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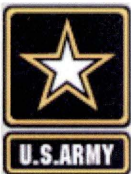


UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

# ROTC

# Joint-Service Commissioning

22 May 2008



## **Schedule of Events**

Welcome

Commissioning Party Entrance

National Anthem

Presentation of the Mace

Invocation

Commissioning Address: General Casey

Army Commissioning \*

Navy Commissioning \*

Marine Corps Commissioning \*

Air Force Commissioning \*

The First Salute

Recessional

Reception

***\* Parents will join their commissionee on stage immediately after the oath is given by GEN Casey.***

## **Commissioning Party**

Guest of Honor

General George W. Casey Jr.

University Representative

Regent Dean Johnson

Professor of Military Science

LTC Curt S. Cooper

Professor of Naval Science

CDR Keith Wettschreck

Professor of Aerospace Studies

Lt Col Douglas Ballinger

## Army Commissionees

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>
Chad Arneson	FA	Sociology
Patrick Campbell	JAG	Biology
Jonathan Challgren	AR	Political Science
Jeffrey Courchaine	IN	Sociology
Gregory Holmes	AR	Political Science
Matthew Keller	AN	Nursing
Jeremy Larson	AV	Spanish
Joey Larson	FA	Architecture
Aaron Mach	OD	Sociology
Kelsey Murphy	OD	Interdisciplinary Studies
Dustin Rockow	IN	History
Kevin Ross	SC	Information Systems
Josh Rud	EN	Mechanical Engineering
Jon Schliesing	AR	Sociology
James Silda	AR	Sociology
Victoria Sutch	MS	Biology
Travis Tomford	AR	Psychology
Matvey Vikhrov	EN	Geophysics
Joseph Witcher	AR	Languages

## Air Force Commissionees

NAME and SPECIALTY

DEGREE

Michael Bennett  
Engineer

Electrical Engineering

Krista Brose  
Intelligence

French

Nathan Gavic  
Pilot

Accounting

Chad Herner  
Logistics

Interdisciplinary Studies

Brandon Miller  
Pilot

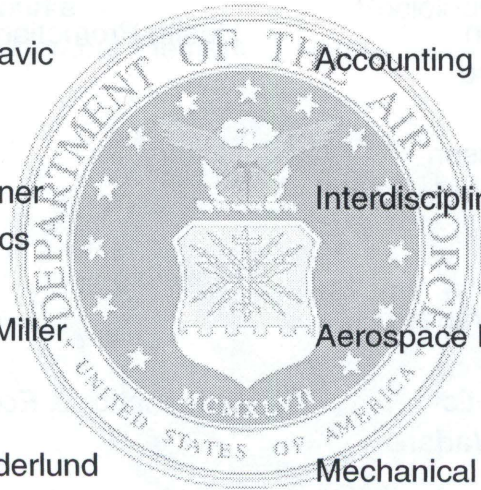
Aerospace Engineering

Justin Soderlund  
Special Investigations

Mechanical Engineering

Kenneth Winters  
Pilot

Kinesiology



## Navy Commissionees

<u>NAME and SPECIALTY</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>
Colin Cleary Naval Aviator	Civil Engineering
Paul Dauffenbach Naval Flight Officer	Architecture
Daniel Hutton Intelligence	Health Promotion
Charles Johnson Surface Warfare	History
Salina Leyk Surface Warfare	Kinesiology
Jason McClintic Surface Warfare	Mathematics & Economics
Bradley Otreмба Surface Warfare	Fisheries & Wildlife
Tyler Pietrick Special Operations	Criminal Justice & Sociology
Jordan Stewart Naval Aviator	Aerospace Engineering

## Marine Corps Commissionees

NAME and SPECIALTY

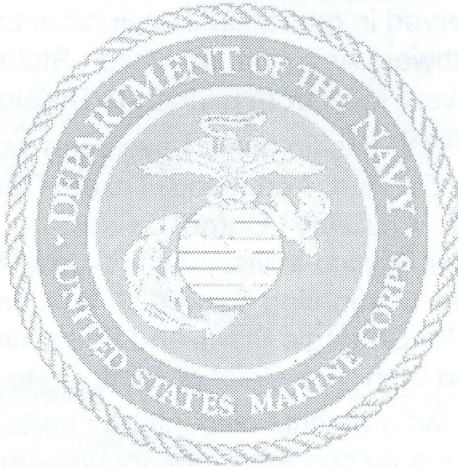
DEGREE

Gary Antilla  
Ground Combat Element

Sociology

Sean O'Rourke  
Ground Combat Element

Sociology





## **GENERAL GEORGE W. CASEY, JR.** **Chief of Staff, United States Army**

General George W. Casey, Jr. was sworn in and assumed responsibility as the 36th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army on 10 April 2007. In his previous assignment, he was the Commander, Multi-National Force – Iraq, a coalition of over thirty countries, from 01 July 2004 until 10 February 2007. General Casey was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in 1970. Throughout his career, he has served in operational assignments in Germany, Italy, Egypt, Southwest Asia and the United States. He has commanded at every level from platoon to Division.

His principal staff assignments have been as a Chief of Staff, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; Operations Officer and Chief of Staff, V (US/GE) Corps, Heidelberg, Germany; Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs, Joint Staff, Commander, Joint Warfighting Center/J7, US Joint Forces Command, Director Strategic Plans and Policy and Director of the Joint Staff and 30th Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army.

He commanded a mechanized infantry battalion at Fort Carson, Colorado; a mechanized infantry brigade at Fort Hood, Texas; served as Assistant Division Commander for Maneuver and Support in the 1st Armored Division in Bosnia and Germany; and commanded the 1st Armored Division in Bad Kreuznach, Germany.

General Casey holds a Masters Degree in International Relations from Denver University, and has served as Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council of the United States.





## **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 10 May 2007 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.

## 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). The Gopher Battalion 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 113 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 75 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 44 students enrolled in Air Force ROTC.

### Army ROTC Staff

Commanding Officer	LTC Curt S. Cooper
Executive Officer	MAJ Mark Weber
Training Officer, MS-II Instructor	MAJ Dave Boisen
MS-I, History Instructor	MAJ Doug Leonard
Enrollment and Scholarships Officer	MAJ Gary Mundfrom
Logistics and Training Officer	CPT Tim Hogan
Senior Military Instructor	MSG Sean Mayo
Training NCO	SFC David Lykens
Executive Office & Admin Specialist	Karol Johnson
Army and Air Force Supply Officer	John Joyner
Assistant Enrollment Officer	Michelle Swain
Human Resource Assistant	Shanna Young

### Naval ROTC Staff

Commanding Officer	CAPT Duane Nestor
Executive Officer	CDR Keith Wettschreck
Marine Officer Instructor	MAJ William Fenwick
Junior Advisor	LT Luis Gonzalez
Sophomore Advisor	LT Logan Schulze
Freshman Advisor	LT Taeko McFadden
Advisor	LT Joshua Essler
Supply Officer	SKC Robert Malewicki
Assistant Marine Officer Instructor	SSgt Eugene Kardos
Administrative Officer	YNC Kevin Naeyaert (Ret.)
Personnel Officer	Susan Vasquez

### Air Force ROTC Staff

Commanding Officer	Lt Col Douglas Ballinger
Commandant of Cadets	MAJ Patrick Marsh
Unit Admissions Officer	MAJ Kelly Polsgrove
Education Officer	Capt John Worley
NCOIC, Personnel	SSgt Kari Rappoccio
Principal Admin Specialist	Tony Yulo
NCOIC, Information Management	SSGT Josh Blake

## 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.*