

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

**JOINT SERVICE
COMMISSIONING CEREMONY**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024



8 May 2024

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Wang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "J" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Grace J. Wang, Ph.D.
President

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Opening Remarks

Arrival of Commissionees

Arrival of Official Party

Presentation of the Colors

National Anthem

Invocation

Introduction

*Lieutenant Colonel Adam Messer
Professor of Aerospace Studies*

Commissioning Officer Remarks

*Brigadier General Andrew J. Leone
Mobilization Assistant to the Military Deputy, Office of
the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition,
Technology and Logistics*

Oath of Office

Official Pinning

Presentation of Commissions

Benediction

Retiring of Colors

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

Department of Aerospace Studies

Lt Col Adam Messer, Commander

Capt Matthew Anderson, Operations Flight Commander

Capt Ashley Olson, Recruiting Officer

MSgt Andrew Moody, ROTC Training Instructor

SSgt Deandre Tipton, 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 Daniel Challas-Gimm, Executive Officer

MAJ Michael Dutile, Assistant Professor of Military Science

CPT Patrick Crews, Operations Officer and Officer in Charge
at UMASS Lowell

MSG James Conley, Senior Military Science Instructor

MSG Charles Dougherty, Military Science Instructor

SFC Donald Vota, Military Science Instructor

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



BRIGADIER GENERAL ANDREW J. LEONE
MOBILIZATION ASSISTANT TO THE MILITARY DEPUTY,
OFFICER OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR
FORCE FOR ACQUISITION, TECHNOLOGY AND LOGISTICS



Brig. Gen. Andrew J. Leone is the Mobilization Assistant to the Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. He is responsible for assisting in research and development, test, production, product support and modernization of Air Force programs worth more than \$60 billion annually.

Brig. Gen. Leone received his commission in 1991 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts. His first assignment was Acquisition Program Manager for the Air Force's Shelter Technology Office at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass. where he

directed all acquisition and procurement activities for several tactical shelter programs. In 1995, Brig. Gen. Leone attended Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. In 1996, he was assigned to the 16th Airlift Squadron, 437th Airlift Wing at Charleston AFB, South Carolina as a Wing Navigator in the Special Operations Low Level II program. He has flown combat missions supporting operations in Kosovo and Macedonia. In 2001, Brig. Gen. Leone joined the Air Force Reserve in Charleston AFB, S.C. and was assigned to 315th Wing Plans. Brig. Gen. Leone commanded the 315th Logistics Readiness Flight where he was responsible for all activities of the logistics readiness function. In 2007, he deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba supporting the Defense Department's Office for the Administrative Review of the Detention of Enemy Combatants.

Prior to his current assignment, Brig. Gen. Leone was the Mobilization Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Contracting. He also served as the Director of the Joint Reserve Directorate in the Office of Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering at the Pentagon. Prior to serving in OSD, Brig. Gen. Leone was the Deputy Commander of the 315th Mission Support Group, 315th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Charleston, S.C. where he provided leadership as second in command of 600+ members.

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; 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 on which I am about to enter. So help me God.

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

Carissa Chae

Universal City, TX
Brown University
Statistics
Health Services Administrator



Brett Cohen

Manhattan, NY
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Mechanical Engineering
Maintenance Officer

Michael Daton

Jackson, NJ
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Aerospace Engineering (BS) &
Mechanical Engineering (MS)
Developmental Engineer



Patrick Healey

Atkinson, NH
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Mechanical Engineering
Acquisition Manager

Daniel Kim

Valencia, CA
Brown University
Environmental Sciences
Air Battle Manager



Nicholas Latsis

Burlington, MA
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Data Science
Acquisition Manager

Megan List

Fayetteville, PA
Brown University
Biochemistry
Medical School Scholarship



Conner McKeivitt

Stafford, VA
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Computer Science & Robotics
Engineering
Intelligence

Abigail Pulling

Hanson, MA
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Civil Engineering & Environmental
and Sustainability Studies
Civil Engineer



Joshua Roberts

Chicopee, MA
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Chemical Engineering
Developmental Engineer

