After weeks of planning and preparation by the MS IV Staff and TAC Officers the Royal Warrior Battalion deployed to Fort Indiantown Gap early in the evening of Friday, 24 September to mark the start of the unit’s Fall Field Training Exercise. Over 148 Cadets deployed for this two and a half day event.

Upon arriving at Fort Indiantown Gap the Cadets quickly occupied the barracks, MS IVs established the Tactical Operations Center and soon training began. The FTX started with the Battalion Contracting Ceremony, where twelve Royal Warriors took the oath of enlistment with the Professor of Military Science making a formal commitment to complete ROTC and one day serve as commissioned officers. After the ceremony classroom instruction on Land Navigation was provided to the MS Is & IIs, while MS IIIs focused on learning the Operations Orders process and format.

Saturday morning kicked off with a 0445 wake-up and breakfast in the Mess Hall. The Royal Warriors then moved to the local training area where they conducted day land navigation training, one-rope bridge training and competitions, squad tactical lanes, and instruction on field craft. After a hot supper, Cadets moved back out to the land navigation course to test their compass skills in the dark. By midnight everyone was fast asleep in their sleeping bags out under the stars.

Sunday morning started with a five mile ruckmarch beginning at 0630. Following the ruck march MS IIIs moved to the Leadership Reaction Course for training, while the MS Is and IIs moved to the obstacle course.

As training concluded that afternoon, the 2nd ROTC Brigade Commander, Colonel Glen Goldman, and Sergeant Major Kevin Goetz came out to visit the Royal Warriors, presenting coins to the FTX’s top cadets from each Military Science Class. Earning Brigade Coins were MS I Hope Oliver, MS II Sydney Carmondy, MS III Edward Ferkel and MS IV Danielle Mallard.

Caption. MS Is and IIs train on construction of the one-rope bridge under the eye of MS IV Cadet Jeff Mason
Lackawanna County Marks Nine Year Anniversary of 911

Sergeant First Class Joseph Wilkerson, MS IV Michael Faherty, MS IV Christopher Mead, MS III Julian Campoli and MS III Heitz joined local community leaders and residents from across Lackawanna County at McDade Park to remember the ninth anniversary of the September 11th tragedy. The detail not only represented the Military Science Department and the University of Scranton at this event, but also took part in a formal wreath laying ceremony, along with the Mayor of Scranton, at the Lackawanna County Memorial erected in honor of that day’s events.

The Department has already begun planning participation for next year and the community prepares to mark the tenth anniversary of 911.

Caption (Right) Cadet Meade and SFC Wilkerson look on as the citizens of Lackawanna County remember the events of September 11th.

Race For The Cure—By Cadet Seth Bernard

On September 11, the Royal Warrior Battalion participated in the Susan G. Komen NEPA Race for the Cure to combat Breast Cancer. The Royal Warrior team consisted of 62 Cadets and Cadre, who joined over 100 fellow University of Scranton students and employees, as well as thousands from the local community for the race through the downtown.

The Cadets demonstrated their unit pride by wearing their Battalion PT uniforms, as well as by carrying the Battalion Colors and Platoon guidons. The race presented a great opportunity for Cadets to become involved in a community event, support a great cause, as well as get in some extra PT.

The weather was perfect and with the streets lined with folks cheering along the route all the Cadets completing the 5K course in excellent time. Leading the way for the Royal Warriors were Cadets Andrew Wycheck, MS III and Karen Buchheister, MS IV, who finished as the Battalion’s top male and female participants, with Senior Military Instructor Alex Ortega as the top Cadre finisher.

Participation in the Race For The Cure has become an annual event in for the Battalion.
Royal Warriors Earn Distinguished Military Graduate Honors

With the release of the National Order of Merit List by US Army Cadet Command came word that nine MS IV Cadets had been named Distinguished Military Graduates. In order to be selected as a Distinguished Military Student by the US Army Cadet Command, a Cadet must rank in the top 20 percent of all graduating Cadets nationally. The national ranking is determined by an individual’s academic achievements, military aptitude, demonstrated leadership ability and evidence of high moral character.

Special congratulations go to Cadet Jason Wheeler who ranked in the top two percent out of the over 5,300 Cadets who will graduate and commission at the end of this school term.

In addition to the nine Distinguished Military Graduates a total of sixteen Royal Warriors earned assignments on Active Duty while another 12 were accessed into the Reserve Component and will serve with the US Army Reserve or the Army National Guard.

2010-2011 Distinguished Military Graduates

Cadet Jason Wheeler—Kings College
Cadet Karen Buchheister—Univ of Scranton
Cadet Nicholas Westendorf—Univ of Scranton
Cadet Sean Milde—Univ of Scranton
Cadet Michael Faherty—Univ Scranton
Cadet Sarah Chantrell—Univ Scranton
Cadet Jeffery Mason—East Stroudsburg State
Cadet Angela Bahlatzis—Kings College
Cadet Rusty Cook—Wilkes Univ

Caption (Top Left) Cadets from the Kings College Detachment stretch following a three-mile run thru Wilkes Barre and Kirby Park.

Caption (Top Right) Cadet Alec Brown assists Cadet Hope Oliver over the wall on the Fort Indiantown Gap obstacle course during the Fall Field Training Exercise.

Caption (Bottom Left) Cadets from the Kings College Detachment receive instruction and practice their basic land navigation skills as they prepare for the Fall Field Training Exercise during a recent Leadership Lab.

Caption (Bottom Right) Cadet Brian Robinson knocks out pull-ups during 0630 physical training on Fitzgerald Field.