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1992 Tri-Service  
Commissioning Ceremony

ARMY NAVY MARINE CORPS AIR FORCE

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

June 19, 1992  
7:30 p.m.

WILLEY HALL AUDITORIUM

# HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

The Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) plays an important role in the national defense framework of our nation. The American tradition of military instruction on civilian college campuses began in 1819 when a former superintendent at West Point established the American Library, Scientific and Military Academy, which later became known as Norwich University. Military instruction soon spread to other institutions - Virginia Military Institute in 1839, the University of Tennessee in 1840 and the Citadel in 1842.

In 1862 the Congress of the United States, forseeing the dual necessities of creating additional institutions of higher learning, as well as providing a means of schooling young men in the military arts, passed the Morrill Land Grant Act. This act provided money from the sale of government lands to establish colleges and universities, and specified that courses in the military arts should be offered at these institutions.

The University of Minnesota opened its doors in 1869 through the benefits made available by the Morrill Act. One of the original nine faculty members was the University's first professor of military science, Major General Richard W. Johnson. For 70 years ROTC training at the University prepared young men for entrance into the Army. Then in 1939 a Naval ROTC unit was established, and in 1949 an Air Force ROTC program opened its doors to officer candidates.

For more than 150 years ROTC programs on civilian college campuses have provided intelligent, well educated leaders for the national defense. This is in keeping with the typically American concepts of the citizen soldier and civilian-oriented military officers from all geographic and social strata whose leadership has been characterized by initiative, ingenuity, and flexibility. Also, because ROTC officers may return to civilian status when they have fulfilled their military obligation, ROTC programs provide leadership resources not only for the national defense but also for civilian enterprise.

# AGENDA

PROCESSIONAL

PRESENTATION OF THE MACE Dr. Curtis Norenberg

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS (Please Stand)

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION Captain Patterson

UNIVERSITY SPEAKER Regent Stanley D. Sahlstrom

COMMISSIONING ADDRESS Brig Gen Michael D. McGinty

PRESENTATION OF COMMISSIONS

HAIL! MINNESOTA (Sung by entire audience. please stand)

RETIREMENT OF COLORS

RECESSIONAL (Please remain standing until the newly commissioned officers have left the auditorium.)

RECEPTION The audience is invited to the lobby for refreshments.

During the reception, Commissionees and guests are welcome to return to the auditorium for personal photographs. Four sets of flags will be placed on the stage.

# DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Mace Bearer

Dr. Curtis Norenberg

University of Minnesota Regent

Dr. Stanley Sahlstrom

Honored Speaker

Brigadier General Michael D. McGinty, USAF

Professor of Naval Science

Colonel Bronson W. Sweeney, USMC

Professor of Aerospace Studies

Colonel Larry P. Cornwell, USAF

Professor of Military Science

Major William Dekanich, USA

## HAIL! MINNESOTA

Minnesota, hail to thee!  
Hail to thee, our college dear!  
Thy light shall ever be  
A beacon bright and clear;  
Thy sons and daughters true  
Shall proclaim thee near and far:  
They will guard thy fame  
And adore thy name  
Thou shalt be their Northern Star.



## BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL D. MCGINTY

General Michael McGinty was born September 20, 1942, in Waukegan, Ill., and graduated from Hopkins High School in Hopkins, Minnesota, in 1960. He earned a B.A. degree in mathematics at the University of Minnesota in 1964 and received his commission as a 2nd Lt. through Air Force R.O.T.C. as a distinguished graduate. Gen. McGinty also earned a master of science degree in public administration at Shippensburg University, Pa., in 1983. He is also a graduate of Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College.

The general graduated from pilot training at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma, in March 1966. Following fighter training at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., he was assigned as an F-4 pilot to the 497th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, Ubon Royal Thai AFB, Thailand, in December 1966. In September 1967, Gen McGinty was assigned to the 9th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 49th Tactical Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. From there, he was assigned to the 81st Tactical Fighter Squadron in July 1968 and then to the 10th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 50th Tactical Fighter Wing, Hahn Air Base, Germany, in July 1969.

The general became Chief, Promotions and Performance Reports Division, Headquarters Air Force Logistics Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, in October 1971. While there, he served as assistant for senior officer management beginning in December 1972.

