

# WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE



ARMY AND AIR FORCE

RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS

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## **Colonel Paul L. Muller**

Colonel Paul L. Muller currently serves as Senior Materiel Leader for the Strategic Communications Division, Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts. He oversees the \$4.6B Family of Advanced Beyond-Line-of-Sight Terminals program, leading the design, development, production, and delivery of terminals providing satellite communications for both strategic and tactical forces. In addition, he leads the \$469M Presidential and National Voice Conferencing Integrator effort to deliver survivable voice conferencing capabilities for the President, Secretary of Defense, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other senior leaders. Colonel Muller entered the Air Force in 2001 as a Distinguished Graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Throughout his career, he has served in a variety of positions at the Lab, Center, and Headquarters Air Force levels. Colonel Muller also deployed to lead a joint US-Afghan team executing Central Command's number two training program for building partner capacity in Afghanistan. Prior to his current position, he served as the Executive Action Officer to the Nuclear Weapons Council at the National Nuclear Security Administration.

Lt Col Muller's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Meritorious service medal with two oak leaf clusters and the Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

## **ARMY ROTC OFFICERS & STAFF**

**LTC Joseph T. Mazzocchi** - Professor of Military Science

**MAJ Daniel Challas Gimm** - Executive Officer

**CPT Patrick Crews** - Operations Officer, Officer in Charge at  
UMASS Lowell and Assistant Professor of Military Science

**MSG Charles Dougherty** - Senior Military Science Instructor

**MSG Donald Vota** - Operations NCO and Military Science  
Instructor

**CSM (Ret) Darryl Gill** - Enrollment and Scholarship Officer

**LTC (Ret) Fedencia Fitch** - Human Resources Assistant

**Mrs. Sharon Parry** - Unit Supply Technician

**Mrs. Kim Marie Adams** - Executive Assistant

## **AIR FORCE ROTC OFFICERS & STAFF**

**Lt Col Adam Messer** - Commander & Professor of Aerospace Studies

**Maj Matthew Anderson** - Operations Officer and Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies

**Capt Ashley Olson** - Operations Flight Commander and Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies

**SSgt DeAndre Tipton** - Officer Accessions Instructor

**Mr. Raymond Verrier** - Executive Assistant

## **Army ROTC Cadets**

### **MS IV ~ Seniors**

Aing, Reaseyroth  
Azeggouar Wallen,  
Zakaria  
Benner, Ryan  
Bonney, Christopher  
Chang, Qi  
Chase, Russell  
Holohan, Keston  
Kosakowski, David  
Katende, Paul  
Livingstone, Freda  
Nguyen Som, Devin  
Prayner, Nicholas  
Salmon, Ajia  
Sanchez, Alfredo  
Swain, Braeden

### **MS III ~ Juniors**

Andre, Angelica  
Beaurpere, Tristan  
Ceja, Angel  
Cholpon, Ibrahim  
Ciampa, Alexander  
Djiomegni Mbakop,  
Camille  
Dos Santos, Silmara  
Driscoll, Nicholas  
Drysdale, Meghan  
Illanes, Dante  
Joseph, Theodore  
Kiley, William  
Lopes, John  
Lukas, Sean  
McGraw, Thomas  
Mokonchu, Ester  
McAlpine, Sean  
Nguyen, David  
Paranjape, Rohan  
Parish, Ian  
Saunier, Elias  
Stroupe, Audrey  
Tarbrake, Kacey  
Thompson, John  
Tomellini, Alexander  
Walsh, Liam  
Webster, Carlos  
Wellerbrady, Dakota

## **Army ROTC Cadets**

### **MS II ~ Sophomores**

Banks, Larissa  
Chang, Raymond  
Cortes Hernandez, Juan  
Doroski, Joseph  
Espinal, Luis  
Forsyth, Jack  
Hubert, Samuel  
Inciong, Nathaniel  
Ireland, Jonathan  
Isaac, Sheimberg  
Kusna, Ary  
McAlpine, Sean  
McAndrews, Thomas  
Moyer, Conor  
Mullaney, Quinn  
Ruban, Alisa  
Shah, Vyom  
Smith, Tanner  
Smolinsky, Kyle  
Turco, Rosario  
Vilayvanh, Sawai

### **MS I ~ Freshmen**

Asante, Alice  
Belmont, Matthew  
Boukantar, Omar  
Goodwin, Graham  
Germosen, Ariannys  
Kneeland, Maren  
Leo, Mason  
Lombardo, Nicholas  
Ramos, David  
Saxton, David  
Silvia, Brooke  
Soto, Lucas  
Spindler, Evan  
Weiss, Franklin  
Willi, Jackson

