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**Royal Warrior Six Sends**

First off, it is great to be a part of the Military Science Department here at the University of Scranton. This is a Military Science program which has a very long and distinguished history. What an amazing summer it has been in the Royal Warrior Battalion as our Cadets have performed superbly at training events and schools at various Military Installations across the country.

I just recently returned from Fort Knox, Kentucky and Fort Lewis, Washington where I had the opportunity to observe the Leaders Training Course and Warrior Forge (LDAC) firsthand. Both courses are twenty-nine days of the finest leadership training and leader assessments offered by Cadet Command. The Cadets from our program have excelled across the board meeting or exceeding the course standards on the physical fitness test, land navigation, peer ratings and a host of other areas. We have the good fortune of having two of our Cadets (Jason Wheeler and Sean Milde) earn the coveted RECONDO Badge at LDAC. This is no small accomplishment. It is an achievement reached by less than ten percent of the 5000 plus Cadets attending LDAC.

These are just two of the training events that our Cadets and Cadre take part in during the Summer months. The Cadets we have sent to Airborne and Air Assault School have also done very well, as have those who attended Northern and Mountain Warfare Courses.

As the Battalion wraps up Summer training over the course of the next few weeks, the Cadre and I are excited about the Cadets returning to campus and the kick-off of the Fall Semester. The Battalion will welcome a very bright and talented group of Freshman scholarship cadets. We have a senior class which is prepared to lead and train their fellow cadets and will be young Lieutenants serving in the Army in just a few short months.

Finally, the program has a stellar group of Cadre eager to teach, lead and mentor the Cadets as they travel down the path to Officership.

Royal Warriors!!!
The Royal Warriors recently added three more Second Lieutenants to this year’s commissioning class. Cadets Zachary Krise, Edward Mallas and Michael Foley all earned their commissions following the successful completion of the Leader Development and Assessment Course at Fort Lewis, Washington.

All three cadets completed their academic requirements to graduate, as well as all on-campus Military Science course requirements this past Spring. Upon graduating LDAC they were awarded their commissions. Second Lieutenants Krise and Mallas are graduates of East Stroudsburg State University, while Second Lieutenant Foley earned his degree from the University of Scranton.

Second Lieutenant Mallas will serve with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, while Lieutenants Foley and Krise hope to be assessed into the Active Component later this month.

Congratulations on a job well done gentlemen!

(Caption Right) MSG Ortega and SFC Wilkerson pin Gold Bars on Cadet Edward Mallas during his end of LDAC commissioning ceremony.

Pictures from Leadership Training Camp 2010, Fort Knox, Kentucky

(Caption Top R) Cadet Joseph Bidiganeta verifies his data during inprocessing as he prepares to begin the Leadership Training Course.

(Caption Top L) Cadet Jenna Caserta (fourth from left) celebrates with members of her squad following the successful completion of the one-rope bridge competition.

(Caption Bottom L) Cadet Thomas Reimann is greeted by his Drill Instructors upon arrival to Fort Knox.

(Caption Bottom R) Cadet Schroeder listens intently as her squad leader briefs an OPORD during training.
Gold Bar Recruiter Shares Experiences with New Students and Cadets

Every Summer Military Science Departments across the country are authorized to add to their Cadre one or two recent commissionees of their programs to serve as Gold Bar Recruiters. These new Second Lieutenants usually serve in the position between 30 and 120 days before they depart for their Officer Basic Course. The intent of this program is to allow recent graduates to interact with incoming students, as well as their parents, in order to share their experiences as an ROTC Cadet and college student. The Gold Bar Recruiters help answer any questions or concerns students or parents may have.

This Summer the Battalion is fortunate to have 2LT Michael Lawler, a May graduate of Penn State—Wilkes Barre, serving in that billet. Assessed into the Pennsylvania Army Nation Guard, 2LT Lawler will serve as the Department’s Gold Bar Recruiter until early September. At that time, 2LT Lawler will depart for the Officer Basic Course.

It has been a busy Summer for 2LT Lawler attending new student orientations across the various campuses that make up the Royal Warrior Battalion footprint. Additionally, he has worked the phones answering questions from inbound students. He has also spent time speaking with high school juniors and seniors who might be interested in competing for an Army ROTC scholarship.

Reflecting on his time as a Gold Bar Recruiter 2LT Lawler stated, “I encourage all Lieutenants to look into this program and see how they can give back to their schools once they commission and are waiting to attend OBC.”