

# Joint Service Commissioning Ceremony



**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

23 May 2014

# History of the Program

The Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) has long played an important role in the national defense framework of our nation. In 1819, a former superintendent of West Point established the American Literary, Scientific and Military Academy, later known as Norwich University. This action led to the tradition of military instruction on civilian campuses and soon spread to other institutions.

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## *Honor, Courage, Commitment*

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In 1862, Congress passed the Morrill Land Grant Act, which provided money from the sale of government lands to establish colleges and universities with the provision that military training be made available to students. A product of the Morrill Act, the University of Minnesota was designated a land-grant institution in 1869. One of the original nine faculty members, Major General Richard W. Johnson (Ret), was appointed the first Professor of Military Science and led the predecessor of the modern-day Army ROTC program. In 1939 military training at UMN expanded with the establishment of the Naval ROTC unit, and finally rounded out with the formation of the Air Force ROTC detachment in 1949.

# Schedule of Events

## Ceremony Commences at 1430

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Welcome

Commissioning Party Entrance

National Anthem

Invocation

Commissioning Address: VADM (Ret) John Totushek

Army Commissioning \*

Marine Corps Commissioning \*

Navy Commissioning \*

Air Force Commissioning \*

The First Salute\*\*

Recessional

Reception (Lobby)

*\* Persons conducting the pinning will join their commissionee on stage immediately after the oath is given.*

*\*\* The Navy and Marine Corps First Salutes will immediately follow the ceremony.*

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# Commissioning Party

Guest of Honor

Vice Admiral (Ret.) John Totushek

University Representative

Regent Thomas Devine

Professor of Naval Science

Captain David Ratte

Professor of Military Science

Lieutenant Colonel Dustin Harris

Professor of Aerospace Studies

Lieutenant Colonel David Hoopes

# ROTC Staffs

## Army

Commanding Officer	LTC Dustin Harris
Executive Officer	MAJ Thomas Axtell
Commandant of Cadets	MSG David Dempsey
Assistant Professor of Military Science	CPT Michael McConaghy
Assistant Professor of Military Science	CPT Steven Cole
Recruiting Operations Officer	Mr. Mitchell Ruedebusch
Assistant Professor of Military Science	Mr. David Leard
Military Science Instructor	Mr. Timothy Wehr
Military Science Instructor	Mr. Jordan Carlson
Training NCO	SFC Adam Lisius
Recruiting NCO	SFC Richard Babineau
Human Resources Assistant	Ms. Shanna Young
Human Resources Assistant	Mrs. Jana Gunther
Human Resources Assistant	Ms. Maggie Marchesani
Supply Officer	Mr. John Joyner
Supply Officer	Mr. David Lykens

## Navy/Marine Corps

Commanding Officer	CAPT David Ratte
Executive Officer	CDR Jason Krueger
Aviation Officer	LT Devin Bastemeyer
Submarine Warfare Officer	LT Eric Marx
Surface Warfare Officer	LT Eric Switzer
Marine Officer Instructor	Capt Quincy Washa
Assistant Marine Officer Instructor	MSgt Martin Huizar
Human Resources Tech	Mrs. Susan Vasquez
Supply Officer	Mr. Rob Malewicki
Executive Assistant/ Admin Officer	Ms. Susie Wottrich

## Air Force

Commander	Lt Col David Hoopes
Operations Officer	Maj Chris Peterson
Recruiting Officer	Capt Adam Bliss
Personnel Chief	TSgt Shantyl-Lee Gasparovich
Information Systems Chief	SSgt Christopher Bylund
Principal Admin Specialist	Mr. Tony Yulo



## John Totushek

Vice Admiral, United States Navy, Retired

Vice Admiral John Totushek is a native of Minneapolis. A 1966 graduate of the University of Minnesota, he earned his commission through a Naval ROTC scholarship and was designated a pilot upon completion of flight training in June 1968.

