



UTRGV Army ROTC Vaqueros Battalion



Who: Vaqueros Battalion

What: UTRGV ROTC Commissioning Ceremony

When: 12 MAY 2016

Where: UTRGV Performing Arts Complex,
Edinburg, TX

Why: On 12 May 2016, the UTRGV ROTC program held a commissioning ceremony to honor seven senior ROTC student graduates and welcome them into the officer ranks. They graced the stage as cadets for the last time, took the oath of office, given by LTC Walter Llamas, and commissioned as Second Lieutenants (2LT) in the United States Army. Each officer had their new rank affixed by their loved ones and received their first salutes as 2LTs. The newly commissioned officers received UTRGV sashes to wear during the UTRGV commencement ceremony, a personalized pen set, and an eagle statue as gifts from the program. They also received operational camouflage pattern 2LT rank from the Military Officers Association of America. COL James Dodson, Chief of Staff at United States Army South, served as the guest speaker.

Congratulations 2LT Bethany Alaniz, 2LT Miguel Chapa Jr., 2LT Lupita Garza, 2LT Daniel Izaguirre, 2LT Raymond McKnight, 2LT Aaron Palomares, and 2LT David Puente!

