

*THE WORCESTER CONSORTIUM  
OF COLLEGES  
RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS*

*JOINT SERVICE  
COMMISSIONING CEREMONY*

*FRIDAY, MAY 13TH, 2016*





# WPI

Laurie A. Leshin, Ph.D.  
President

May 9, 2016

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 the officers in the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, 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 period of uncertainty and profound unrest. I am confident that they are prepared to face the difficult times which may lie 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 Luis Blanchard*

*Introduction*

*Lieutenant Colonel Michael L. Derosa*

*Professor of Aerospace Studies*

*Commissioning Officer Remarks*

*Captain Thomas G. Kelley, USN (Ret)*

*Oath of Office*

*Official Pinning*

*Presentation of Commissions*

*Benediction*

*Cadet Luis Blanchard*

*Retiring of Colors*

*Departure of Official Party*



## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **UNITED STATES ARMY**

**Captain Thomas G. Kelley**  
**U.S. Navy Retired**



Thomas G. Kelley was born in Boston, Massachusetts on May 13, 1939, and graduated from Boston College High School in 1956. He attended the College of Holy Cross in Worcester, MA, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Economics in 1960. He was also commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey, California in 1973 with a Master of Arts in Management, and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Studies from the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology in 2011 for his efforts on behalf of returning Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans.

In Vietnam, Lieutenant Kelley was in command of River Assault Division 152—part of the U.S. Navy's Mobile Riverine Force. On June 15, 1969, he led eight boats on a mission to extract a U.S. Army infantry company from the bank of the Ong Muong Canal in Kien Hoa province.

During the extraction mission, the convoy came under attack from hostile forces on the opposite bank as one of his boats suffered a mechanical failure which prevented it from raising its loading ramp and getting under way. After ordering the other boats to form a defensive line around the disabled craft, Lieutenant Kelley maneuvered his own boat to the front, between his men and the enemy, and engaged the hostile force. He received a severe head wound when a rocket struck near him, penetrating the boat's armor and spraying shrapnel in all directions. Although unable to stand or speak clearly, he continued to relay directions to the convoy with the help of one of his sailors until the crippled boat was repaired and the group was able to depart safely. Lieutenant Kelley survived his wounds, was promoted to Lieutenant Commander, and in a White House ceremony on May 13, 1970, he was presented the Medal of Honor by President Richard N. Nixon.

Despite the loss of one eye during his combat action on June 15, 1969, Lieutenant Commander Kelley requested and received authorization to remain in the military, and he served an additional 21 years on active duty as a Navy officer. His last duty position in the military was serving in Washington as the Special Assistant for Legislation and Oversight to the Chief of Naval Personnel. After 30 years of active commissioned service, he retired at the rank of captain in 1990.

After retirement from the Navy, Kelley worked as a civilian in the Department of Defense for several years before returning to Boston. He became commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services in April 1999 and was named Secretary of that department in August 2003. In 2010, he retired from public service.

# **ARMY RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS BAY STATE BATTALION**

## **Department of Military Science**

Lieutenant Colonel Justin Putnam, Commander & Professor of  
Military Science

Major Francisco Javier Escobar, Battalion Executive Officer &  
Assistant Professor of Military Science

Captain Kristina Carney, Assistant Professor of Military Science &  
Officer In Charge at UMASS Lowell

Captain Drew Caplin, Operations Officer & Assistant Professor of  
Military Science

Master Sergeant Thomas Blair, Senior Military Science Instructor

Sergeant First Class Travis Blanchard, Operations NCO

Mr. Darryl Gill, Enrollment & Scholarship Officer

Mr. Jeffrey Kent, Assistant Professor of Military Science &  
Officer In Charge at Fitchburg State University

Mrs. Evelyn LaCroix, Human Resources Technician

Mrs. Sharon Parry, Unit Supply Technician

Ms. Kim Marie Richardson, Administrative Assistant



# NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

## Department of Naval Science

Captain Vernon Kemper, Commanding Officer

Commander Keith Lanzer, Executive Officer

Captain Jeff Hart, Marine Officer Instructor

Lieutenant Colby Carrier, Naval Science Instructor

Lieutenant Darek Marino, Naval Science Instructor

Lieutenant Christopher Johnson, Naval Science Instructor

GySgt Patrick Deforge, Assistant Marine Officer Instructor

Dominic Dilorenzo, Supply Officer

Mr. John Bishop, Human Resources Assistant

Mrs. Cynthia Hayes, College Secretary



**AIR FORCE RESERVE OFFICER  
TRAINING CORPS  
DETACHMENT 340  
THE GODDARD WING**

**Department of Aerospace Studies**

Lieutenant Colonel Michael DeRosa, Commander

Captain Jonathan Hatosy, Operations Flight Commander

Master Sergeant Joleen Outland, Personnel NCOIC

Staff Sergeant Ashley Thompson, Administration Management

Mr. Raymond Verrier, Program 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 Army:**



