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Duluth --- Brigadier General Joseph L. Dickman, Commander, Duluth Air Defense Sector, will deliver the address at commissioning ceremonies for the 420th UMD Air Force ROTC Cadet Group at 7:00 p.m. Thursday (June 11) at Kirby Student Center ballroom.

General Dickman will speak on the topic "The Air Force: Present and Future."

Eight graduating seniors will be sworn in as second lieutenants in the Air Force Reserve by Lt. Col. Harold J. Hopkins, professor of air science at UMD.

Mothers, wives or sweethearts traditionally pin the gold second lieutenant bars on the cadets.

Cadets to be commissioned and their first Air Force assignments are:

* Charles O. Bolf, Duluth, assigned to the Security Service, Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, Texas.

* Thomas S. Boyce, Duluth, resident auditor, McClellan AFB, Sacramento, California.

* John M. Francis, Duluth, resident auditor, Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

* James W. Hagenbrock, Duluth, resident auditor, Vandenberg AFB, Pt. Mugu, California.

* Louis F. Kramer, Duluth, hospital administrative officer, Turner AFB, Albany, Georgia.

* Roger V. Ralphe, Hastings, weapons control officer, Ft. Meade, Maryland.

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* Ralph H. Soderburg, Proctor, pilot training in Texas (base still not assigned).

* Larry S. Wendfeldt, Duluth, navigator training, James Connally, AFB, Waco, Texas.

Following the commissioning ceremonies, which are open to the public, members of the ROTC Angel Flight will serve refreshments in the ballroom.

As a fighter pilot and group commander in England and Italy in World War II, General Dickman was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart.

Gen. Dickman later served on the staffs of the Air University at Tyndall AFB, Florida and Maxwell AFB, Alabama. He also attended the Air Command and Staff School and the Air War College at Maxwell.

In 1951 he was assigned to the War Plans Division in the Pentagon, attended the National War College in Washington D.C., and then was named commander of the 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, Etain, France.

In 1958 he was assigned to Headquarters, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein, Germany, where he served as Asst. Deputy of Staff for Operations, then Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations of the 17th Air Force.

In 1960, Dickman was Chief of the Promotions and Separations Division in the Directorate of Military Personnel at Headquarters, USAF, Washington, D.C. In 1961 he became executive Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force and was promoted to Brigadier General. He assumed command of the Duluth Air Defense Sector in July, 1963.