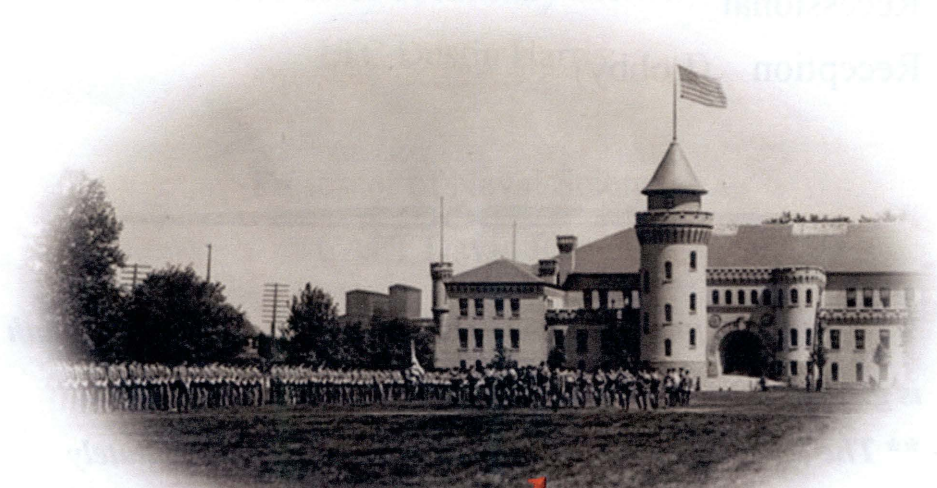


University of Minnesota
ROTC
Joint Service
Commissioning



May 24th, 2013

Schedule Of Events

Welcome

Commissioning Party Entrance

National Anthem

Invocation

Commissioning Address: MG David Elicerio

Army Commissioning *

Navy Commissioning *

Marine Corps Commissioning *

Air Force Commissioning *

The First Salute**

Recessional

Reception (Lobby)



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

*** The Navy/Marine Corps First Salute will immediately follow the ceremony.*

Commissioning Party

Guest of Honor

Major General David Elicerio
Commander 34th Infantry Division

University Representative
Regent Dean Johnson

Chaplain
Chaplain (MAJ) Philip Winn, Jr.

Professor of Military Science
LTC Dustin Harris

Professor of Naval Science
CAPT David Ratte

Professor of Aerospace Studies
Lt Col Paul H. Schwartz

*Many thanks to the 34th Infantry Division for providing a
brass quintet musical ensemble*

Army Commissionees



National Guard Commissionees

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>BRANCH</u> | <u>DEGREE</u> |
|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Bogda, Michael | Infantry | History |
| Carpenter, Ian | Armor | Political Science |
| Dicosimo, Samuel | Armor | Mechanical Engineering |
| Forrest, Brendon | Mil Intelligence | Marketing Management |
| Johnson, Drew | Field Artillery | Electrical Engineering |
| Mooney, Noah | Finance | Finance |
| Phelps, Aaron | Field Artillery | Biokinetics |
| Watkins, Phillip | Armor | Criminal Justice |

Active Duty and Reserves Commissionees

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>BRANCH</u> | <u>DEGREE</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Berchild, Robert | JAG | Criminal Justice |
| Buehler, Derek | Quartermaster | Criminology |
| Feder, Curtis | Field Artillery | History |
| Hultman, Austin | Infantry | Criminology |
| Imhoff, Grant | Aviation | Criminology |
| Kauffeld, Christopher | Field Artillery | Political Science |
| Ling, Angela | Nursing | Nursing |
| Lueck, William | Ordnance | Communications |
| Morris, Tucker | Chemical | International Relations |
| Preekett-Schardin, Jon | Quartermaster | Psychology |
| Udermann, Matthew | Aviation | Recreation Resource Mgt |

Air Force Commissionees

Name, Specialty, Assigned

Degree

Connelly, Joseph

Grad Student, University of
California, San Diego, CA

Computer Science/Electrical
Engineering

May, Yvonne

Logistics Officer
ROK, Korea

Russian

Morris, Andrew

Developmental Engineer
Hill AFB, UT

Mechanical Engineering

Mount, Lauren

Electrical Engineer
Hanscomb AFB, MA

Electrical Engineering

Nguyen, Tony

Air Battle Manager
Tyndall AFB, FL

Chinese

Servi, Stephanie

Force Support Officer
Randolph AFB, TX

Sociology of Law &
Communications

Schendel, Gregory

Pilot Training
Sheppard AFB, TX

Aerospace Engineering

June, July & August Commissionings:

