After arriving at Camp Smith, New York, Military Science (MS) classes were split into two groups. Group one, MSIs and MSIIIs, spent the evening in the barracks. Group two, MSIIIs, ruck-marched to the training area, known as the bald spot. Once accounted for, MSIIIs moved to the wood line to establish their sleeping quarters for the weekend. Prior to Fall FTX Cadets received a class on building a hasty shelter. After TAC time, the MSIIIs were permitted to recharge for Saturday’s events.

As MSIIIs prepared for first formation on Saturday, MSIs and MSIIIs rucked to the bald spot. The underclassmen found the inner strength to scale the steep, rocky road. After reaching the bald spot, MSIs and IIIs moved to Introduction to Squad Movement, which consisted of individual movement techniques, team movement, and squad movement. MSI and MSII TACs expected aggressive and enthusiastic Cadets. If cadets did not arrive that way, they left that way. MSIIIIs faced their first individually evaluated task at FTX, Day Land Navigation. After receiving the safety brief, Cadets plotted their points and moved to the course. Though cadets completed the course, there were some who did not meet the standard. Those few received additional training and assaulted the course again.

As the Cadets switched off, MSIIIs moved to battle drills, actions on the objective, and Operations Orders. Meanwhile, MS Is and IIIs moved to the Land Navigation course to work in groups of two or more to instill confidence in plotting points, trusting pace counts, and navigating terrain. After completing Land Navigation, the underclassmen moved to Introduction to Battle Drills. To the TAC’s surprise, Cadets kept an aggressive, enthusiastic attitude throughout the day.

Before cadets could rest, they had one more event to complete, Night Land Navigation. Most Cadets performed better during Night than Day. Once all Cadets and equipment were accounted for, Cadets were permitted to enjoy well-deserved rest prior to the start of training day three.

On training day number three, MSIs and would receive training on the hand grenades assault course and knot tying. After practical exercises, Cadets competed on the One-Rope Bridge and Grenade Assault course. With competition in the air, Cadets were motivated and respectfully egged on their counter class. During the execution of STX lanes, MSIIIs had the opportunity to showcase their domain knowledge of small unit tactics. To end FTX with a bang, Cadets moved by detachments down the trail to the load the vans. North Campus led the way as South and East Campus followed. Cadets and Cadre left Camp Smith proud of what the battalion accomplished, as well as looking forward to Spring FTX.
(Above) The Royal Warrior Color Guard Detachment, under the guidance of MSG Alexander Ortega and SFC Joseph Wilkerson, prepares to present the Colors at the Inauguration of University of Scranton President Father Kevin Quinn on Friday, 16 September. (Below) Cadet Battalion Commander Jenna Caserta and Cadet Operations Officer Evan Dimakas pose with the 2nd ROTC Brigade Sergeant Major, SGM Kevin Goetz, following their briefings on the Battalion to the Brigade Commander, Colonel Twala Mathis, and SGM Goetz.

(Above) Cadet Battalion Commander Jenna Caserta presents Captain Katie Broyer a Battalion Certificate of Achievement for conducting a Leader Professional Development seminar with Military Science Level III and IV Cadets on 15 September. Captain Broyer is an aviation officer currently assigned to Fort Belvoir, Virginia. (Below) MS II Cadet Jarrel Israel and MS I Cadet Ronald Stafford practice plotting points during a recent leadership Lab focused on Land Navigation.
2011 Commissionee Vital Royal Warrior Recruiting Efforts

Second Lieutenant Nicholas Westendorf joined the Royal Warrior Cadre this month as the program’s Gold Bar Recruiter. Commissioned in May of this year, 2LT Westendorf is a University of Scranton graduate who will spend the next 90 days helping to support various recruiting and retention efforts led by the Military Science Department.

Every year U.S. Army Cadet Command authorizes Army ROTC program’s a set number of Gold Bar Recruiters to assist with recruiting events. Gold Bars tend to be recent graduates of a program who can share with students and families not only their experiences in the Army ROTC program but also their experiences on campus.

In addition to assisting with recruiting, marketing and retention efforts, 2LT Westendorf helps out with physical training four mornings a week and has assisted with various Leadership Labs this semester. 2LT Westendorf will attend the Corps of Engineers Officer Basic Course in January 2012 and then be assigned to Fort Hood.

CORE LEADER COMPETENCIES
Are You A Leader?

The Army defines Leadership in the following terms: Leadership is influencing people by providing purpose, motivation, and direction while operating to accomplish the mission and improve the organization.

Leads Others: Leaders motivate, inspire and influence others to take initiative, work towards a common purpose, accomplish critical tasks and achieve Organizational objectives.

Communicates: Leaders communicate effectively by clearly expressing ideas and actively listening to others.

Leads By Example: Leaders constantly serve as role models for others. Leaders will always be viewed as the example, so they must maintain standards and provide examples of effectiveness through all their actions.

Prepares Self: Leaders ensure they are prepared to execute their leadership responsibilities fully. They are aware of their limitations and strengths and seek to develop themselves.

Creates A Positive Environment: Leaders have the responsibility to establish and maintain positive expectations and attitudes that produce the settings for healthy relationships and effective work behaviors.

Five Royal Warriors Earn Distinguished Military Graduate Honors for 2011-2012

Congratulations are in order for the following Military Science Level IV Cadets who were recently named Distinguished Military Graduates by U.S. Army Cadet Command following the release of the National Order of Merit List: Cadet Emily Rainey—University of Scranton, Cadet Evan Dimakas—University of Scranton, Cadet Andrew Wycheck—Marywood University, Cadet Daniel Johnson—East Stroudsburg University, and Cadet Sidney Jaques—University of Scranton. Each Cadet ranked among the top 20% of all Cadets in the National Order of Merit List, have all successfully completed the Leaders Develop and Assessment Course at Fort Lewis, Washington, and were all recently named as Distinguished Military Students by the Professor of Military Science.