Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Reserve Officer Training Corps
Joint Service Commissioning Ceremony

Friday, May 13, 2022
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 graduates, and accepts them into the ranks of the officers in the United States Army and Air Force.

These students have successfully managed college careers that have challenged them academically, as well as prepared them for future military service. They possess the highest levels 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 time of great complexity and uncertainty. I am confident that they have developed the skills they’ll need to navigate their path ahead. Please join me in wishing them success in their future endeavors as they lead our nation’s military in the preservation of freedom.

Sincerely,

Laurie A. Leshin
President
SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Opening Remarks

Arrival of Commissionees

Arrival of Official Party

Presentation of the Colors

National Anthem

Invocation
Cadet Nicholas Latsis

Introduction
Lieutenant Colonel Craig Cude
Professor of Aerospace Studies

Commissioning Officer Remarks
Chief of Staff and Air Component Commander,
Massachusetts Air National
Brigadier General Virginia I. Gaglio

Oath of Office

Official Pinning

Presentation of Commissions

Benediction

Retiring of Colors

Departure of Official Party
Brig. Gen. Virginia I. Gaglio is the Chief of Staff and Air Component Commander, Massachusetts Air National Guard. She is the principal advisor to The Adjutant General and Land Component Commander in the administration, coordination, planning, development and execution of all Air National Guard and National Guard Joint Staff programs. She ensures the preparation of the 8,200 airmen and soldiers of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for contingency operations in both federal and state emergencies. She assists The Adjutant General in overseeing the Commonwealth’s Joint Homeland Defense Program, to include rapid reaction forces, contingency emergency response forces, counter drug operations, civil support teams, expeditionary medical teams and explosives ordnance disposal.

Prior to her current assignment, she was the wing commander of the 102nd Intelligence Wing. She has served in Operations NORTHERN WATCH, NOBLE EAGLE, IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. General Gaglio received her commission through the Academy of Military Science program at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Technical Education Center in September 1992, where she was a distinguished graduate.

Her military education includes the Advanced Joint Professional Military Education; Joint Task Force Commander’s Training Course; and Reserve Component National Security Course.

Her awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, and Air Force Commendation Medal, all with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, and Combat Readiness Medal, all with two Oak Leaf Clusters.
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Department of Aerospace Studies

Lieutenant Colonel Craig Cude, Commander
Major Kyle Blackman, Operations Flight Commander
Captain Cameron Rouleau, Recruiting Officer
Technical Sergeant Andrew Moody, Training Instructor
Technical Sergeant Jonathan Walsh, NCOIC Admin Management
Mr. Raymond Verrier, Program Assistant
Army Reserve Officer Training Corps
Bay State Battalion

Department of Military Science

LTC Adam D. Heppe, Professor of Military Science
MAJ Joseph Irwin, Executive Officer
MAJ Lawrence Lee, Operations Officer
MSG Alan Sutton, Senior Military Science Instructor
SFC Erick Mejia, Military Science Instructor
Mr. Raphael Howard, Assistant Professor of Military Science
CSM (Ret) Darryl Gill, Enrollment & Scholarship Officer
LTC (Ret) Fedencia Fitch, Human Resources Technician
Mrs. Sharon Parry, Unit Supply Technician
Mrs. Kim Marie Adams, Administrative Assistant
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.
To Be Commissioned
Second Lieutenant United States Air Force:

Rhys Kalama
Kaneohe, HI
Worcester Polytechnic Institute,
Civil Engineering,
14N, Intelligence

Deep Kumar
Bourne, MA
Worcester Polytechnic Institute,
Electrical Engineering,
62EXE, Electrical Engineering
Joseph MacDonald
Georgetown, MA
Worcester Polytechnic Institute,
Civil Engineering,
64P, Contracting

Jimmy Nguyen
Worcester, MA
Worcester State University,
Business Finance,
65F, Financial Management
To Be Commissioned
Second Lieutenant United States Air Force:

Kyle Postans
Hartland, VT
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Mechanical Engineering, 62E, Developmental Engineer

Anthony Richard
Templeton, MA
Fitchburg State University, Business Management, 65F, Financial Management
To Be Commissioned
Second Lieutenant United States Space Force:

Samuel Furman
Groton, MA
Worcester Polytechnic Institute,
Mechanical Engineering,
13S, Space Operations
To Be Commissioned
Second Lieutenant United States Army:

Blake Audibert
Milford, NH
Worcester Polytechnic Institute,
Mechanical Engineering
Engineer

Omar Ayoub
Temecula, CA
Fitchburg State University,
Business Administration, MS
Infantry
John Cox
Wilmington, MA
UMASS Lowell,
Criminal Justice,
Military Intelligence,
Branch-detail Infantry

Anthony Gosselin
Brunswick, NY
Worcester Polytechnic Institute,
Aerospace Engineering,
Aviation
Zachary Harris
Westwood, NJ
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Management Information Systems, Engineer, Branch-detail Infantry

Edward Hay
Bangor, PA
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Biomedical Engineering, Engineer
Nathaniel Mattera
Gloucester, MA
Clark University,
Philosophy,
Medical Service

John Morano
Ridgewood, NJ
College of the Holy Cross,
History,
Infantry
Owen Orford
Lowell, MA
UMASS Lowell,
Mechanical Engineering, BS
Engineering Management, MS
Ordnance,
Explosive Ordnance Disposal

Francis Sica
Methuen, MA
UMASS Lowell,
Criminal Justice,
Military Police
Adam Vespi
Boynton Beach, FL
Worcester Polytechnic Institute,
Mechanical Engineering,
Transportation Corps

Matthew Viehot
Chelmsford, MA
UMASS Lowell,
Liberal Arts,
Chemical Corps
Ian Weston
Rockland, MA
Worcester Polytechnic Institute,
Civil Engineering,
Engineer

John Worden
Templeton, MA
UMASS Lowell,
Physics,
Field Artillery
The Army Goes Rolling Along

March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free
Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory
We’re the Army and proud of our name
We’re the Army and proudly proclaim

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 (TWO, THREE)
For where e’er we go, you will always know
That the Army Goes Rolling Along

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 now, Give ‘em the gun!
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,
Off with one helluva roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey!
Nothing’ll stop the U.S. Air Force!