



*University of Minnesota  
Reserve Officers Training Corps  
Tri-Service Commissioning Ceremony  
Armory, 15 Church Street  
19 June 1998, 7:00 pm*

## Commissionees

### Department of Military Science

Timothy S. C. Crowe	International Relations	West St. Paul, MN
Larry J. Fonder	Finance	Maple Grove, MN
Thong V. Tran	Management	Fridley, MN
Jeromey L. Werle	Law Enforcement	St. Paul Park, MN

### Department of Naval Science

Todd I. Ladwig	Biological Sciences	Moorhead, MN
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### Department of Aerospace Studies

Michael R. Ehnstrom	Civil Engineering	Woodbury, MN
Ryan W. Fleishauer	Architecture	Arkansas, WI
Jamie L. Green	Mathematics: Education Specialty	Morgan, MN
Apryl L. Patten	Criminology	Anoka, MN
Michelle M. Tetzlaff	Sociology of Law and Criminology	Westfield, WI
Tamara L. Ward	Aging Studies/Psychology	Ramsey, MN

## Program

Processional	
Presentation of the Mace	Regent H. Bryan Neel III
Presentation of the Colors	
National Anthem	
Invocation	
Welcome	Regent H. Bryan Neel III
Keynote Speaker	Major General Rodney R. Hannula
Commissioning	

Army: Major Jeffrey D. Ous, Minnesota Army National Guard  
Navy: Captain J. Stephen Fitzgerald, USN  
Air Force: Colonel Jaromir J. Bon, USAF

Retirement of the Colors  
Recessional  
Reception

### Stage Party from left to right:

Board of Regents	The Honorable H. Bryan Neel III
Keynote Speaker	Major General Rodney R. Hannula
Assistant Professor of Military Science	Major Jeffrey D. Ous, MN ARNG
Professor of Naval Science	Captain J. Stephen Fitzgerald, USN
Professor of Aerospace Studies	Colonel Jaromir J. Bon, USAF

## *Oath of Office*

*I, (state your full name), having been appointed a second lieutenant/ensign, do solemnly swear (or affirm) 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.*

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University of Minnesota**

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Lieutenant Colonel Randall G. Banky, USA  
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## **Major General Rodney R. Hannula**

Major General Rodney R. Hannula is the Commanding General of the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Minnesota Army National Guard. General Hannula recently retired from 3M Company in St. Paul, as manager of new business development for the Postal Services Program in the Identification and Converter Systems Division. General Hannula and his wife, Terry, live in St. Paul.

General Hannula was born September 4, 1940 in Ironwood, Michigan. He graduated from Saxon High School in Saxon, Wisconsin in 1958 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from La Crosse State College in La Crosse, Wisconsin. He then went on to the University of Minnesota and earned a Masters degree in Business Administration.

His military education includes: Ordnance Familiarization Course; Chemical Officer Familiarization Course; Artillery and Missile School; Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Weapons Employment Course; Infantry Officer Advanced Course; Chemical Officer Advanced Course; Command and General Staff College; Brigade Command Refresher Course; United States Army War College; Division Command Refresher Course; Battle Command Training Program; Long Range Planning Course; and the Total Quality Leadership Management Course.

The General began his military career when he enlisted in the Wisconsin National Guard in 1957. He graduated from the Wisconsin Military Academy and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Wisconsin Army National Guard in 1961. His first assignment was a platoon leader with an Ordnance Company. He was placed on active duty in October 1961 in response to the Berlin Wall Crisis and remained on active duty until August 1962. He returned to the Wisconsin National Guard and served in several positions there until transferring to the Minnesota Army National Guard in 1965. His first position in the Minnesota Guard was as the assistant chemical officer, 47th Infantry Division. He was promoted to Captain in 1967.

In 1974, he was assigned as the Assistant Operations Officer for the First Brigade. He was promoted to Major in 1974. He then served a tour as a Liaison Officer for the 47th Infantry Division before being reassigned as the Assistant Division Chemical Officer. Subsequent assignments in the 47th Infantry Division Headquarters included the Detailed Inspector General and the Division Chemical Officer. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1978.

In 1981, General Hannula assumed command of the 47th Supply and Transportation Battalion. He remained in that assignment for a year, and then assumed command of the 747th Maintenance Battalion.

In 1984 he was assigned as the Executive Officer for the 47th Division Support Command. He assumed command of DISCOM in 1985 and was promoted to Colonel in 1985. He was assigned as Chief of Staff, 47th Infantry Division in 1986. In 1988 he was named as a Special Assistant for Long Range Planning to the Chief of Staff in the State Area Command. In 1989 he was named the State Area Command Director of Logistics. In 1990 he was assigned as the State Area Command Assistant Adjutant General, Army. On October 1, 1992, he was assigned as the Assistant Commander (Operations), 34th Infantry Division. He was promoted to Major General in May 1996 and was assigned the Deputy Commanding General Reserve Components, First United States Army located in Atlanta, Georgia.

General Hannula's awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award); Army Commendation Medal; Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 Hour Glass devices; Army Service Ribbon; Minnesota Distinguished Recruiting Ribbon; Minnesota Service Ribbon with 20 Year Device; Berlin Crisis Service Medal.

The general's civic affiliations include Past President of the Tartan High School basketball association; Past President of the East Parks Lions Club; Past President of the Eastwind Toastmasters; Golf Chairman, Tartan High School Booster Club; Past President, Grace Lutheran Church. His professional affiliations include the Institute of Packaging Professionals; Minnesota Mailers Association; National Guard Association of the United States; and the Association of the United States Army.

## History and Philosophy

Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs play an important role in the national defense of our nation. The American tradition of military instruction on civilian college campuses began in 1819 when Captain Alden Partridge, a former superintendent at West Point, established the American Library, Scientific and Military Academy, which later became 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, foreseeing 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. A condition of accepting these funds was that courses in military science and tactics would be offered at these institutions.

The University of Minnesota opened its doors in 1869. One of the original nine faculty members was the University's first Professor of Military Science and Tactics, Major General Richard W. Johnson. For 70 years, ROTC training at the University prepared young men for entrance into the Army. In 1939 a Naval ROTC unit was established, and in 1949 an Air Force ROTC program opened its doors to officer candidates.

For nearly 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 upon completion of their military obligation, ROTC programs provide leadership resources not only for national defense, but also for civilian enterprise.