service, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment in high school students.
East Stroudsburg University Cadets Select to Train at USMA

Military Science Level II Cadets Donald Galli and Joseph Hoy were recently selected to take part in Cadet Field Training at the United States Military Academy this summer. The three-week training program allows a select number of Army ROTC Cadets to train alongside their peers from West Point. During the course of training, held at Camp Buckner, Cadets participate in obstacle courses, map reading, water confidence training, patrolling, weapons marksmanship, and more. Most importantly, the Cadets are put in a host of squad and platoon level leadership positions during the course of training.

New Assistant Professor of Military Science Joins Royal Warrior Battalion

The Royal Warrior Battalion wants to welcome Captain Thomas Angstadt, who joins the Battalion following time in the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado. Commissioned through the Army ROTC program at Seattle University with a degree in Business, Captain Angstadt has served as an Infantry Officer at Fort Richardson, Alaska, Fort McPherson, Georgia, and Fort Carson, Colorado. His duty assignments have included time as a Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Assistant Battalion Operations Officer and Company Command. Overseas deployments have included both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Captain Angstadt is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course and the Infantry Captains Career Course. Other military education and training courses include Ranger School, Airborne School and Air Assault School.

Royal Warriors Farewell King’s College Detachment Noncommissioned Officer In Charge

The Royal Warrior Battalion recently conducted a farewell for Sergeant First Class Travis A. Griffith to mark his achievements as one of the unit’s two Military Instructors the past three years. During his time with the organization SFC Griffith has served with both the East Stroudsburg University Detachment and King’s College Detachment. After serving the 2010-2011 academic year as the East Stroudsburg Detachment NCOIC, SFC Griffith has served the past two years as the NCOIC for the King’s College Detachment, during which time he has led the instruction of the Military Science Level II and III Cadets at the Detachment. This past year SFC Griffith also served as the Cadre Coach and Advisor to the program’s Ranger Challenge Team. This academic year, under the guidance and mentorship of SFC Travis Griffith, the King’s College Detachment posted the highest Army Physical Fitness Test average in the Battalion, produced the unit’s George C. Marshall Award Winner and had the Colonel Robert L. Strayer Scholarship Award winner. Departing the battalion this summer, SFC Griffith will report to Fort Carson, Colorado where he will serve with the 4th Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division.
U.S. Army Cadet Command Vision

U.S. Army Cadet Command is America’s preeminent leadership program, academically unrivaled, sought out by students, staffed by master level leader development professionals and achieving the requirements and expectations of the U.S. Army.