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

Hannah Long

Ligonier, PA
Brown University
Mechanical Engineering
Developmental Engineer



Griffin Smith

Melbourne, FL
Brown University
Computer Science
Space Operations

Erika Varady

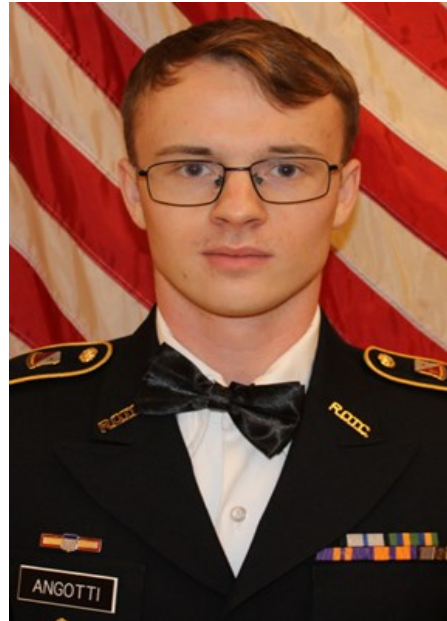
Huntington, NY
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Aerospace Engineering (BS) &
Mechanical Engineering (MS)
Space Operations
Distinguished Graduate



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

Peter Angotti

Arlington, MA
Clark University
History
Armor

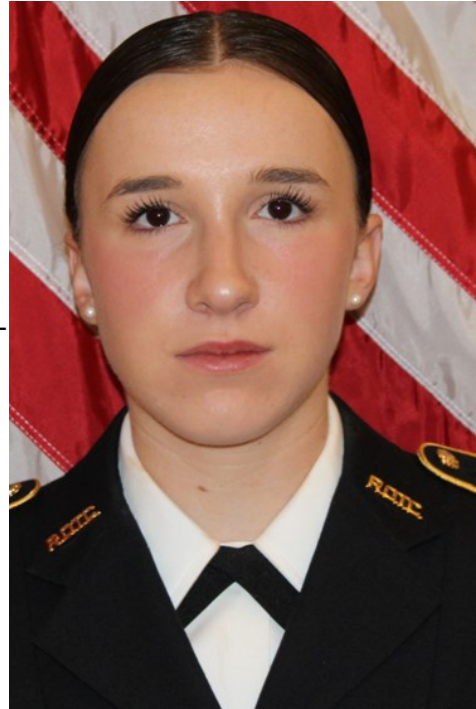


Colman Benson

Scituate, MA
College of the Holy Cross
Political Science
Infantry
Distinguished Military Graduate

Kellie Bushe

Holden, MA
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Biomedical Engineering & Professional Writing
Medical Service Corps
CT Army National Guard



Luka Christianson

Katy, TX
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Mechanical Engineering
Ordnance Corps

Joel Eckstrom

Shrewsbury, MA
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Mechanical Engineering
Armor
MN Army National Guard



Rafael Fahmy

Westborough, MA
Worcester State University
Biology
Corps of Engineers
MA Army National Guard

Edward Flanagan

Needham, MA
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Mechanical Engineering
Corps of Engineers
MA Army National Guard

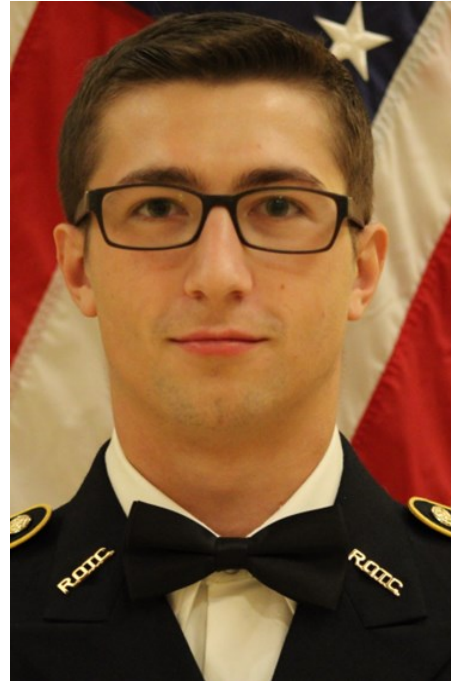


Franklin Ford

Allentown, NJ
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Architectural Engineering
Air Defense Artillery
Distinguished Military Graduate

Seton King

New Hartford, NY
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Architectural Engineering
Transportation Corps
U.S. Army Reserve
Distinguished Military Graduate



Joseph Klier

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College of the Holy Cross
Political Science
Transportation Corps

Jared Krueger

Bristol, CT
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Mechanical Engineering
Corps of Engineers
U.S. Army Reserve



Noah Laren

Blackstone, MA
Assumption University
Political Science
Military Intelligence
MA Army National Guard
Distinguished Military Graduate

Anna O'Neill

Mashpee, MA
College of the Holy Cross
Political Science
Adjutant General's Corps
NJ Army National Guard





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 SPACE FORCE SONG: Semper Supra

We're the mighty watchful eye,
Guardians beyond the blue,
The invisible front line,
Warfighters brave and true.
Boldly reaching into space,
There's no limit to our sky.
Standing guard both night and day,
We're the Space Force from on high.



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.

