

University of Minnesota

ROTC

Joint-Service Commissioning

18 May 2007









Schedule of Events

Welcome

Commissioning Party Entrance

National Anthem

Presentation of the Mace

POW/MIA Remembrance

Invocation

Commissioning Address: MG Erlandson

Army Commissioning

Navy Commissioning

Marine Corps Commissioning

Air Force Commissioning

Recessional

Reception

Commissioning Party

Guest of Honor MG Rick Erlandson

University Representative Regent Dean Johnson

Professor of Naval Science CAPT Duane E. Nestor

Professor of Military Science LTC Curt S. Cooper

Ass't Professor of Aerospace Studies Capt Patrick R. Marsh

Army Commissionees

NAME AND BRANCH DEGREE

Bethany A. Baumer **Business Administration**

Military Intelligence

Andrew L. Bunderman History

Armor/Signal

Michael D. Hoffman Internatinal Relations

Military Police

Andrew D. Kleinfehn Education

Medical Services Corps

Roger A. Maldonado Political Science

Armor

Andrew J. Nev Political Science

Armor/Military Intelligence

David Nguyen Language

Aviation

Oliver J. Schuster **Business Administration**

Infantry/Military Intelligence

Neal J. Sivula **Business Administration**

Ordnance

Matthew S. Vaughn Civil Engineering

Military Intelligence

Lindsey A. Wolf Nursing

Nurse Corps

T C. Zdon Psychology

Armor

Air Force Commissionees

| NAME and BRANCH | <u>DEGREE</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Timothy A. Cleaver | Aerospace Engineering |
| Engineer | |
| Joseph L. Doran | Biomedical Engineering |
| Biomedical Engineer | |
| Erin K. Frederickson | Physics |
| Scientist | |
| Brandon M. Guerra | History |
| Logistics | |
| Jason D. Heebl | Electrical Engineering |
| Electrical Engineer | |
| Martin T. Jaszewski | Electrical Engineering |
| Electrical Engineer | |
| Benjamin C. Kempen | Aerospace Engineering |
| Pilot | |
| Jarred D. Huiras | Aerospace Engineering |
| Aeronautical Engineer | |
| Matthew C. Salkowski | Mathematics |
| Pilot | |
| Jonathan P. Virnig | Nursing |



Electrical Engineering

Nurse

Pilot

Matthew S. Zacharias

Navy Commissionees

NAME and BRANCH DEGREE

Chad T. Boser Kinesiology

Surface Warfare

Naval Aviator

Naval Aviator

Nurse Corps

Robert J. Kenning Human Resource Development

Leigh K. Martin History

Aaron M. Ojard Nursing

Bette E. Rowley Biology Surface Warfare

Noah D. Willkom Business Administration

Naval Aviator

Jonathan D. Wood Political Science
Naval Aviator



Marine Corps Commissionees

NAME and BRANCH DEGREE

Sara M. Baudhuin Political Science

Ground Combat Element

Thomas L. Buettner Physiology

Ground Combat Element

Nicholas A. Charais Sociology of Law

Ground Combat Element

Aaron D. Lammi History

Naval Aviator

Ryan K. Marty Kinesiology

Ground Combat Element

Holly M. Zabinski Human Resource Development

Ground Combat Element





Major General Rick Erlandson

Major General Rick Erlandson is the Commander of the 34th "Red Bull" Infantry Division, Minnesota National Guard, headquartered in Rosemount, Minnesota.

The General's active military service began in 1970 when he joined the United States Marine Corps and attended USMC OCS in Quantico, Virginia. He was commissioned in December 1970, and served one tour in Vietnam, Cambodia, and the Philippines. General Erlandson joined the Minnesota Army National Guard in 1976 and has commanded at all levels through multinational task force, until his promotion to Major General in September 2004. His previous assignment was Commanding General, Task Force Falcon, KFOR 5B, Kosovo, an assignment he performed while dual-assigned as Assistant Adjutant General, Minnesota Army National Guard, and Assistant Division Commander, 85th Training Support Division, USAR.

MG Erlandson has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology, a Master of Science in Education, and is a graduate of the Army War College and Navy Flight Training.