## **Air Force ROTC Cadets**

### **AS400 ~Seniors**

Doucette, Michael  
Frey, Jesse  
Furman, Benjamin  
Miu, Philip  
Ozcilingir, Eren  
Phoummathep, Laersunder  
Saluzzi, Matthew  
Sokolowsky, Sophia

### **AS300 ~Juniors**

Busack, Tyler  
Chiou, Nathan  
Desrosiers, Claire  
Engdahl, Eve  
Fridberg, Biana  
Gallagher, Kaylee  
Gomez, Jacob  
Hughes, Richard  
Lyman, Gabriela L.  
Manxhari, Christopher  
Quan, Xiyong  
Schiller, Timothy  
Young, Shannon



## **Air Force ROTC Cadets**

### **AS200 ~Sophomores**

Chan, Selima  
Ciovacco, Maximilian  
Dahlin, Martin  
Ko, Sangwoo  
Mora, Peter  
Ngu, Holiness  
O'Connell, Brigit  
Painter, Charly  
Pantano, Sofia  
Pineda Delgado, Cristian  
Provost, Robert  
Sanchez, Nathaniel  
Shieh, Lauren  
Spallino, Stefania  
Sunkugari, Shravya  
Vintimilla, Cristian  
Wisseh, Amos

### **AS100 ~Freshmen**

Anderson, Vanessa  
Berman, Michael  
Goldstein, Jacob  
Gomez Montero, Karen  
Hernandez Gavilanes, Evan  
Jacquin, Morgan  
Kang, Sarah  
Li, Gavin  
Ma, Ina  
Namba, Maximus  
Parker, Iainn  
Pearman, Marshall  
Perry, Brynn  
Sohn, Isaiah  
Thompson, Rayna  
Titus, Reese  
Ureta, Alia  
Warren, Seth  
Zivny, Mark

## **AWARD DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Bay State Battalion Community Service Award**

This award recognizes a cadet who made an impact on their college campus or in their local community by living the Army Values and demonstrating commitment to the legacy of the Bay State Battalion and the United States Army.

### **American Veterans Award**

This award recognizes a first year Cadet who demonstrates a positive attitude toward ROTC and the Air Force or Army, a neat personal appearance, outstanding personal attributes and officer potential. To be eligible, a Cadet must have received an "A" in ROTC in the most recent grading period and be in good academic standing at school.

### **Sergeant York Award**

This award recognizes the Cadet who has made a significant contribution to the battalion through unselfish giving of their time and effort.

### **Military Order of World Wars Award**

This medal recognizes a freshman, sophomore, and junior Cadet who demonstrate an outstanding desire to serve ROTC and the United States. They must also be considered most improved in the categories of military and scholastic excellence.

### **Military Order of World Wars Senior Award**

This medal recognizes a graduating senior who is a Guard or Reserve member or will join a local Massachusetts unit upon graduation. The senior cadet must have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities, all around excellence in ROTC studies and activities, and demonstrates patriotism, Americanism, and love of country.

### **Sons of the American Revolution Award**

This award recognizes an outstanding junior Cadet at each unit. To be eligible, a Cadet must demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing, and all-around excellence in ROTC studies and activities.

### **Association of the U.S. Army National ROTC Medal**

This Medal is awarded to a Military Science junior cadet ranking in the top 10% in ROTC grades, top 25% in academic grades, and having contributed the most through leadership to advance the standing of Military Science at the institution.

#### **Association of the U.S. Army Minuteman Chapter Award**

This award is given to an outstanding senior Cadet who personifies the ideals of the Association of the U.S. Army

#### **Association of U.S. Army Military History**

This book is awarded to a Cadet who has completed the military history course in the current year and demonstrated strong military aptitude.

#### **National Society United States Daughters of 1812**

This award recognizes an outstanding Cadet who has demonstrated qualities of academic excellence, leadership, military discipline, dependability, patriotism and upright character in speech and habits, which exemplify the ideals upon which our nation was founded.

#### **Military Order of the Purple Heart Award**

This award recognizes a ROTC student who displays exceptional leadership traits while active in school and community affairs.

#### **Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America Award**

This award recognizes an outstanding junior or senior at each unit. To be eligible, a Cadet must excel in the Aerospace Studies/Military Science class and demonstrate dependability, good character, discipline, leadership potential, patriotism, and an understanding of the importance of the American heritage.

#### **Scottish Rite Award**

This award recognizes one outstanding sophomore or junior Cadet who excels in their academic class, demonstrates patriotism, shows potential for outstanding leadership, and exhibits dependability, good character and self-discipline.