Wells, Justine

Nurse - TBD

Nursing

Lewis, Holly

Space Operations
Vandenburg AFB, CA

Kinesiology

Augustoviz, Elizabeth

Intelligence Officer - TBD

Russian

Navy Commissionees



| <u>Name and Degree</u> | <u>Service Assignment</u> |
|---|--|
| Teri Robin Arruza Russian Political History | Surface Warfare USS Bonhomme Richard - Sasebo, Japan |
| Jared Asmus Geography | Surface Warfare MCM Fearless - San Diego, CA |
| Bertha S. Favela-Xiong Neuroscience | Surface Warfare USS San Antonio, Norfolk, VA |
| Luke Gideon Gunderson Economics | Naval Aviation Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, FL |
| Alexander D. Lewis Political Science | Submarine Warfare Nuclear Power School, Charleston, SC |
| Jamieson Steven May Neuroscience | Naval Aviation Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, FL |
| Brian Scott Neiheisel Neuroscience | Naval Aviation Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, FL |
| Nara Natane Nelson Mathematics | Naval Aviation Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, FL |
| Michael Ebenezer Oolman Arabic | Naval Aviation Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, FL |
| Briana Rose Plohocky Psychology | Naval Aviation Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, FL |
| Joseph Alfredo Rego History | Submarine Warfare Nuclear Power School, Charleston, SC |
| Cassandra Renee Roper Earth Sciences | Naval Aviation Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, FL |
| Kevin J. Van Batavia Mechanical Engineering | Naval Aviation Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, FL |
| David John Wanninger International Studies | Naval Aviation Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, FL |

