During commissioning ceremonies held on Saturday, May 19th and Saturday, May 26th twenty-eight Royal Warriors took the oath of office becoming commissioned officers in the Active Army, U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard.

The Battalion’s first ceremony was held on the campus of King’s College where nine officers became Second Lieutenants. Father John Ryan, the president of King’s College, along with Colonel Glenn Goldman helped preside over the ceremony. Both men offered words of wisdom and advice to the Army’s newest leaders. While Colonel Goldman render the Federal Oath of Office to the new Lieutenants, former Adjutant General for the State of Pennsylvania, Major General Jessica Wright administered the State Oath of Office to those commissionees selected to serve in the Army National Guard.

The guest speaker, Colonel Goldman currently serves as the Director of Military Instruction at the United States Military Academy. He is responsible for all aspects of military training for the Cadets at West Point.

On Saturday, May 26th the Battalion conduct the University of Scranton commissioning ceremony with nearly 300 friends and family gathering in Houlihan – McLean Hall to celebrate this special occasion.

Colonel Reese Turner, who serves as the Human Resources Command Officer Personnel Management Directorate, Maneuver, Fires, and Effects Division Chief was the guest speaker for the event, as well as administered the Oath of Office to the newly commissioned Second Lieutenants. Reverend K. Fredrick Mauger who delivered the invocation, also served as a member of the official party.

The Royal Warrior Battalion commissioned officers into all three Army components with seventeen selected to serve on Active Duty, eight in the Army National Guard, two in the U.S. Army Reserve and one new officer was granted an Educational Delay. Included among those selected to serve on active Duty were four individuals branched into the Army Nurse Corps.

Since 1951 the Royal Warrior Army ROTC Battalion has commissioned 1,129 officers.
Caption (Left): Ms. Lauren Williams and Ms. Ann Boland-Chase both of Marywood University join members of the Royal Warrior Cadre for the Scranton Armed Forces Luncheon held on Wednesday, May 16th in downtown Scranton. Ms. Williams serves as the Director of Military and Veteran Services, while Ms. Boland-Chase is the Vice President For Enrollment Management. The Armed Forces Luncheon is held in honor of those members of the local community who are serving or have served in the Military.

Caption (Right): Senior Military Instructor, Master Sergeant Alexander Ortega, along with Professor of Military Science, Lieutenant Colonel Ryan Remley present King’s College commissioning ceremony guest speaker Colonel Glenn Goldman with a set of Battalion Colors and a Royal Warrior Belt Buckle. Colonel Goldman presided over the commissioning of nine new officers at the ceremony conducted on Saturday, May 19th. Colonel Goldman currently serves as the Director of Military Instruction at the United States Military Academy. Prior to this assignment he had served as commander of the 2nd ROTC Brigade headquartered at Fort Dix.

Caption (Left): Congratulations to Second Lieutenant Kevin Lawrence who was honored as the 2012 winner of the King’s College Leadership Award. 2LT Lawrence was presented this award based on his outstanding efforts both inside and outside of Military Science, as well as for his contributions to the King’s College community. 2LT Lawrence was commissioned as an Active Duty Ordnance Officer. Following his Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Lee, Virginia will be assigned to the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York.
Former Royal Warrior Now Back As Recruiting Operations Officer

On 01 May Mr. Richard Heier joined the Royal Warrior Battalion Cadre, as he became the program’s Scholarship and Enrollment Officer. Mr. Heier is responsible for all aspects of recruiting, retention, scholarship actions and enrollments across the unit’s ten colleges and universities.

A native of Scranton, Mr. Heier earned a commission in the Signal Corps through the Royal Warrior Battalion in 2008 and following his Basic Officer Leadership Course served with the 1-109 Field Artillery in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. Assigned to the 1-109th FA he has served as the Battalion’s Logistics Officer

Mr. Heier holds a degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Scranton. He and his wife currently reside in Scranton.

2012 Royal Warrior Battalion Commissionees

Second Lieutenant Joseph Bideganeta
Second Lieutenant James Gonzalez
Second Lieutenant Arielle Huettner
Second Lieutenant Daniel Johnson
Second Lieutenant Kevin Lawrence
Second Lieutenant Kayla Leibenspeger
Second Lieutenant Jeremy Liggitt
Second Lieutenant Patricia Streeter
Second Lieutenant Levi Tate
Second Lieutenant Philip Wright
Second Lieutenant Christina Bayard
Second Lieutenant Katlyn Brewington
Second Lieutenant Jenna Caserta
Second Lieutenant Evan Dimakas

2012 Royal Warrior Battalion Commissionees

Second Lieutenant Aileena Flynn
Second Lieutenant Coren France
Second Lieutenant Thomas Graham
Second Lieutenant Thomas Heintz
Second Lieutenant Michael Horan
Second Lieutenant Sidney Jaques
Second Lieutenant Robert McGregor
Second Lieutenant Emily Rainey
Second Lieutenant Natasha Rivera
Second Lieutenant Zachary Rubino
Second Lieutenant Stephen Siwinski
Second Lieutenant Benjamin Slechtsa
Second Lieutenant Joshua Soto
Second Lieutenant Andrew Wycheck

2LT Jenna Caserta Selected As Gold Bar Recruiter

Congratulations to 2LT Jenna Caserta who was selected by U.S. Army Cadet Command and the U.S. Army Reserve to serve as a Gold Bar Recruiter for the Royal Warrior Battalion from 18 June—30 September. 2LT Caserta was commissioned as a Medical Service Officer in the U.S. Army Reserves on 26 May.