On Tuesday, 18 February the University of Scranton hosted the International Fellows from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. A total of 77 military officers from 67 countries made the trip to Scranton in order to learn about the U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training program. The International Officers were briefed by Cadets of the Royal Warrior Battalion on the history of ROTC and its development as a commissioning source for Army officers. They were also presented with current information on the curriculum of instruction and training opportunities Cadets are afforded while in the program.

The Royal Warrior’s Cadet Battalion Commander, Christian Burne, briefed the officers on the history of ROTC and why it has become such a necessary component in our armed forces. Military Science Level IV Cadet Michael Shannon from Wilkes University presented information on how the program has grown since it was established in 1916. Military Science Level IV Cadet Sean Mckee, a Nursing student, and Nicolette Pizzo of King’s College discussed the daily life of a Cadet, as well as the challenge of balancing academic requirements along with ROTC obligations. The International Officers were given an overview of a typical week and semester for a Cadet.

After the formal presentations, the International Officers, who rank from Lieutenant Colonel to Brigadier General, had an opportunity to ask questions about ROTC, as well as the their home countries with the Battalion’s Cadets during dinner. A number of Cadets from the Royal Warrior Battalion have participated in the Cultural Understanding and Language Program (CULP), which allows Cadets the opportunity to train and study for 30 days in a foreign country.

CULP Cadets were able to connect with officers from the countries they had visited, as well as learn from officers from other countries. This exchange provided Cadets with an invaluable perspective on military to military relations.

The United States is unique in the fact that it offers commissioning programs outside of attending a military academy. Each year the International Fellows at the War College visit the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and an Army ROTC program to gain insight into the education process of U.S. Army officers.

Also taking part in the visit to Scranton were: Army War College’s Foreign Policy Advisor, Ambassador Helen Reed-Rowe (former U.S. Ambassador to Palau); U.S. Army War College Chief of Staff Colonel Donald Galli; Colonel John Burbank G-9 and Chief of the International Student Management Office Kevin Bremer.

Royal Warriors Host International Officers from Army War College
By MS IV Cadets Christian Burne and Maureen Bullis
Friend of Royal Warriors Honored With Outstanding Civilian Service Award

The Royal Warrior Battalion was proud to present Mr. Ken Kraetzer of the Sons of the American Legion with the Outstanding Civilian Service Award during the unit’s recent Military Ball. Mr. Kraetzer is the commander of Post 50-Pelham, New York — Sons of the American Legion and hosts weekly radio shows on WVOX 1460 AM out of New York which cover both military and veterans’ issues, as well as hosts a program dedicated to covering Army Football. Mr. Kraetzer dedicates countless hours to supporting the Army ROTC programs at both the University of Scranton and Providence College. During the course of the past four years he has hosted a number of Cadets and Cadre from the Royal Warrior Battalion on his radio show to discuss summer training programs such as the Leader Development and Assessment Course and the Cultural Understanding and Language Program. Ken also played a key role in helping secure the approval and construction of a memorial dedicated to Chaplains of the Jewish at Arlington National Ceremony.

Military Science Level III Cadets Earn U.S. Army Medical Department Internships

The following Military Science Level III Cadets from the Royal Warrior Battalion have been selected to take part in summer internships with the U.S. Army Medical Department following their successful completion of the Leader Development and Assessment Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky:

Cadet Christel Hornstra – University of Scranton – Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii

Cadet Alexandra Nachtman – University of Scranton – Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Cadet Kelly Tracy – University of Scranton – Fort Carson, Colorado

Cadet Elizabeth Conn – King’s College – Fort Bragg, North Carolina

These programs are designed to afford Cadets the opportunity to train alongside and observe members of the Army Medical community in order to gain a better understanding and insight into medical procedures and operations at major military medical treatment facilities. A total of 73 Army ROTC Cadets from across the nation were selected to take part in medical internship programs this summer.