#### **National Sojourners Award**

This award recognizes an outstanding sophomore or junior Cadet at each unit who has contributed the most to encourage and demonstrate Americanism within the Cadet corps and on campus. Awardees must rank in the top 25% of their academic class, encourage and demonstrate the ideals of Americanism, and demonstrate the potential for outstanding leadership.

### **General Society of the War of 1812 Award**

This award recognizes an outstanding sophomore Cadet in each unit who encourages and demonstrates the ideals of Americanism. The Cadet must rank in the top 20 percent of their academic class, rank in the top 10 percent of their AS class, and encourage and demonstrate the ideals of Americanism by deed, conduct, or both..

### **Veterans of Foreign Wars Award**

This award recognizes an outstanding Cadet who is actively engaged in the ROTC program and possesses individual characteristics contributing to leadership. The recipient must have outstanding achievement in community service and/or the Cadet program, high moral character, exceptional professionalism in appearance and actions, outstanding military bearing, potential and willingness to assume higher levels of responsibility, and be involved in patriotic programs, such as drill team, color guard, Arnold Air Society, or recruiting.

### **Military Officers Association of America Award**

This award recognizes an outstanding junior Cadet at each unit. To be eligible, a Cadet must be in good academic standing, be of high moral character, show a high order of loyalty to the unit, school, and country, and show exceptional potential for military leadership.

### **Reserve Officers Association Award**

This award recognizes outstanding Cadets at each unit. A Cadet must demonstrate a positive attitude, a neat personal appearance, officer potential, and military courtesy. Additionally, they must rank in the top 10% of their Aerospace Studies/Military Science class.

### **National Defense Transportation Association Award**

This award recognizes one outstanding junior or senior Cadet who demonstrates excellence in leadership, academics, aptitude for military service, and noteworthy service in the promotion of safety or security of people or property.

### **National Defense Industrial Association Award**

This award recognizes one outstanding Cadet at each unit. A Cadet must have received a B or better in all junior and senior Aerospace Studies/Military Science academics, and excel in their Aerospace Studies/Military Science class. Additionally, the Cadet must demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities

#### **American Legion Military Excellence Award**

This award recognizes Cadets at each unit for general military excellence. To be eligible, a Cadet must rank in the top 25% of the respective Aerospace Studies/Military Science class and demonstrate outstanding qualities in military leadership, discipline, character and citizenship.

#### **American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award**

This award recognizes a freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior Cadet at each unit for scholastic achievement. To be eligible, a Cadet must rank in the upper 10% of their graduating class and in the upper 25% of their Aerospace Studies/Military Science class, must demonstrate outstanding military leadership qualities, and must actively participate in constructive student activities such as student organizations or sports.

#### **Worcester Veterans Council Award**

This award recognizes an outstanding Cadet based on leadership, performance, aptitude, military bearing, and appearance.

#### **Daughters of the American Revolution Award**

This award recognizes one outstanding senior Cadet at each unit. To be eligible, a Cadet must rank in the top 25% of both the Aerospace Studies/Military Science class and the institution's graduating class. They must also demonstrate dependability, good character, discipline, leadership ability, and a fundamental and patriotic understanding of the importance of ROTC.

#### **Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts Award**

This award is given to two Military Science senior Cadets who demonstrate outstanding motivation and military aptitude, preferably with National Guard service or aspiration to it.

#### **USAA Spirit Award**

This award recognizes the Cadet who best embodies the concept of service to the unit, community, and nation.

#### **Kenneth J. Kubilins Memorial Award**

This memorial award recognizes an outstanding Aerospace Studies freshman Cadet *as voted by their peers*, based on the following criteria: leadership, wing performance, attitude, military bearing and appearance. The award is named in memory of 2d Lt Kenneth J. "Kahn" Kubilins, a 1983 Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Air Force ROTC Detachment 340 graduate killed during training when his T-38 crashed at Vance Air Force Base in October 1984.

### **Bay State Ranger Leadership Excellence Award**

Awarded annually to the MS4 Cadet who served as the Ranger Challenge Captain; embodied the Ranger Creed, and demonstrated that Competence Breeds Confidence and Confidence Breeds Excellence.

### **Brigadier General John E. Murray Award**

The Brigadier General John E. Murray Award recognizes excellence in the freshman class and is nominated based on academic GPA, athletic performance, and on-campus ROTC training.

### **General Curtis LeMay Award**

This award recognizes an outstanding Aerospace Studies sophomore Cadet *as voted by their peers*, based on the following criteria: leadership, wing performance, attitude, military bearing and appearance.

