On May 5th, 2012 the University of Wyoming commissioned six recent graduates into the United States Army as Second Lieutenants. Three graduates were commissioned into the US Army and three commissioned into the Army National Guard of the United States.

2LT Barbara Cook, US Army, Nurse Corps
2LT Christopher Kaiser, Army National Guard, Infantry
2LT Joshua Nutter, US Army, Aviation
2LT Katie Varney, US Army, Transportation
2LT Dustin Wambach, Army National Guard, Engineer
2LT Michael Wardle, Army National Guard, Engineer

The Cadets were joined by friends and family as well as by Cadre of the Cowboy Battalion ROTC and University officials. It was indeed an exciting day for them, as it was the culmination of four or more years of studying and hard work.

Brigadier General Steve Mount, Wyoming National Guard Chief of Joint Staff, presented the key-note address and implored the new officers to always remember the reason for their decision to join the service.

Following the completion of the official commissioning ceremony, the new officers joined hands in using an Army saber to cut the traditional commissioning cake; as well as posing for photos and trading memories of their time in ROTC with their friends and family members in attendance.

Their legacy to the succeeding Cadets is certainly one of pride and service in their commitment to the Army. Many Wyoming Cowboys – their predecessors – have gone before them, serving honorably and always ensuring they accomplish their missions while caring for their Soldiers. We look forward to hearing about their careers, deployments, and future successes in the United States Military.