

**WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE  
RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS**

**JOINT SERVICE  
COMMISSIONING CEREMONY**

**FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023**



12 May 2023

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,



Grace J. Wang  
President

# SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Opening Remarks

Arrival of Commissionees

Arrival of Official Party

Presentation of the Colors

National Anthem

Invocation

Introduction

*Lieutenant Colonel Joseph T. Mazzocchi*  
*Professor of Military Science*

Commissioning Officer Remarks

*Lieutenant General Douglas A. Sims II*  
*Director for Operations, J-3, The Joint Staff*

Oath of Office

Official Pinning

Presentation of Commissions

Benediction

Retiring of Colors

Departure of Official Party

# AIR FORCE RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS DET 340 "GODDARD WING"

## Department of Aerospace Studies

Lt Col Craig Cude, Commander

Capt Matthew Anderson, Operations Flight Commander

Capt Cameron Rouleau, Recruiting Officer

MSgt Andrew Moody, ROTC Training Instructor

Mr. Raymond Verrier, Executive Assistant



# **ARMY RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING CORPS “BAY STATE BATTALION”**

## **Department of Military Science**

LTC Joseph Mazzocchi, Professor of Military Science

MAJ Joseph Irwin, Executive Officer

MAJ Lawrence Lee, Operations Officer

MSG James Conley, Senior Military Science Instructor

MSG Charles Dougherty, Military Science Instructor

SFC Donald Vota, Military Science Instructor

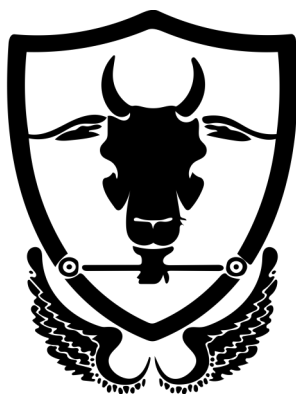
MAJ Michael Dutile, Assistant Professor of Military Science

CSM (Ret) Darryl Gill, Enrollment & Scholarship Officer

LTC (Ret) Fedencia Fitch, Human Resources Assistant

Mrs. Sharon Parry, Unit Supply Technician

Mrs. Kim Marie Adams, Executive Assistant



## LIEUTENANT GENERAL DOUGLAS A. SIMS II DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS, J-3, THE JOINT STAFF



LTG Douglas A. Sims II is currently the Director for Operations, Joint Staff, at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and assists the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in developing and providing operational guidance, and in fostering clear communication between the President, Secretary of Defense, unified commands, and services.

Prior to his current assignment, he was the Commanding General of the 1st Infantry Division, “The Big Red One”, and of Fort Riley, Kansas. His assignments include service as an airborne, Ranger, and Stryker infantryman in the 82d

Airborne Division, the 2d Ranger Battalion, the 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, the 25th Infantry Division, U.S. Special Operations Command, the 2d Cavalry Regiment, the 4th Infantry Division, the Army and Joint Staffs. He commanded at the squadron and regimental levels in the 2d Cavalry Regiment. He has served in Operations Freedom’s Sentinel, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

LTG Sims received his commission through United States Military Academy in June 1991. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, United States Army Command and General Staff College, Joint and Combined Warfighting School and the Senior Service College Fellowship - Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

His awards and decorations include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster), Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Ranger Tab, Pathfinder Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge.

## OATH OF OFFICE

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, 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; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."

*To Be Commissioned  
Second Lieutenant, United States Air Force:*

**Jacob Borowsky**

Dalton, MA  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Aerospace Engineering  
Astronautical Engineer



**Jack Charbonneau**

Lincoln, RI  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Aerospace Engineering  
Pilot



## **Alexander Lagle**

Farmington, NH  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Aerospace Engineering  
Astronautical Engineer



## **Jacob Mills**

Augusta, ME  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Biomedical Engineering  
Combat Systems Officer

## **Jacob Mitchell**

Woolwich, NJ

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Aerospace Engineering

Combat Systems Officer



## **Rebecca Ramthun**

Bozrah, CT

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Chemistry

Weather & Environmental Science

## **Raquel Ruitter**

Chapel Hill, NC  
Brown University  
International Relations  
Intelligence



## **Trevor Shradly**

Groton, MA  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Aerospace Engineering  
Combat Systems Officer

*To Be Commissioned  
Second Lieutenant, United States Army:*

**Zachary Angell**

Davidson, NC  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Aerospace Engineering  
Aviation



**Anthony Barnett**

Chicago, IL  
College of the Holy Cross  
Chemistry and Physics  
Medical Services Corps  
*Distinguished Military Graduate*

## **Matthew Brush**

Excelsior, MN  
University of Massachusetts Lowell  
Biology  
Infantry  
*Distinguished Military Graduate*



## **Michaela Champagne**

Tampa, FL  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Psychological Science  
Air Defense Artillery

**Richard Laperchia**

Salem, MA

Worcester State University

Criminal Justice

Military Police Corps



**Brian Looney**

Boylston, MA

Assumption University

Political Science

Transportation Corps

## **John Lowther**

Hingham, MA  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Civil Engineering  
Corps of Engineers



## **Jeffrey Marsh**

Natick, MA  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Biochemistry  
Chemical Corps  
*Distinguished Military Graduate*

## **Garrett Powers**

Hopkinton, MA  
Worcester State University  
Criminal Justice  
Military Police Corps



## **Alexander Psenicka**

Cleveland, OH  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Aerospace Engineering  
Chemical Corps, Massachusetts  
Army National Guard



## **Princess Quansah**

Fredericksburg, VA  
Worcester State University  
Biology and Chemistry  
Medical Services Corps



## **Hope Soucy**

Landgrove, VT  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Biomedical Engineering  
Armor

## **Lorenzo Valencia**

Ruskin, FL

Assumption University

Organizational Communication

Military Police Corps, U.S. Army

Reserve



## **Marc Voorhees**

Medford, NJ

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Mechanical Engineering

Aviation

*Distinguished Military Graduate*

# **Declan Williams**

Fredericksburg, VA  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Robotics Engineering  
Infantry





## **THE AIR FORCE SONG: Wild Blue Yonder**

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! 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!



## **THE ARMY SONG: 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 'til 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.