Admiral Totushek began his Naval Aviation career flying the F-4 Phantom in Florida and Virginia-based squadrons. In November 1973, he resigned his regular commission and accepted a commission in the Naval Reserve. Over the next 24 years, Vice Admiral Totushek served in numerous capacities with the Naval Reserve and several civilian companies, including acting as the Commanding Officer of three air-combat training squadrons and Atlantic Fleet air support commands.

In early 1977, Vice Admiral Totushek was asked to return to active duty to lead the Navy's environmental, safety, and occupational health programs. He then was selected as Commander, Naval Reserve Force on 17 Oct 1998. His duties included command of 88,000 Naval Reservists and 181 nationwide Reserve facilities. He was promoted to Vice Admiral on 24 May 2001. On 01 November 2003 he retired from active duty.

Vice Admiral Totushek's awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and various service and campaign awards.



**Thomas Devine**  
Regent, University of Minnesota

Thomas Devine has been a member of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents, the governing body of the University, since 2012. Within the Board of Regents, Mr. Devine serves on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the Special Committee on Academic Medicine, and as the Vice Chair of the Facilities and Operations Committee.

Regent Devine is Executive Vice President/Principal of The David Agency, a fourth generation insurance agency in Edina, Minnesota. He received a Bachelor of Elected Studies in Business and Architectural History from the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota. In addition, Regent Devine has served as a volunteer on numerous University organizations and has had active involvement in many Insurance Industry boards.

Regent Devine is currently serving on the Task Force Working Group for the formation of the Minnesota HealthCare Exchange. He is the former President of the Minnesota Association of Health Underwriters, Presidents Council: Northern Star Council of the Boy Scouts of America and Past National Officer of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity as Board President/CEO, Endowment Fund.

## Army Commissionees

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>
Patrick T. Abele	AR	Business Administration
Kurt S. Altrichter	IN	Economics
Matthew K. Arlien	OD	Business
Joseph M. Benning	EN	Mechanical Engineering
Isaac J. Glover	FA/SC	Geography
Zachary J. Huberty	MI	Arabic
Erik M. Johnson	IN/MI	Anthropology
Gustav C. Jones	FA	Economics
Stephanie M. Koreen	AV	International Relations
Matthew J. Leirdahl	FA/SC	Information Systems Mgmt
Cainon P. Lewis	MI	Chinese
Max L. Meehan	AR	Business
Anthony J. Sandrin	MP	Criminal Justice
Julia R. Schmitt	AN	Nursing
Chase T. Tokarczyk	MS	Neurology



# Marine Corps Commissionees

NAME and DESIGNATION

DEGREE

Sebastian Q. Ewald  
Ground Officer

Classical Civilizations

Jeremy P. Troedson  
Ground Officer

Leadership & Management



# Navy Commissionees

NAME and COMMUNITY

DEGREE

Sarah M. Bauer  
Submarine Warfare

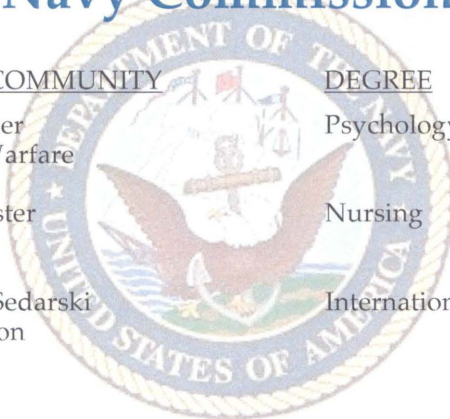
Psychology

Kayla C. Ernster  
Nurse Corps

Nursing

Christian R. Sedarski  
Naval Aviation

International Business



# Air Force Commissionees

<u>NAME and SPECIALTY</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>
David J. Carlson Aircraft Maintenance	Agriculture Industries & Marketing
Phillip E. Collar Pilot	Human Resources
Thomas J. Giaimo Pilot	Computer Science
Erica T. Kornhoff Intelligence	Political Science
Michael G. Sarno Pilot	Russian
Hallie S. Tietz Medical Surgery	Nursing
Timothy N. Wilson Air Traffic Controller	Music



## 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.