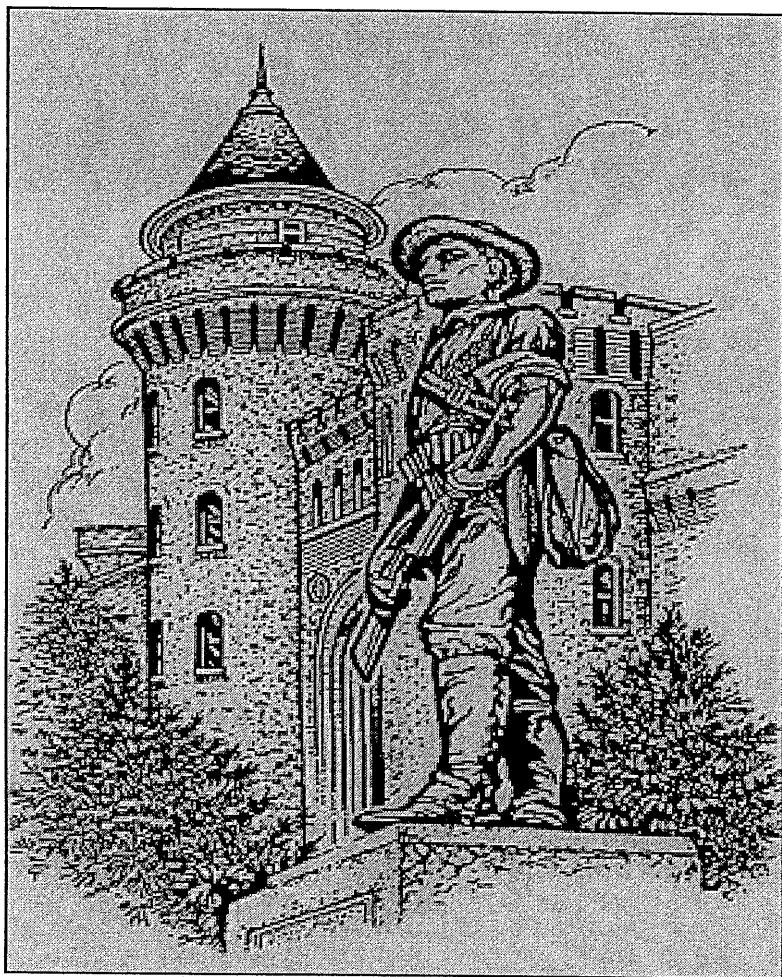


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Officer's Oath of Office

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.

Hail! Minnesota

Minnesota, hail to thee!
Hail to thee, our college dear!
Thy light shall ever be
A beacon bright and clear;
Thy sons and daughters true
Shall proclaim thee near and far;
They will guard thy fame
And adore thy name
Thou shalt be their Northern Star.

Schedule of Events

Welcome

Processional

Presentation of the Mace

POW/MIA Poem: Mr. Stan Kowalski

Invocation: CH (MAJ) Kenneth L. Beale, Jr.

National Anthem

Commissioning Address: Congressman John Kline

Presentation of the Commissions ***

Recessional

Reception

*** Guests are encouraged to move freely
around The Great Hall to take pictures.

Commissioning Party

University Representative

Regent Frank Berman

Guest of Honor

U.S. Rep. John Kline

Professor of Military Science

LTC Douglas Trenda

Professor of Naval Science

Captain Marc Stanley

Professor of Aerospace Studies

Colonel Henry J. Gilman

REGENT FRANK BERMAN

Frank Berman received a bachelor of science degree in accounting, with distinction, and a Juris Doctorate, cum laude, from the University of Minnesota. He has practiced law for 35 years in business-related litigation, business transactions, resolutions of disputes, and other commercial matters. He has served on numerous governing boards including the executive committee of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the Committee for Identity and Continuity for the Jewish Federation of Minneapolis, and Governor Carlson's Task Force on Stadium Financing. He has been married for 35 years and has two adult children and four grandchildren.



U.S. REPRESENTATIVE JOHN KLINE

Congressman John Kline begins his service in the United States House of Representatives following 25 years of active duty service in the United States Marine Corps.

Kline brings to Washington the benefit of his military experience, from which he retired as a Colonel in 1994. During his career, Kline served in Vietnam and commanded all Marine aviation forces in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia. Kline also served as Program Development Officer at Headquarters Marine Corps and was responsible for developing the Program Objectives Memorandum – a \$50 billion resource allocation plan.

Although this marks his first elected office, Kline is familiar with Washington, where he served as a military aide to Presidents Carter and Reagan. Kline's responsibilities included carrying the nuclear "football" – the package containing launch codes for a nuclear attack – and advising the country's senior leadership, including the President.

Following his service in the Marine Corps, Kline and his wife, Vicky, moved to Lakeville, Minnesota. During this time, John helped his father-in-law manage the family farm in Houston County and worked with the Center for the American Experiment, a conservative think tank in Minneapolis.

Congressman Kline is pleased to receive assignments on the Armed Services and the Education and the Workforce Committees. He looks forward to addressing the issues of military transformation and further implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act. He will strive to serve the people of the Second Congressional District with the same honor and integrity he demonstrated during his 25-year career in the United States Marine Corps.

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Army ROTC

Army ROTC is the largest commissioning source for the US Army, annually commissioning approximately 75% of all new officers for the Active Component, Reserves and National Guard. AROTC graduates enter one of the 18 combat arms, combat support, or combat service support branches. After commissioning, AROTC graduates attend training at their assigned branch's Officer Basic Course. 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 NG return to their home states to lead and train their local units, while simultaneously pursuing their civilian careers. Currently, we have 81 cadets enrolled in our program.

Naval ROTC

The Naval Service consists of both the Navy and the Marine Corps. The Naval ROTC program commissions approximately 1,500 men and women as Navy Ensigns or Marine Corps Second Lieutenants each year. Following commissioning, NROTC graduates go in to surface warfare, aviation, nuclear power submarines, nursing, or Marine Corps career fields. The NROTC battalion consists of Midshipmen, as well as Navy and Marine Corps enlisted service members on active duty who are earning their degrees and commissions. The Midshipmen operate the Battalion under the guidance of the NROTC Unit Staff.

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 80 students enrolled in Air Force ROTC.