### **Department of the Army Superior Cadet Award**

This award is given annually to the outstanding ROTC Cadet in each year of Military Science at the institution. The Cadet must be in the top 25% of ROTC and academic standing. Selection criteria consist of ROTC Scholarship and GPA, Academic Scholarship and GPA, Military Leadership and Academic Leaders

### **Archibald R. Lemieux Award**

This award recognizes an outstanding Aerospace Studies junior Cadet *as voted by their peers*, based on the following criteria: leadership, wing performance, attitude, military bearing and appearance.

### **General George C. Marshall Award**

This award is given to the most outstanding Military Science senior Cadet having completed the ROTC Advanced Camp who demonstrated those leadership and scholastic qualities that epitomized the career of General Marshall.

### **Steven J. Duso Memorial Award**

This memorial award recognizes an outstanding senior Aerospace Studies Cadet *as voted by their peers*, based on the following criteria: leadership, wing performance, attitude, military bearing, and appearance. The award is named in memory of Steven J. Duso, an Air Force ROTC Detachment 340 Cadet who died while soloing from Sterling Airport on 22 November 1980.

### **Laura Matejik Memorial Award**

CPT Laura Metajik Eberts was an alumnus of the WPI Army ROTC Bay State Battalion commissioning class of 2004. She was a varsity athlete in field hockey and rugby at WPI, an avid long distance runner, and graduated with a 4.0 in Biomedical Engineering. After receiving her Juris Doctorate from George Washington University, she served as JAG Corps officer at Redstone Arsenal, AL and deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2010. She is remembered by all as a dedicated wife, Soldier, classmate, and friend. The individual receiving this award is an embodiment of the spirit of Laura and all that she stood for.

### **AFCEA International Honor Certificate**

This award recognizes a Cadet in a scientific or technical field who has demonstrated leadership and achievement in academics.

### **AFCEA Major General Robert E. Sadler ROTC Honor Award**

This award recognizes a Cadet in a scientific or technical field who has demonstrated leadership and achievement in academics.

### **Lexington-Concord Chapter Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Scholarship Award**

This scholarship recognizes a junior or senior Cadet who is majoring in a scientific or technical field and demonstrates outstanding officer potential.

### **Air Force Association Outstanding Cadet of the Year**

This award recognizes the most outstanding junior Cadet at each Air Force ROTC unit for outstanding achievement in leadership and academic standing in the Air Force ROTC program.

### **Air Force Association Paul Revere Scholarship**

This award recognizes outstanding cadets at each detachment who demonstrate characteristics contributing to leadership and future potential as an officer. Nominees must have a positive attitude toward AFROTC, show initiative and self-confidence, be of high moral character, and reflect a positive image of the United States Air Force.

### **ROTC Leadership and Achievement in Engineering Award**

The ROTC Leadership and Achievement in Engineering award recognizes outstanding junior and senior engineering students in Army ROTC. The purpose of this award is to impress upon undergraduate engineering students, by appropriate recognition of meritorious promise of achievement in the field, the importance of engineering to national security. To be eligible, a Cadet must rank in the upper 25% of their engineering class and in the top 25% of their ROTC classes.

### **Noncommissioned Officer Award**

The Noncommissioned Officer Award is given to an Aerospace Studies cadet who displays diligence, hard work, timeliness, and character in the eyes of the detachment noncommissioned officers.

### **Professor of Military Science Award**

This award recognizes the outstanding leadership of the Cadet Battalion Commanders.

### **Commander's Award**

The Commander's Award recognizes a cadet for making significant contributions to the Cadet Wing during their cadet career through a commitment to leadership, discipline, and service. They led by example, inspired their peers, and displayed the attributes needed in a future officer.

### **Department of the Army Senior Military Merit Award**

The Army Senior Merit Award is presented to cadets who rank in the top 20% of their national cohort.

### **Order of the Daedalians Matching Scholarship**

ROTC students interested in aviation who have demonstrated moral character and patriotism. The award is accompanied by a \$3,000 scholarship .

### **The Army Values—Superior Leadership Award**

This award recognizes the one Cadet in the battalion that best exemplifies the Army Values. We use the letters LDRSHIP to remember each one. Many people know what the words Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage mean; however, these values are not always lived up to. This award recognizes the one Cadet who epitomizes these words every day of their life.



## **THE 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! (Give 'em the gun, Hey!)  
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**

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**

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.



Thank you to all of our sponsors,  
administrators, faculty, friends, and  
family who joined us today.

We salute you!

*Photos of the ceremony will be posted on our  
social media pages in the coming days.*