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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

ROTC

Joint-Service Commissioning



21 May 2009

Schedule of Events

Welcome

Commissioning Party Entrance

National Anthem

Presentation of the Mace

Invocation

Commissioning Address: LtGen Dunford

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.***

Commissioning Party

Guest of Honor

Lieutenant General Joseph Dunford, Jr.

University Representative

Regent Dean Johnson

Professor of Military Science

LTC Michael Conway

Professor of Naval Science

CAPT Duane Nestor

Professor of Aerospace Studies

Lt Col Joel Fortenberry

Army Commissionees

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>
Cheryl Abbatte	AG	Philosophy
Elizabeth Ayotte	AG	Political Science
Jon Anderson	OD	Aerospace Engineering
Jillian Bladow	NC	Nursing
Stephanie Christoffels	AG	Philosophy & Theater
David Cocchiarella	AR	Sociology
Alex Dowds	MI	Arabic & Islam
Zach Duckworth	IN	Political Science & Entrepreneurship
Megan Ehrreich	MI	Political Science
Katrina Hopkins	AV	Conservation Biology
Kevin Junius	OD/JAG	Law
Grant McDonald	QM	Political Science & Global Studies
Amber Meyer	MS	Dietetics
Seth Miletich	IN	History
John Muraski	AR	Archaeology
Dane Rockow	AR	Political Science
Steven Swanson	MP	Economics
Nicole Thompson	EN	Mathematics
Brian Wilka	AV	Art
Steven Winkler	MP	History
Ferdinand Zoa	QM	International Business

Air Force Commissionees

<u>NAME and SPECIALTY</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>
Brenda S. Clayton Logistics Readiness	Human Physiology
Daniel A. Esposito Communications	Sociology
Rebecca J. Gehrman Civil Engineering	Architecture
Adam C. Jung Intelligence	History
Derrick G. Tetzman Pilot	Aerospace Engineering
Paul C. Gabor Combat Systems Operator	Aerospace Engineering
Matthew C. Campbell Pilot	Aerospace Engineering
Daniel M. Hatzung Developmental Engineer	Mechanical Engineering
Stephanie L. Kaari Logistics Readiness	Spanish & Graphic Design
Isaac M. Landecker Pilot	Aerospace Engineering



Navy Commissionees

NAME and SPECIALTY

DEGREE

Katherine Gervais
Nurse Corps

Nursing

Daniel Kasper
Special Operations - EOD

Business Management

Darrah Steingraber
Nurse Corps

Nursing

James Kelly
Naval Flight Officer

Business Management

Jeremy Anderson
Pilot

Chemistry

Kenneth Sierleja
Nurse Corps

Nursing

Jonah Shermer
Pilot

Criminal Justice

Neal Nelson
Special Warfare - SEAL

Broadcast Journalism & Asian Studies

Joshua Gilliam
Nurse Corps

Nursing

Samantha Brogger
Pilot

Political Science



Marine Corps Commissionees

NAME and SPECIALTY

DEGREE

Shalinda Sprehn
Ground

Family of Social Science

Christopher Winkler
Ground

Kinesiology

Johnathon Rice
Ground

Political Science

Jason Oldenkamp
Ground

Applied Economics

Meghan Kim Wolner
Ground

Sports Management

James O'Hara
Aviation

Actuarial Science





Lieutenant General Joseph Dunford, Jr. Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies, and Operations – U.S. Marine Corps

Lieutenant General Dunford is currently assigned as the Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies and Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington D.C..

He was born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1955 and commissioned in June 1977 after graduation from St. Michael's College. From 1978-1981 he served in the 1st Marine Division as a Platoon and Company Commander in the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines and a Company Commander in 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.

In 1981, he reported to III MEF where he served as the Aide to the Commanding General. In 1982, he was transferred to HQMC where he served in the Officer Assignment Branch. He reported to the 2nd Marine Division in June 1985 and served as the Company Commander, Company L, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines. In 1987, he was reassigned to 2nd ANGLICO as the Operations, Plans, and Training Officer.

From 1988-1991 he was assigned as the Marine Officer Instructor, College of the Holy Cross and served at Officer Candidate School. In 1992, he was assigned to HQMC as a member of the Commandant's Staff Group and subsequently as Senior Aide to the Commandant of the Marine Corps. In 1995, he joined the 6th Marines where he was assigned as the Regimental Executive Officer. From 1996 until 1998, he served as the Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines.

From 1999 until 2001, he served on the Joint Staff as Executive Assistant to the Vice Chairman, JCS and as Chief, Global and Multilateral Affairs Division (J-5).

From 2001-2005, he served in the 1st Marine Division where he was assigned as the Commanding Officer, 5th Marine Regiment, Division Chief of Staff, and Assistant Division Commander.

From 2005-2007, he served as the Director, Operations Division, Plans, Policies and Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington DC.

From 2007-2008, he served as the Vice Director for Operations (J-3), Joint Staff, Washington DC.

Lieutenant General Dunford is a graduate of the U. S. Army Ranger School, Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School, and the U. S. Army War College. He holds a M.A. in Government from Georgetown University and a M.A. in International Relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.



Regent Dean Johnson

Dean Johnson has been a member of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents since May 2007. 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.

Representing the University Regents, Dean Johnson places the Mace in it's cradle. The University of Minnesota Mace is a symbolic staff representing the dignity, power, and authority of the academic institution. Its crystal is symbolic of the illuminating quality of knowledge and education. Its presentation marks the beginning of tonight's commissioning ceremony

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 Army 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 130 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
Executive Officer
MS-II Instructor
MS-I, History Instructor
Enrollment and Scholarships Officer
Training Officer
Senior Military Instructor
Training NCO
Executive Office & Admin Specialist
Army and Air Force Supply Officer
Assistant Enrollment Officer
Human Resource Assistant
Human Resource Assistant
Enrollment Administrator

LTC Michael Conway
MAJ Gary Mundfrom
MAJ Dave Boisen
MAJ Doug Leonard
CPT Ryan Curl
CPT Tim Hogan
MSG Sean Mayo
SFC David Lykens
Marian Meyer
John Joyner
MSG Tim Hovseth
Shanna Young
Michelle Swain
John Zillhardt

Naval ROTC Staff

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Marine Officer Instructor
Junior Advisor
Sophomore Advisor
Freshman Advisor
Supply Officer
Assistant Marine Officer Instructor
Administrative Officer
Personnel Officer

CAPT Duane Nestor
CDR Keith Wettschreck
CAPT Cameron Fitzsimmons
LT Crystal Schaefer
LT Joshua Essler
LT Taeko McFadden
Robert Malewicki
SSgt Eugene Kardos
Kevin Naeyaert
Susan Vasquez

Air Force ROTC Staff

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Commandant of Cadets
Unit Admissions Officer
Education Officer
NCOIC, Personnel
NCOIC, Knowledge OPS MGR
Principal Admin Specialist

Lt Col Joel Fortenberry
Maj Glade Oxborrow
Capt John Worley
Maj Kelly Polsgrove
Maj Patrick Marsh
SSgt Kari Rappoccio
SSgt Josh Blake
Tony Yulo

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.