His assignments include tours of Cambodia, Vietnam, The Philippines, Kosova, Virginia, Florida, California, and numerous locations in Minnesota.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, the Army Aviator Master Badge, and others.



Regent Dean Johnson

Dean Johnson is one of the newest members of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents. He was sworn in as Regent on May 10, along with three other new members of the 12-member board. This is the governing body of the University.

Regent Johnson has been a parish pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church in Willmar, Minnesota for 35 years. He also was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives (1978 to 1982) and the Minnesota Senate (1982 to 2006), where he served as minority and majority leader.

Regent Johnson recently retired as a brigadier general in the United States Army National Guard. He was special assistant to the chief of chaplains, National Guard Bureau, Washington, D.C., and received numerous awards and commendations, including the Legion of Merit.

Regent Johnson grew up on a farm near Lanesboro, Minnesota. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, a Master of Divinity degree from Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, and, in 2002, a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

- *Special Thank You to the University of Minnesota Disability Services for providing the sign language interpreters.
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Army ROTC

Army ROTC is the largest commissioning source for the US Army, annually commissioning approximately 68% of all new officers for the Active Component, Army Reserves (USAR), and National Guard (ARNG). AROTC graduates enter one of the 16 combat arms, combat support, or combat service support branches. After commissioning, AROTC graduates attend training at their assigned branch school. Active component officers then go on to further training, such as Airborne or Ranger School, or directly on to their follow-on assignments in either the continental United States or abroad. USAR and ARNG officers return to their home states to lead and train their local units, while simultaneously pursuing their civilian careers. Currently we have 99 cadets enrolled in our program.

Naval ROTC

The Naval Service consists of both the Navy and the Marine Corps. As the largest source of Navy and Marine officers in the United States, the Naval ROTC program commissions approximately 1,100 men and women as Navy Ensigns or Marine Corps Second Lieutenants each year. Following commissioning, Navy graduates go in to surface warfare, aviation, nuclear power submarines, nursing. Marine Corps Commissionees report to The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia and receive follow on orders to the Fleet Marine Force. The University of Minnesota Naval ROTC program currently has 79 midshipmen enrolled.

Air Force ROTC

Air Force ROTC is the largest and oldest source of commissioned officers of the Air Force and serves to recruit, educate, and prepare college students to be Air Force officers. Nationally, approximately 3,000 men and women are commissioned each year. Air Force ROTC is located at 143 colleges and universities with approximately 600 additional colleges handled through "cross-town agreement." Here at the University of Minnesota, we currently have 64 students enrolled in Air Force ROTC.

Army ROTC Staff

Commanding Officer LTC Curt S. Cooper MAJ Richard Johnson **Executive Officer Operations Officer** MAJ Dave Boisen

MS-I Instructor MAJ Doug Leonard

Recruiting/Operations Officer MAJ Tim Kemp

MSG Sean Mayo Senior Military Instructor SFC Kelvin Nolen

Training NCO

Executive Office & Admin Specialist Geri Johanson

Army and Air Force Supply Officer John Joyner **Assistant Recruiting Officer** Marion Meyer

Human Resource Assistant Shanna Young

Naval ROTC Staff

Commanding Officer CAPT Duane E. Nestor

Executive Officer CDR Charles Altman

Capt William Fenwick Marine Officer Instructor

Junior Advisor LT Luis Gonzalez

Sophomore Advisor LT Logan Schulze

LT Taeko McFadden Freshman Advisor

Supply Officer SKC Robert Malewicki

Administrative Officer YN1 Ronald Harris

Assistant Marine Officer Instructor SSgt Eugene Kardos **Executive Office Specialist**

Jason Bernhagen Personnel Coordinator Susan Vasquez

Air Force ROTC Staff

Lt Col Douglas Ballinger Commanding Officer

Commandant of Cadets Capt Patrick Marsh

Executive Officer Capt Melissa Gallagher

Unit Admissions Officer Capt John Worley

NCOIC. Personnel SSgt Kari Rappoccio

Principal Admin Specialist Tony Yulo

Army and Air Force Supply Officer John Joyner

Officers Oath of Office

I, (state your full name), having been appointed a Second Lieutenant/Ensign in the United States (Army, Navy/Marine Corps, Air Force), do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, So Help Me God.