The Army Goes Rolling Along

First to fight for the right, And to build the Nation’s might,  
And the Army Goes Rolling Along  
Proud of all we have done, Fighting till the battle’s won,  
And the Army Goes Rolling Along  

Then it’s Hi, Hi, Hey! The Army’s on its way  
Count off the cadence loud and strong  
For where e’er we go, you will always know  
That the Army Goes Rolling Along  

The Marine’s Hymn

From the halls of Montezuma  
To the shores of Tripoli,  
We fight our country’s battles  
In the air, on land, and sea.  

First to fight for right and freedom,  
And to keep our honor clean,  
We are proud to claim the title  
Of United States Marine.  

Anchors Aweigh

Anchors Aweigh, my boys, Anchors Aweigh  
Farewell to college joys,  
We sail at break of day-ay-ay-ay!  
Through our last night on shore, Drink to the foam  
Until we meet once more  
Here’s wishing you a happy voyage home  

Air Force Song

Off we go into the wild blue yonder,  
Climbing high into the sun:  
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,  
At ’em boys, give ’er the gun! (Shout) GIVE ’ER THE GUN!  
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under  
Off with one helluva roar!  
We live in fame or go down in flame,  
(Shout) HEY! Nothing can stop the U.S. Air Force.
May 16, 2015

Dear Parents, Family and Friends,

On behalf of the WPI community I am pleased to welcome you to the Reserve Officer Training Corps Joint Commissioning Ceremony. This ceremony recognizes the hard work and dedication of these fine young men and women, and accepts them into the ranks of officers in the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force.

These students have successfully managed college careers that have challenged them academically and prepared them for future military service. They possess the highest level of excellence, sense of duty, leadership, and devotion to family and nation.

Their successes that we celebrate today mark them as deserving of our every confidence. They are assuming the mantle of leadership in our Armed Forces during a dynamic period of global challenges. I believe that they are prepared to face the personal and professional trials and opportunities that they will undoubtedly encounter. Please join me in wishing them success in their future endeavors as they lead our nation’s military in the protection of our freedom and security.

Sincerely,

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Opening Remarks
Arrival of Commissionees
Arrival of Official Party
Presentation of the Colors
National Anthem
Invocation
CDT Nathan Caso

Introduction
Lieutenant Colonel Ciro C. Stefano
Professor of Military Science

Commissioning Officer Remarks
General David McKiernan

Oath of Office

Official Pinning

Presentation of Commissions

Benediction

Retiring of Colors

Departure of Official Party
General McKiernan was born in Atlanta, Georgia and graduated from the College of William & Mary with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history in 1972, commissioned on active duty from the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps. He holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Shippensburg University and an honorary doctorate in public service from the College of William & Mary. His military education includes: the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Armor Officer Advanced Course, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the United States Army War College.

GEN McKiernan held various command and staff positions during his 37-year Army career. From 1988 to 1990 GEN McKiernan served as commander, 1st Battalion, 35th Armor (Iron Knights), 1st Armor Division. In 1992 he served as the 1st Cavalry Division G3. From 1993 to 1995 GEN McKiernan commanded 1st Brigade (Iron Horse), 1st Cavalry Division. In 1996, GEN McKiernan served in the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC) as the Deputy Chief of Staff G2/G3, forward deployed in both Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Rheindahlen, Germany.

From 1998 to 1999, he served as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G3 (Operations), Headquarters United States Army, Europe and Seventh Army during a period of simultaneous operations in Bosnia, Albania, and Kosovo. From 1999-2001, GEN McKiernan commanded the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. In 2001, he served as the Army G3 (Operations), Headquarters, Department of the Army. From 2002 to 2004, GEN McKiernan commanded Third U.S. Army and U.S. Army Forces Central Command (ARCENT), and became the Coalition Forces Land Component Commander (CFLCC) for U.S. Central Command in preparation for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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In March 2003, General McKiernan commanded all coalition and U.S. conventional ground forces that attacked Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein from power. GEN McKiernan next served as the Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces Command, the Army's largest major command, from 2004 to 2005. He commanded U.S. Army, Europe and 7th Army from 2005 to 2008, building partner land force capabilities and relationships across Europe and the former Soviet Union.

In his final assignment, 2008 to 2009, GEN McKiernan commanded the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), a coalition of 42 countries and U.S. Forces Afghanistan (USFOR-A). GEN McKiernan retired from active duty in October 2009; however, he still spends time every year training and mentoring Army leaders and units.

GEN McKiernan awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster), Army Distinguished Service Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with two oak leaf clusters), the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), the Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab.
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BAY STATE BATTALION

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OATH OF OFFICE

I, ________________, having been appointed a(n) ___________ in the United States ___________ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States 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.

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