Marine Corps Commissionees



Name Specialty and Assignment

Alex Trevor Buenger

Political Science

Ground Officer

The Basic School, Quantico, VA

Kevin Lee Graving

Communication Studies

Ground Officer

The Basic School, Quantico, VA

Michael Bradley Skelton

History

Aviation Officer

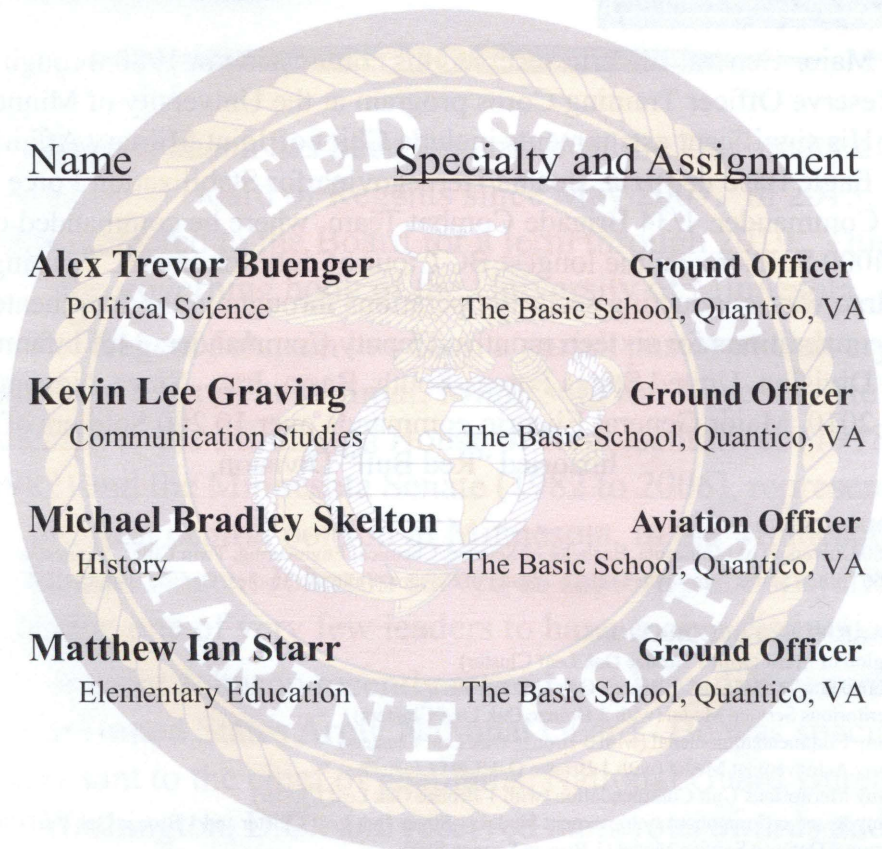
The Basic School, Quantico, VA

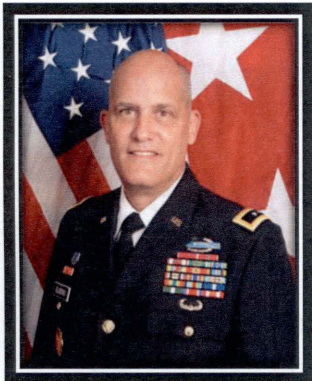
Matthew Ian Starr

Elementary Education

Ground Officer

The Basic School, Quantico, VA





Major General David J. Elicerio Commander, 34th Infantry Division

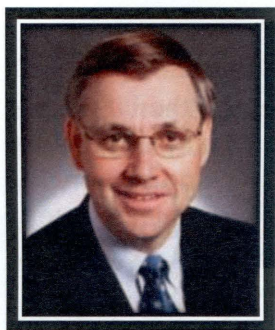
Major General Elicerio received his commission in 1980 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Minnesota. His significant assignments include Chief of Joint Military Affairs at Eagle Base in Tuzla, Bosnia/Herzegovina for Stabilization Force 14; Commander, 1/34 Brigade Combat Team, where he commanded over 4000 Soldiers, on the longest BCT tour of duty for any BCT during the Iraq war; conducting security operations throughout the Iraq theater of operations for sixteen months; Deputy Commander, 34th Infantry Division, United States Forces-South, Basra, Iraq. Since, November 2010, Major General Elicerio commands over 10,200 Soldiers of the historied “Red Bull” Division.

EDUCATION:

1980 University of Minnesota, Bachelor of Science, Chemical Engineering, Twin Cities, Minnesota
2000 United States Army War College, Master of Science, Strategic Studies, Carlisle Barracks, PA

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Bronze Star Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
Army Commendation medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Army Meritorious Unit Commendation (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
National Defense Service Medal (1 Bronze Service Star)
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal (with 3 Bronze Service Stars)
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass, M Device and Numeral 3)
Army Service Ribbon
Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 2)
North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal (Balkans)
Minnesota Commendation Medal
Minnesota Active Duty Ribbon
Minnesota Service Ribbon (with XXX Device)
Combat Infantry Badge
Air Assault Badge



Regent Dean Johnson

Dean Johnson has been a member of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents since May 2007. In 2013, he was reelected to the Board for a term through 2019. This is the governing body of the University of Minnesota.

Regent Johnson has been a parish pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church in Willmar, Minnesota for 36 years. He was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives (1978 to 1982) and the Minnesota Senate (1982 to 2006), representing the west central portion of Minnesota. In the Minnesota Senate, Regent Johnson served as minority and majority leader, one of very few leaders to have such a distinction.

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 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 54 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 145 colleges and universities with approximately 600 additional colleges handled through "cross-town agreement." Here at the University of Minnesota, we currently have 59 students enrolled in Air Force ROTC.

Army ROTC Staff

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| Professor of Military Science | LTC Dustin Harris |
| Senior Military Instructor | MSG David Dempsey |
| Executive Officer | LTC Mitchell Ruedebusch |
| Training Officer | David Leard |
| Assistant Training Officer | Ryan Curl |
| Personnel and Logistics Officer | Jay Fulerton |
| Enrollment and Scholarships Officer | MAJ Jon Dotterer |
| Assistant Enrollment and Scholarships Officer | Greg Heller |
| Training NCO | SFC Ryan Phillips |
| Assistant Training NCO | David Lykens |
| Recruiting NCO | SFC Richard Babineau |
| Army Supply Officer | John Joyner |
| Human Resource Assistant | Shanna Young |
| Human Resource Assistant | Jana Gunther |

Naval ROTC Staff

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Commanding Officer | CAPT David Ratte |
| Executive Officer | CDR Keith Wetschreck |
| Marine Officer Instructor | Capt Quincy Washa |
| Surface Warfare Officer | LT Angela Laird |
| Submarine Officer | LT Mike Siedsma |
| Aviation Officer | LT Gralon R. Hudgins |
| Aviation Officer | LT Devin Bastemeyer, |
| Assistant Marine Officer Instructor | MSgt Martin Huizar |
| Administrative Officer | Susan Wottrich |
| Personnel Officer | Susan Vasquez |
| Supply Officer | Robert Malewicki |

Air Force ROTC Staff

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Professor of Aerospace Studies | Lt Col Paul H. Schwartz |
| Asst Professor of Aerospace Studies | Maj Chris Peterson |
| Asst Professor of Aerospace Studies | Capt Adam Bliss |
| NCOIC, Personnel | TSgt Shan Gasparovich |
| NCOIC, Knowledge OPS MGR | SSgt Christopher Bylund |
| Principal Admin Specialist | Tony Yulo |

Officer's 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.