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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

ROTC

Joint-Service Commissioning



21 May 2010

Schedule of Events

Welcome

Commissioning Party Entrance

National Anthem

Presentation of the Mace

Invocation

Commissioning Address: BG Elicerio

Army Commissioning *

Navy Commissioning *

Marine Corps Commissioning *

Air Force Commissioning *

The First Salute

Recessional

Reception (Outside on Northrop Plaza)

**** Parents will join their commissionee on stage
immediately after the oath is given.***

Commissioning Party

Guest of Honor

Brigadier General David J. Elicerio

University Representative

Regent Dean Johnson

Professor of Military Science

LTC Michael Conway

Professor of Naval Science

CAPT Steven DiNoble

Professor of Aerospace Studies


Lt Col Joel Fortenberry

Army Commissionees

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>
Belland, Christopher	IN	History
Bernick, Christopher	MS	Chemistry
Berube, Eric	FA	History
Chanski, Dan	FA	Criminal Justice
Dowdell, Joshua	TC	Mechanical Engineering
Fennern, Cody	AG	Marketing Communication
Flaherty, Eric	AG	Criminal Justice
Gummert, Brian	FA	Business Operations Mngmt
Hines, Eric	AR	Global Studies
Huppert, Stephanie	AN	Nursing
Johnson, Cory	MI	Organizational Management
Jones, Ryan	MI	Law & Criminal Deviance
Kimmel, Justin	AN	Nursing
Kloehn, Aliecia	MI	Political Science
Laackmann, Jason	IN	Political Science
Metzler, Alex	EN	Geography
Miller, Zach	AR	Environmental Sciences
Modeen, Paul	AR	Business/ Political Science
Mueller, Cassandra	MS	Physiology
O'Dell, Jill	AG	Juris Doctor
Pasche, Daniel	IN	Mechanical Engineering
Poole, Andrew	JAG	Juris Doctor
Roe, Kindahl	JAG	Juris Doctor
Smith, Colin	OD	Law & Criminal Deviance
Stainbrook, Neal	EN	Civil Engineering
Stasiewicz, Kaitlyn	AV	Physics/Religion
Titus, Cory	IN	International Studies
Tramm, Nathanael	AR	Biology
Vogel, Daniel	AG	Political Science
Xiong, Sao	QM	Law & Criminal Deviance

Air Force Commissionees

<u>NAME and SPECIALTY</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>
Adachi, Miki Space & Missile Officer	Japanese
Carlson, Kirk Air Battle Manager	Civil Engineering
Magnuson, Alex Pilot	Civil Engineering
Peterson, Sarah Intelligence Officer	Sociology
Philip, Joseph Pilot	Aerospace Engineering
Rask, Matthew Intelligence Officer	Chinese/History
Stricherz, Jacob Pilot	Biology
Villa, Rex Combat Systems Officer (Navigator)	Computer Science



Navy Commissionees

<u>NAME and SPECIALTY</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>
Erickson, Jacob Surface Warfare Officer	Family Social Sciences
Erstad, David Surface Warfare Officer	Mechanical Engineering
Harden, David Submarine Warfare Officer	Mechanical Engineering
Turner, Joshua Submarine Warfare Officer	Biology



Marine Corps Commissionees

NAME and SPECIALTY

DEGREE

Martin, Justin Computer Science
Ground Officer, The Basic School

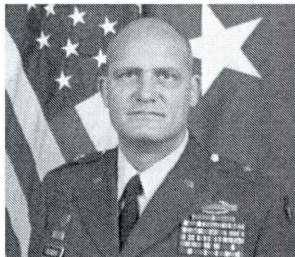
Orsucci, Adam Economics
Ground Officer, The Basic School

Roth, Torin Business Administration
Ground Officer, The Basic School

Wilson, Corey American Studies
Ground Officer, The Basic School



Brigadier General David J. Elicerio Deputy Commander, 34th Infantry Division



Brigadier General David J. Elicerio was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on November 22, 1957. He received his commission in 1980 through the Army ROTC program at the University of Minnesota where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering. He also holds a Master of Strategic Studies from Shippensburg State University, Pennsylvania.

General Elicerio was deployed to Bosnia from July 2003 through April 2004 as Chief of Joint Military Affairs, at Eagle Base in Tuzla, Bosnia/Herzegovina, Stabilization Force 14. Stabilization Force 14 was a brigade-sized element comprised of approximately 1,100 Soldiers from throughout the 34th Infantry Division, and other units in the Minnesota Army National Guard. Stabilization Force 14 conducted security, force protection, and anti-terrorism operations throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina in support of Operation Joint Forge.

From July 2005 through September 2007 General Elicerio served as the 1/34 Brigade Combat Team Commander where he commanded over 4,000 Soldiers conducting sixteen months of security operations throughout the Iraq theater of operations. The 1st Brigade's sixteen months of continuous service in the Iraqi theater is longer than any other Army Brigade's to date.

General Elicerio currently serves as the Deputy Commander, 34th Infantry "Red Bull" Division, Minnesota Army National Guard, Rosemount, Minnesota. He was assigned to that position in September 2007. In February 2010 he completed a twelve month tour of duty as the Deputy Commander, United States Forces-South, headquartered in Basra Iraq.

Other command assignments include Commander of the 175th Battalion (Regional Training Institute); Director of Training and Training Management, State Area Command; Commander of 1-216th Air Defense Artillery; Commander of B Company, 1-135 Infantry Battalion; and Rifle Platoon Leader for C Company 1-135 Infantry Battalion.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge and the Air Assault Badge.



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 160 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, or 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 144 colleges and universities with approximately 600 additional colleges handled through "cross-town agreement." Here at the University of Minnesota, we currently have 58 students enrolled in Air Force ROTC.

Army ROTC Staff

Commanding Officer	LTC Michael Conway
Executive Officer	MAJ Gary Mundfrom
MS-II Instructor	MAJ Dave Boisen
MS-I, History Instructor	MAJ Doug Leonard
Enrollment and Scholarships Officer	CPT Ryan Curl
Training Officer	CPT Tim Hogan
Senior Military Instructor	MSG Todd Crawford
Assistant Enrollment Officer	SFC David Lykens
Training NCO	SFC Ryan Phillips
Assistant Enrollment Officer	MSG Tim Hovseth
Army Supply Officer	John Joyner
Executive Office & Admin Specialist	Marian Belinski
Human Resource Assistant	Shanna Young
Human Resource Assistant	Jana Gunther
Logistics Administrator	Mark McDuffie

Naval ROTC Staff

Commanding Officer	CAPT Steven DiNobile
Executive Officer	CDR Keith Wettschreck
Marine Officer Instructor	Capt Cameron Fitzsimmons
Freshman Advisor	LT Crystal Schaefer
Sophomore/Junior Advisor	LT Galon Hudgins
Senior Advisor	LT Mike Siedsma
Assistant Marine Officer Instructor	GySgt Sael Garcia
Administrative Officer	Kevin Naeyaert
Personnel Officer	Susan Vasquez
Supply Officer	Robert Malewicki

Air Force ROTC Staff

Commanding Officer	Lt Col Joel Fortenberry
Commandant of Cadets	Capt John Worley
Unit Admissions Officer	Capt Tracy Cooper
NCOIC, Personnel	TSgt Kari Rappoccio
NCOIC, Knowledge OPS MGR	SSgt Josh Blake
Principal Admin Specialist	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.