General McGinty served as an F-4 flight commander with the 90th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Clark Air Base, Philippines, from November 1975 to July 1976 when he became chief of the standardization and evaluation division in the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing. In December 1976, he transferred to the 49th Tactical Fighter Wing, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M. There he served as chief of the Standardization and Evaluation Division and later, as operations officer for the 9th Tactical Fighter Squadron from January until August 1978. The general was assigned as chief of the Rated Officer Assignments Division, Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, Va., in September 1980.

In June 1983, General McGinty became assistant deputy commander for operations for the 355th Tactical Fighter Wing at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. He subsequently became deputy commander for operations in May 1984. In March 1985, he became chief of the Colonels' Group at the Air Force Military Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas, and was then reassigned to Royal Air Force Station Alconbury, England in July 1987 to be vice commander of the 10th Tactical Fighter Wing, and became commander in March 1988. He transferred to Headquarters Air Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas, in June 1990, where he served as deputy chief of staff for plans and requirements. He became the vice commander of the Air Force Military Personnel Center and deputy assistant, deputy chief of staff, for military personnel, Randolph AFB, Texas in February of 1991. On May 26 of this year General McGinty assumed the command of the Air Force Military Personnel Center.

General McGinty is a command pilot with more than 3,200 flying hours. He flew 115 combat missions in Southeast Asia, including 100 over North Vietnam. His decorations include the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with nine devices, and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

General McGinty was promoted to Brigadier General on August 1, 1990, and has been selected for promotion to Major General. The general is married to the former Karen Dibble of Hopkins, Minnesota. They have two children, Shannon and Timothy.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE  
CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONING

(R) Ellefson, Theodore A.	Mechanical Engineering	Barnesville, MN
Karkoc, Justin L.	Accounting	Minneapolis, MN
(R) Korlath, Angela M.	Sociology	Brooklyn Park, MN
McCarty, Joseph D.	Political Science	Eden Prairie, MN
Peterson, Andrew U.	Speech Communications	Anoka, MN
Potocko, Stephanie A.	Management	Hampton, VA
(R) Ramos, Alan L.	Japanese	Minneapolis, MN

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Christophersen, Steven J.	Business Administration	Green Bay, WI
Kjosa, Kevin T.	Agricultural Business	St. Charles, MN

March 1992

Schloegel, Kirk A.	International Relations	Hamel, MN
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July 1992

Newinski, Joseph A.	Computer Science	Chanhassen, MN
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August 1992

Gerner, Barbara J.	Nursing	St. Paul, MN
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December 1992

Barta, Keith A.	Accounting	New Prague, MN
Geisen, Kurt M.	Business Administration	St. Paul, MN
Kramer, Michael P.	Agricultural Business	St. Charles, MN
Kromer, Scott L.	Economics	Stillwater, MN
McEarthron, Scott R.	Geography	Chippewa Falls, WI
Murray, Michael C.	Pre-Med	Robbinsdale, MN
Russell, Shelley A.	Kinesiology	Tripoli, WI
Saumur, Daniel P.	International Relations	Coon Rapids, MN
Slack, Michael T.	Political Science	Plymouth, MN

(R) Denotes a commission in the Regular Army





DEPARTMENT OF NAVAL SCIENCE  
CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONING

Bonniwell, Daniel D.	History	Inver Grove Heights, MN
*Gallati, Todd G.	Political Science	Roberts, WI
Lepper, Todd J.	Geography	Reedsburg, WI
McComber, James S.	History/Math	Apple Valley, WI
Peterson, Jeffrey D.	Chemical Engineering	Winona, MN
Weems, Michael A.	Speech Communications	Hettinger, ND

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Duncanson, Nathan	Mathematics	Fairfax, MN
Hughes, Dawn M.	Mechanical Engineering	Bird Island, MN
Rucker, Ned A.	Speech Communications	Wells, MN
Walker, Michael	Chemical Engineering	Wisconsin Rapids, WI

March 1992

Goetze, Stephen H.	Aerospace Engineering	Fargo, ND
Kunz, David J.	Aerospace Engineering	St. Paul, MN
Richards, Steven M.	Mechanical Engineering	Gonvick, MN
Swanson, Mark A.	Electrical Engineering	Fridley, MN

