Royal Warrior Battalion Roll Call—January 2013

Spring Semester 2013
By MS IV Cadets Jessica Persoon & Sean Cogan

The Fall semester for the Royal Warrior Battalion was jammed packed with Army Physical Fitness Tests, Leadership Labs, Veteran Day Ceremonies, Field Training Exercises, and much more. As the Cadet Battalion Commander and Cadet Command Sergeant Major, we were very impressed with how hard the Cadets of the Battalion worked. The Military Science Level IV Cadets did a great job planning and leading the training events this past semester, but the motivation and eagerness to learn from the underclassmen Cadets is what made the semester successful. With that said, that does not mean we are done for the year.

As we enter the Spring semester, the Battalion will hit the ground running. We will have our first Army Physical Fitness Test about a month into the new semester, along with Leadership Labs every Thursday. The Royal Warrior Battalion will host the annual Military Ball at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Scranton on Saturday, 16 February. This is an opportunity for Cadets and their dates to spend time together and build camaraderie in a formal military setting.

The main emphasis for the Spring semester will be on the Military Science Level III Cadets as they prepare for the Leader Development & Assessment Course (LDAC), as well as the Military Science Level II Cadets who will be preparing for summer training, such as Airborne School, Air Assault School, and various Cultural Understanding and Language Program (CULP) missions around the World.

The Battalion will conduct our Spring Field Training Exercise (FTX) from the 15th to the 17th of March at Camp Smith, New York. The emphasis will be on Squad Tactical Lanes, Patrolling, and Land Navigation. The MS III Cadets will receive additional training at the Joint Field Training Exercise held in mid-April at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA. This is an opportunity for the MS III Cadets to partake in a four-day Field Training Exercise with fellow MS III Cadets from Bucknell, Lehigh, Widner and Dickinson universities. The Joint Field Training Exercise is designed to reflect the LDAC experience; therefore, the purpose of MS IIIs attending is so they can have a better understanding of what will be expected of them while they are at Joint Base Lewis-McChord this summer.

Our expectations for this semester as the Battalion Commander and Command Sergeant Major are that all of the Cadets in the Battalion continue the hard work they have already demonstrated in the Fall semester and push even harder. We hope that Cadets continue to learn and improve as they continue to move forward in ROTC, but most importantly we hope that they continue to grow as both individuals and leaders.
Happenings Across the Battalion

(Photo: Top) Cadets and Cadre brief the 2nd ROTC Brigade Commander, Colonel Twala Mathis (center of photo) during her visit to the Royal Warrior Battalion on 08 December. Colonel Mathis received briefings from Military Science Level III and IV Cadets on the Battalion's operations, training, mentorship program and the unique aspects of the Department's Nursing Cadets.

(Photo: Bottom) Major Kris Thompson evaluates Military Science Level III Cadet Seth Gray of Wilkes University during the Battalion's Army Physical Fitness Test conducted on 05 and 06 December. The Royal Warrior Battalion Cadets had an APFT Average of 257 points, with the MS III class leading with a class average of 281 points.

Army Physical Fitness Excellence

Congratulations to the following Cadets who scored 300 points or higher on the Battalion APFT conducted 05 and 06 December:

- MS II Cadet Alexandra Nachtman—347
- MS II Cadet Edward Rauch—338
- MS II Cadet Melanie Faherty—336
- MS III Cadet Hope Oliver—333
- MS I Cadet Caitlyn Tschida—328
- MS I Cadet Tyler Whitecomb—328
- MS II Cadet Jesse Hodges—320
- MS III Cadet Shane Stark—319
- MS I Cadet Boris Bagryanskiy—315
- MS IV Cadet Jennifer Bullis—314
- MS III Cadet Morganne Hedden—309
- MS I Cadet Seth Gray—308
- MS I Cadet Alex Rodino—307
- MS II Cadet Michael Shannon—303

Quotable

"The greatness of a leader is measured by the achievements of the led. This is the ultimate test of his effectiveness.”

--General Omar Bradley--
Captain Chad Hyman is a native of Tarboro, North Carolina and graduated from East Carolina University with a BS in Industrial Technology. He participated in the ECU ROTC program from 2002-2004 as an SMP cadet, obtaining a commission as a Quartermaster Officer, Branch detailed to the Infantry. From 1998-2002, Hyman served as a Bradley Fighting vehicle mechanic, attaining the rank of Sergeant.

His first assignment as a commissioned officer was with the 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment and 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division. While serving in the 82nd Airborne Division, Hyman held the positions of Rifle Platoon Leader, HHC Executive Officer, Battalion S4, and Battalion Assistant Operations Officer.

Captain Hyman was assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group (A) upon completion of the Logistics Captain Career Course in November 2009. Initially, he served as the Operations Officer for the Group Support Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (A). After serving as the GSB Operations Officer, CPT Hyman assumed command of the 7th Special Forces Group (A) Service and Support Company (GSSC) on 1 OCT 2010. Due to the unique nature of Special Operations, his company conducted multiple OIF/OEF rotations and provided training and operational support for international and domestic efforts in Southern Command and Northern Command Areas of Operation. Additionally, the GSSC was the driving force behind the congressionally mandated BRAC move from Fort Bragg, North Carolina to Eglin Air Force Base, Florida in 2011.

Captain Hyman assumed duties as the 7th Special Forces Group (A) Assistant Logistics Officer upon completion of company command.

He has multiple operational and humanitarian assistance deployments since enlisting in 1998.

Captain Hyman is married to the former Ms. Julie Ange of Greenville NC. They have 2 children, Caleb and Joshua, ages 21 months and 11 months.

Captain Hyman will serve as the Officer In Charge of the King’s College Detachment where he will also serve as the primary instructor for Military Science Level 101 and 102 courses.

**2013 Royal Warrior Battalion Cadets Selected to Participate in the Summer 2013 U.S. Army Cadet Command Cultural Understanding and Language Program**

Congratulations to the following Royal Warrior Battalion Cadets who were selected to participate in the Summer 2013 U.S. Army Cadet Command Cultural Understanding and Language Program. This program affords Cadets the opportunity to engage in cultural and language immersion programs around the globe.

- MS III Cadet Nicolette Pizzo
- MS II Cadet Melanie Faherty
- MS II Cadet Ryan Bair
- MS II Cadet Neil Jayakar
- MS II Cadet Ryan Bisio
- MS II Cadet Timothy Jurkowski
- MS II Cadet Mary Beery
- MS II Cadet Edward Rauch
- MS II Cadet Ryan Caviston
- MS II Cadet Key Tracy
- MS II Cadet Elizabeth Conn
- MS II Cadet Caitlyn Tschida

**2013 Royal Warrior Military Ball**

The Royal Warrior Battalion will celebrate our annual Military Ball on the evening of Saturday, 16 February 2013. The event will be held at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel in downtown Scranton. The cocktail hour begins at eighteen hundred hours. Join us as we celebrate the rich history and traditions of this great organization. For more information please contact the Military Science Department at 570-941-7457.