**Alex S. Balcewicz**

Paxton, MA  
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Criminal Justice  
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*Distinguished Military  
Graduate*





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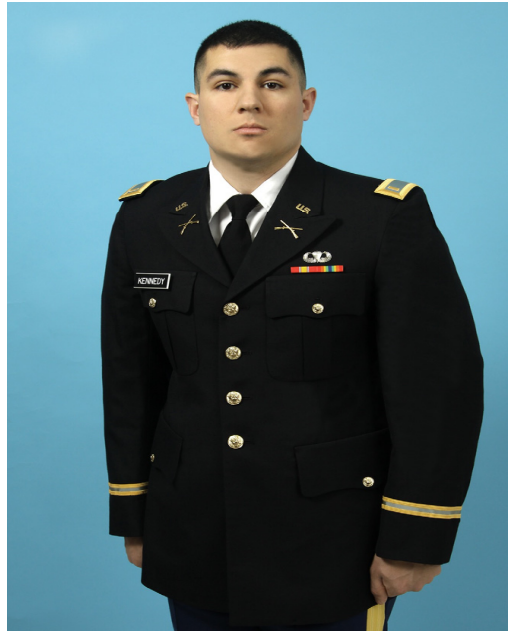


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Infantry

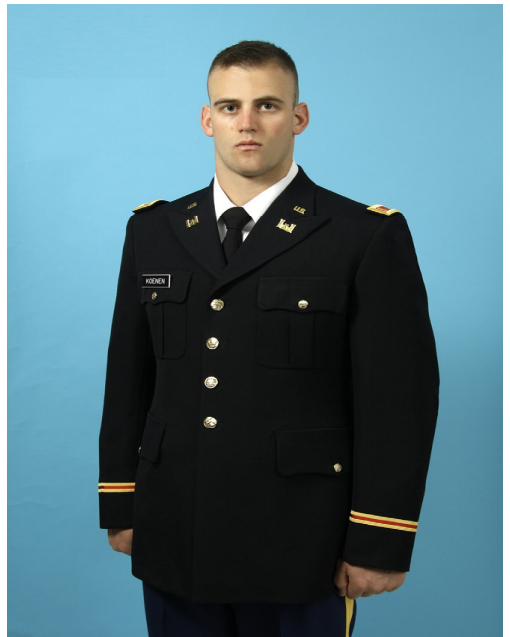
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Military Intelligence branch detailed  
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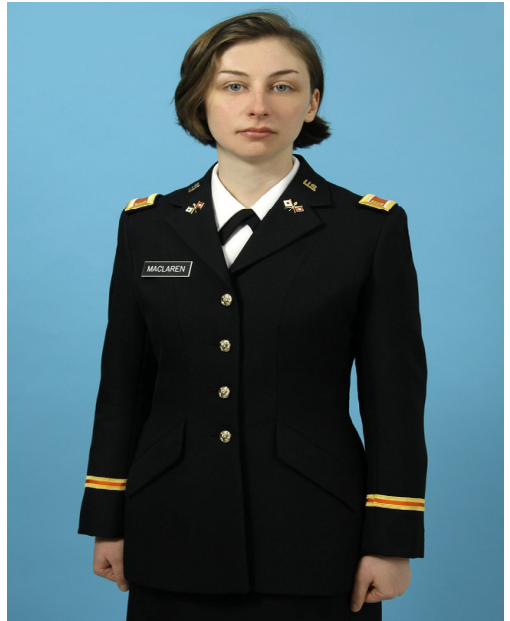


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Signal Corps





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History & Russian  
Field Artillery  
*Distinguished Military  
Graduate*



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Thompson, CT  
Worcester State University  
Criminal Justice  
Infantry

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Computer Information Systems  
Transportation







## **Taylor Powers**

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University of Massachusetts Lowell  
Criminal Justice  
Infantry

***To Be Commissioned Ensign  
United States Navy:***

## **Grant M. Brining**

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Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
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***To Be Commissioned  
Second Lieutenant United States Air Force:***



**Christopher J. Cahill**  
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Combat Systems Officer

**Mariella T. Creaghan**  
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Mechanical Engineering  
Space Operations Officer





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*Distinguished Military Graduate*



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Mechanical Engineering  
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Worcester State University

Criminal Justice

Remotely Piloted Aircraft Officer



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Aerospace Engineering

MS Mechanical Engineering

Combat Systems Officer



**Richard J. Seery**

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Commissions Dec 16



## **Iok T. Wong**

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Mechanical Engineering  
Developmental Engineer



## **Brent J. Young**

Omaha, NE

Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Chemical Engineering  
Developmental Engineer





### **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 (TWO, THREE)  
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*