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DULUTH--Pilot and meteorologist Maj. Thomas R. Owens, USAF, has been named assistant professor of air science at UMD. He succeeds Maj. Roger A. Williams.

The announcement was made today by Lt. Col. Harold J. Hopkins, professor of Air Force ROTC.

Maj. Owens will take command of the UMD flight instruction program for senior cadets. As director of education he also will be responsible for testing, counseling, cadet qualification and faculty training. He will teach courses in air science and meteorology.

Owens served in England during World War II. Between 1952 and 1955 he did a tour of duty in Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Formosa and the Pacific Islands. He served in the free countries of Europe from 1958 to the present.

Among citations he received were the Air Medal, both Army and Air Force Commendation medals, Presidential Unit citations, outstanding unit awards and theater ribbons.

Owens received his degree from West Texas State, Canyon, Tex. and attended the Universities of Tennessee and Chicago. He is the father of three.

The retiring Maj. Williams will enter the University of Minnesota Graduate School.