Photo (Left): Professor of Military Science Lieutenant Colonel Ryan Remley and Military Instructor Sergeant First Class Emmanuel Cuevas present Dr. Robert Fleischman and Ms. Donna Depompies of the East Stroudsburg University College of Business and Management with RWB Certificates of Appreciation for outstanding support of Army ROTC.

Photo (Right): Cadet Joseph Lanning of King’s College contracts with the Royal Warrior Battalion.
Cadets, Cadre, Alumni and friends of the Royal Warrior Battalion gathered at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Scranton, on Saturday February 22nd to celebrate the unit’s annual military ball. Over 235 individuals gathered as the Royal Warriors celebrated the history and traditions of the University’s Army ROTC program, as well as honored those Military Science Level IV Cadets who will commission this May. Major General Michael Terry a Scranton Class of 1979 alum and current commanding general of U.S. Army Tank Automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) Life Cycle Management Command headquartered in Warren, Michigan served as guest speaker for the event.

In addition to Major General Terry, a number of former Royal Warriors joined Cadets and Cadre at the ball this year to include Colonel (retired) Stanley Kennedy Class of 1954, Colonel (retired) Mark Volk Class of 1978, Colonel (retired) Richard Breen Class of 1977, Colonel Walter Chwastyk Class of 1988, Lieutenant Colonel Marc Beckage Class of 1997, Captain Richard Heier Class of 2008 and former Scranton Mayor and Vietnam Veteran David Wenzel Class of 1969.

Following dinner the Battalion’s Military Science Level III Cadets undertook the task of mixing the grog in a ceremony presided over by the Professor of Military Science Lieutenant Colonel Ryan Remley and Cadet Battalion Commander Christian Burne. Once the grog or punch was deemed fit for consumption by the Professor of Military Science, each of the Military Science Level IV Cadets was called forward to be recognized and take part in a toast to the 2014 Commissioning Class led by Lieutenant Colonel Remley, Major General Terry and Senior Military Instructor Master Sergeant Roland Cuellar.

Following the punch bowl ceremony Major General Terry was introduced and spoke to the gathering of Royal Warriors on how much the training afforded to Cadets today has evolved since his time in the Battalion. He shared stories about his time as a Cadet and student at the University of Scranton, as well as spoke to the challenges the Cadets will face as they enter the Army as commissioned officers. Following his remarks Cadet Battalion Commander Christian Burne and Cadet Battalion Command Sergeant Major Nicholas Constantino presented Major General Terry with a Battalion Coin, a Battalion Certificate of Appreciation and a card signed by the senior class and Cadre.

Before closing out the formal portion of the evening Lieutenant Colonel Remley and Master Sergeant Cuellar presented several awards to individuals for their dedicated service to the Royal Warrior Battalion. First, Dr. Pat Harrington, Interim Provost and Vice-President of Academic Affairs and Mr. Mark Carmody, Director of Facility Operations and Chairperson of the Army ROTC Advisory Committee, were presented Royal Warrior Battalion Belt Buckles for their long and dedicated services to the Battalion.

In addition to being a long standing member of the University of Scranton ROTC Advisory Committee, Dr. Harrington has had a significant impact on the Battalion’s successfully meeting and exceeding their Army Nurse Commission Mission. Mr. Carmody, in addition to his efforts as the Chairperson of the ROTC Advisory Committee was highly successful as the program’s Professor of Military Science from June 2003 to June 2007.

Lieutenant Colonel Remley and Master Sergeant Cuellar also presented Mr. Kenneth Kraetzer with the Outstanding Civilian Service Award signed by the Commanding General of U.S. Army Cadet Command Major General Jefforey Smith for his outstanding support of Army ROTC at both the University of Scranton and Providence College, as well as his work reporting on Army Football and the military and academic training which takes place at the U.S. Military Academy.

To close out the event Lieutenant Colonel Remley presented Master Cuellar with an Army Achievement Medal for his hard work in helping the Cadets of the Battalion plan and execute such a successful event.