

DULUTH-- Major Richard E. Snyder has been named professor of aerospace studies at UMD, Provost Raymond W. Darland announced today.

Snyder will direct the six-man Air Force staff which coordinates the activities of UMD's 420th ROTC detachment.

Snyder succeeds Lt. Col. Richard D. Kepner who has been named comptroller for the 3800th Air Base Wing, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

Major Snyder came to UMD one year ago from Yokota, Japan where he was assistant chief of plans and programs for a fighter wing. He previously saw service in Okinawa, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Iceland, Scotland, and several Pacific Islands.

Lt. Col. Kepner came to UMD in August, 1964 after service as a comptroller at USAFE headquarters in Wiesbaden, Germany. He previously served in the Far East, Middle East, Africa, Labrador and Brazil.

While in Duluth, Kepner has served on the Board of Trustees of Lakeside Presbyterian Church, in Phi Delta Kappa, education fraternity; the UMD Campus Club; and Northland Country Club.

The 18 ROTC cadets commissioned this past year at UMD is the largest group of new officers since the Korean War.