As the Fall semester draws to a close, I just want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Cadets, Cadre and friends of the Royal Warrior Battalion for your hard work and support. It seems like just yesterday the Military Science Level IV Cadets were returning from LDAC and starting to prepare for the Battalion’s Fall Field Training Exercise. The MS IV Staff, TACs and Command Group simply did a superb job of planning, coordinating and resourcing that event. From the Operations Order brief to the ROC Drill rehearsal it was a class act.

Once we were on the ground at Camp Smith the level of enthusiasm displayed across all the Military Science levels was incredible. Without question the most impressive site was the MS I and II Cadets successfully completing their 5K ruckmarch at 0430 over a course that took them nearly straight uphill for more than three quarters of the distance.

But it was not just the Field Training Exercise where the Royal Warriors set the standard and represented this organization with great pride. More than 70 Cadets and Cadre took part in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in mid-September and the very next day many of those same Cadets and Cadre helped the Lackawanna Community remember the 10th Anniversary of the 911 Tragedy. In October, it was 14 Cadets and Cadre representing the Battalion in Washington, D.C., at the 27th Annual Army Ten-Miler. Just a few weeks later, it was the Ranger Challenge Team competing against the “Best of Best” from across the 2nd ROTC Brigade at the annual Ranger Challenge Competition held at Camp Smith, New York.

Veteran’s Day saw the Royal Warriors support six different events across our campuses and throughout the community. Royal Warriors helped present the National Colors at events, served as guest speakers for various ceremonies and most importantly, helped the community remember the sacrifices of men and women in uniform, both past and present.

In addition to those events, the Royal Warriors helped support multiple training events with our Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps partners from Washingtonville High School in New York. Cadets from the Military Science Level II Class took time to support the local community by spending a Sunday morning helping prepare Thanksgiving Gift Baskets for those in need. As a Battalion we are proud to have five Cadets selected by U.S. Army Cadet Command as Distinguished Military Graduates.

It has simply been a terrific semester, and I cannot wait to start the 2012 Spring Semester. Before I close, I again want to thank all of you for what you do each and every day to make this Battalion such an incredible organization. Additionally, I want to thank the staffs and faculty from the 10 colleges and universities who fall in our Battalion’s footprint for their support of the program. I also want to thank our Pennsylvania Army National Guard partners for the support they provide in terms of resources. Finally, I say thanks to the military community of the Tobyhanna Army Depot for their tremendous support and always making us feel like a part of the team down there.

I wish each of you a safe and happy holiday season. Please enjoy the upcoming holiday break and spend some well deserved time off with friends and family.

LTC Ryan D. Remley
Royal Warrior Six
(Left) MS IV Cadets proudly display the 2011 Royal Warrior Battalion Turkey Bowl trophy. On Monday, 21 November, the MS IVs earned hard fought wins over the MS Is and MS IIIs to capture the title of Turkey Bowl Champs this year.

(Below) MS III Cadet Ian McCaughey prepares to lead the Royal Warrior Color Guard in presenting the Colors at the 2011 Lackawanna County Veteran’s Day ceremony held in downtown Scranton.

(Above) Cadet Battalion Commander Senior Jenna Caserta speaks to students, staff and faculty from the University of Scranton at the seminar titled Cadet Campus Culture hosted by the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs. The event allowed Cadets the opportunity to share with others the challenges of being an Army ROTC Cadet.

(Right) MS IV Cadet Edward Ferkel, Detachment Commander at King’s College, speaks to students and faculty on the King’s campus as the College takes time out to celebrate Veteran’s Day.
**Attributes of a Leader**

**Are You A Leader?**

**Attributes** are the characteristics that are an inherent part of an individual’s total core, physical and intellectual aspects. A Leader is expected to demonstrate appropriate Attributes as the situation dictates and over time demonstrate strength in each.

**DUTY:** Leaders with a strong sense of duty demonstrate and enforce high professional standards.

**HONOR:** The honorable Leader protects the reputation of the profession through personal actions. Leaders demonstrate a keen sense of ethical conduct.

**INTEGRITY:** Leaders are truthful and upright at all times, consistently adhering to moral and legal obligations.

**RESILIENT:** Leaders can recover quickly from setbacks, shock, injury and stress while maintaining their mission and organizational focus.

**MILITARY BEARING:** Leaders look and act like professionals. Projecting a commanding presence starts with pride in appearance.

**SOUND JUDGEMENT:** Leaders have the ability to form sound opinions and to make sensible decisions.

**EMPATHY:** Leaders show a propensity to share experiences with the members of their organization. They have the ability to see something from another person’s point of view.

**PHYSICALLY FIT:** Leaders who maintain a high level of physical fitness feel more competent and confident, handle stress better, work longer and harder and have the ability to recover faster.

**SELFLESS SERVICE:** Leaders are willing to forego personal comforts for the sake of others, with no prospect of reward. Leaders put the welfare of the Nation and Army before self.

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**Seniors Conduct Staff Ride to Gettysburg**

**MS IV Cadet Zachary Rubino**

It was a clear and windy day as 34 seniors from the Royal Warrior Battalion descended upon the sun soaked field upon which so many lives had been lost some 150 years ago. On November, 4 and 5 the MS IV’s ventured down to Gettysburg National Battlefield to take part in the Battalion’s annual staff ride. The trip began as Cadets and Cadre had dinner Friday evening at the Appalachian Brewing Company Restaurant. Prior to dinner, the Cadets made a presentation on the each of the three days of the battle. Dividing into three groups, Cadets addressed the specifics of each day of the conflict. After the briefings dinner was served and Cadets and Cadre enjoyed the evening socializing.

The following day started off with a tour of the Gettysburg museum in which the Cadets could see artifacts from the battle and see a short film.

The rest of the day was spent completing a tour of the battlefield with Cadets in groups of three or four made presentations at various stops on the battlefield. Such sites included Devil’s Den, Pickett’s Charge and Little Round Top to name a few. Cadet Kevin Lawrence of King’s College said, “I like the fact that we got to go on the battle sites in person rather than just look at the monuments. The hands on experience was great.”

Dr. Kathryn Meier of the University of Scranton accompanied the Cadets to provide insight and information on the battle. Dr. Meier is a history professor at the University of Scranton who specializes in the Civil war and antebellum America. Cadet Tina Bayard of the University of Scranton said, “Having Dr. Meier on the trip helped put the battle into perspective; she also made me nervous that I would say something wrong.”

The trip ended with a visit to the Gettysburg National Cemetery where Cadets saw the final resting places of fallen Soldiers from Gettysburg, as well as wars which followed. Cadet Jake Scott of Marywood University said, “The cemetery was a unique and surreal experience. Standing there and seeing the names of fallen Soldiers was grounding.” This year’s staff ride was considered by all to be a great success.

The trip is a valuable learning experience for the seniors as it sheds light on the importance of cohesion, communication and tactics. Those three aspects are necessary to the armed forces of today and a failure in any aspect could mean defeat.