Royal Warrior Battalion
Roll Call—November 2012

Royal Warrior Battalion Commissionee Commands
U.S. Army TACOM Life Cycle Management

On 21 June 2012 Major General Michael J. Terry assumed command of the U.S. Army TACOM (Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command) Life Cycle Management Command. A native of Dickson City, Pennsylvania, Major General Terry earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Law Enforcement from the University of Scranton in 1979, as well as his commission as a Quartermaster Officer through the school’s ROTC program.

During the course of his military career, Major General Terry has held assignments at a number of installations to include Fort Shafter, Hawaii, Fort Hood, Texas, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, Fort Carson, Colorado and MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. His overseas assignments/deployments include Germany, Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

Major General Terry’s Military Education includes the Quartermaster Basic and Advance Courses, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, Marine Corps Command and Staff College and The Naval War College. While at the Naval War College he earned a graduate degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Major General Terry has held a number of commands across the Army. He commanded a company in the 3rd Infantry Division in Germany. He also served as Commander of the Regimental Support Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, as well as the 64th Corps Support Group (Forward), 13th Corps Support Command. Major General Terry has served as Assistant Division Commander for Support, 7th Infantry Division (Light) and Fort Carson, as well as Commanding General, 13th COSCOM, later re-designated as the 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary).

During his command time he led the 64th Corps Support Group during the initial invasion of Iraq. He deployed the 13th Sustainment Command to New Orleans and Southwest Louisiana in support of humanitarian relief efforts after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and then to Iraq during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM rotation 06-08.

His next command assignment was as the Commanding General, US Army Security Assistance Command, Ft Belvoir, Virginia. Prior to assuming his current command billet, Major General Terry served as the Commanding General, 8th Theater Sustainment Command in Hawaii.

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The Month In Pictures

(Photo: Left) The Royal Warrior Battalion Ranger Challenge team moves their zodiac boat to the launch point during the 2nd ROTC Brigade Ranger Challenge Competition held 05-07 October at Fort Dix, N.J. Team member MS III Cadet Christian Burne shared the following thoughts, "This year's Ranger Challenge Competition was unlike those we had seen in past years. This year's Challenge required us to work much more closely as a cohesive team in events such as the Confidence Course and the Zodiac Boat carry. Despite our overall finish, I think we learned exactly where our strengths and weaknesses lie and have an excellent starting point to build a very competitive team for next year's Challenge."

(Photo: Top) Members of the Royal Warrior Battalion Army Ten-Miler team visited the Pentagon during their time in Washington, D.C. for the Army Ten Miler which was held on Sunday, October 21st. (Photo: Bottom) Mr. Peter Bergen a best-selling author and CNN National Security Analyst speaks to Cadets during his visit to the University of Scranton on 25 October.

(Photo: Top) Colonel Mark Rado, Commander of the U.S. Army Accessions Support Brigade and a graduate of Wilkes University speaks to Royal Warriors during a Leader Professional Development seminar held on 04 October. (Photo: Bottom) Cadets Rodino, Gonzalez and Shannon are presented Royal Warrior Battalion Belt Buckles for their participation in the 2nd ROTC BDE Ranger Challenge competition held at Fort Dix.
At the end of last semester, eight Cadets and two Cadre members of the Royal Warrior Battalion signed up for the 28th Annual Army Ten Miler held in Washington, D.C. Signing up for this commitment included practices every Tuesday and Thursday morning on top of the three days of PT a week. The rigorous training would prove to be challenging but through teamwork and motivation, everyone competed at a high level for this event.

Practice began the Tuesday after Labor Day with a five-mile team run around Scranton. Runs like this continued for the next month and a half at various sites around Lackawanna County such as Lake Scranton and Lackawanna State Park. As the race got closer, mileage increased. Motivation was high due to team bonding events such as the delicious pasta dinner prepared by Lieutenant Colonel Remley and his wife. At the end of our training we felt confident in our abilities to represent the Royal Warrior Battalion at our Nation’s Capital.

Race weekend finally came and we found ourselves on the road to Washington, D.C. The many hours of standstill traffic could not suppress our excitement for the weekend ahead. Our Saturday excursion began with the confusing task of purchasing tickets for the metro. Our first stop was the Armory to pick up our race day packets and to explore the expo, which was full of companies endorsing the race. Strong representation of the Royal Warrior Battalion from many years past became apparent as multiple graduates among the 30,000 runners recognized the Battalion’s emblem and proudly introduced themselves to us.

The Royal Warrior Battalion Army Ten Miler was well represented in the 28th Annual Army Ten Miler race. Everyone came together for a good cause and had a fun time doing so. The mission of the Army Ten Miler is “to promote the Army, build esprit de corps, support Army fitness goals, and enhance community relations.” We believe this event was successful in completing the stated mission and sets the standard for teamwork and camaraderie not only within the military, but in all situations of life.

The next part of our day brought us to the Pentagon for a tour led by a graduate of the Royal Warrior Battalion, Colonel Hashem and his seven year old son, Ian. We began by walking through the September 11th memorial to commemorate all of those who lost their lives in the Pentagon that day. Next, we toured the halls of the Pentagon where we discovered the rich history of the U.S. military and government. After exploring the four halls dedicated to each branch of the military, we came to the conclusion that the Army hallway was the best of the four. Even though the two hour tour showed us many aspects of the Pentagon, it was still not enough time to see all of the 6.5 million square feet the building has to offer. The day ended with an enjoyable dinner at Legal Seafoods, which marked the last team bonding event before the race.

Race Day began early with a 0530 wake up in order to get situated at the starting line. While waiting for the race to begin, runners were entertained by a parachute demonstration put on by the Army’s Golden Knights Parachute Team. We were all slotted with different start times, so instead of running as a collective team, we employed the battle buddy system. By the 0825, all of the runners had crossed the start line. Morale was high and the environment provided an adrenaline rush that made the long race fly by.

Not only were the racers influencing each other, but also supporters of the race lined the streets to motivate everyone to keep on going. The scenic route brought the runners by monuments and memorials to add a touch of history and national pride to the race. Runners crossed the finish line with a sense of accomplishment and were rewarded with bottles of water and food provided by the many organizations waiting to celebrate the finishing of the race.

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