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Battalion members take oath

Above, LTC Steven T. McGonagle, professor of military science and department chair, left, administers the oath of service to 11 members of the campus Patriot Battalion during the annual ROTC Contracting Ceremony at the War Memorial Grotto on Wednesday, September 3. Eight of the 11 are Providence College students. The oath commits participating cadets to service as officers in the U.S. Army following their graduation. McGonagle, at right, was the featured speaker at the event. A week later, on September 10, the military science department celebrated a visit to the College by former members of the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP), a World War II initiative in which the College educated some of the Army's best and brightest trainees so that they could aid in the rebuilding of Germany following the end of the conflict. The 563 cadets were called to service in Europe in July 1943 and 37 were killed in action at the Battle of the Bulge. George Fisher, Jack Kolman, and Bob Lippin were the surviving ASTP members who visited the College. They attended a luncheon and a memorial ceremony for fallen comrades and gave a talk to ROTC cadets.