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Ekblad, William J.	International Relations	Minneapolis, MN
Johnson, Eric R.	Political Science	Coon Rapids, MN

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Gerber, Geoffrey L.	Civil Engineering	West St. Paul, MN
Mattfield, Stuart M.	International Relations	Bemidji, MN
Noble, Nicholie T.	Mechanical Engineering	Roseville, MN
Zimmermann, Elizabeth A.	Geophysics	Caledonia, MN

\* Marine Corps Commissionee



DEPARTMENT OF AEROSPACE STUDIES  
CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONING

Hamel, Jesse D.	Russian Area Studies	Minneapolis, MN
Hund, Roman L.	Mechanical Engineering	La Crescent, MN
Johnson, Laura M.	Civil Engineering	Duluth, MN
*Johnson, Lee R II.	Astrophysics	Fridley, MN
Landeen, Neal J.	Geography	Sioux Falls, SD
Peterson, Ty W.	Russian Area Studies	Bemidji, MN
Pohl, Antony J.	Mathematics	Dusseldorf, Germany
Tombarge, Paul A.	Political Science	St. Anthony, MN
*Yamamoto, Dirk P.	Electrical Engineering	Richfield, MN

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*Blahnik, Kevin M.	Aerospace Engineering	Appleton, WI
Fanning, Joseph E.	Aerospace Engineering	Sparta, WI
*McNurlin, Thomas C.	Aerospace Engineering	Eagan, MN
Schultz, Joseph R.	Aerospace Engineering	Stillwater, MN
Sorucco, Joseph A.	Biology	Richfield, MN

March 1992

Lauth, Jeffry D.	Political Science	St. Paul, MN
Zieska, Timothy A.	Electrical Engineering	Columbia Heights, MN

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Lang, Grant E.	Electrical Engineering	Burnsville, MN
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December 1992

Oison, Randy W.	Humanities	Albert Lea, MN
Podemski, Jodi A.	Civil Engineering	Duluth, MN
Ruminsky, Theodore S.	Criminal Justice	Bloomington, MN
Whitney, Steven P.	Electrical Engineering	Minnnetonka, MN

March 1993

Alwin, Steve F.	Electrical Engineering	New Ulm, MN
Piepkorn, Aaron F.	Aerospace Engineering	Austin, TX

June 1993

Enfield, Matt L.	Civil Engineering	Ramsey, MN
Erdmann, Michael T.	Electrical Engineering	Ipswich, SD
Sichmeller, Brett A.	Civil Engineering	Webster, SD

\* Denotes Distinguished Graduate



# STAFF / FACULTY

## ARMY

Lieutenant Colonel William R. Roope  
Major William Dekanich  
Captain David J. Bailey  
Captain Ray D. Bolin  
Captain Louis J. King II  
Captain Virgil R. Mullins  
Sergeant Major Brian Kielpinski  
Master Sergeant Donald G. Iverson  
Master Sergeant Julian B. January  
Sergeant Gail H. Atkinson  
Marie Y. Angel, Military Personnel Technician  
Geri Johanson, University Employee, Executive Secretary  
Barb Swanson, University Employee, Senior Secretary

## NAVY/MARINE CORPS

Colonel Bronson W. Sweeney  
Commander Michael A. Lennon  
Major Edward M. Hatcher  
Major Dennis J. Yecke  
Lieutenant Charles W. Laingen  
Lieutenant John Rishia  
Senior Chief Storekeeper (SW) Bradley A. Renollet  
Chief Yeoman (SW) Arron D. Sissom  
Chief Storekeeper (SW/AW) Crisostomo M. Cruz  
Staff Sergeant Jonathan P. Lee  
Judy R. Siegal, University Employee, Principal Secretary  
Brenda Ittner, Federal Secretary

## AIR FORCE

Colonel Larry P. Cornwell  
Major Michael J. Devereaux  
Captain Ingrid K. Bradley  
Captain Richard V. Patterson  
Master Sergeant Edward A. Yulo  
Staff Sergeant Donald E. Riley  
Patricia McDonald, University Employee, Principal Secretary  
Diane Cresswell, University Employee, Principal Secretary  
Eugene J. Pavak, University Employee, Material Mgmt. Specialist  
Robert H. Patrin, University Employee, Store Clerk



## Oath of Office

I, (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 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.

