

Harvard University
Joint Commissioning Ceremony



Wednesday, May 23, 2018
10:30 a.m.
Harvard University
At Tercentenary Theater

Schedule of Events

The National Anthem

Invocation

Reverend Jonathan L. Walton

Welcome/Opening Remarks

Lieutenant Colonel Peter F. Godfrin

University President's Remarks

President Drew Gilpin Faust, Ph.D.

Guest Speaker

Secretary Ash Carter

Commissioning Ceremony

Benediction

Reverend Jonathan L. Walton

Music performed by the Harvard University Band, Brass Quintet

Ushers are from Methuen High School Army JROTC

Presentation of Commission

To commission as an officer in the United States military is one of the highest responsibilities conferred upon American citizens. By order of the President and Congress of the United States, the recipient is authorized to exert command over those of lesser rank. Yet, with this considerable power, comes a grave responsibility both to the United States and to those fellow Soldiers whom the officer is charged to lead.

The Oath of Office

I, having been appointed an officer in the _____ of 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.

The First Salute

It is customary when new officers receive their first salute to award a silver dollar to the individual rendering the salute. The individual receiving the silver dollar is then responsible for following the officer's career. If the officer reaches the rank of General or Admiral, the silver dollar is awarded back to the newly promoted flag officer.

Special Thanks

The graduating class is grateful to their families and friends, President Faust, Reverend Jonathan L. Walton, Secretary Ash Carter, Paul Mawn, Chairman of the Advocates for Harvard ROTC, Mr. Malcolm Hill, President of the Harvard ROTC Alumni Fund, Colonel James Metcalf (Ret.), Mr. Jason Luke, the Harvard University Band, Brass Quintet, Methuen High School Army JROTC, and Harvard University for their support of Harvard ROTC and today's ceremony.



President of Harvard University Dr. Drew Gilpin Faust

Drew Gilpin Faust is the 28th President of Harvard University and the Lincoln Professor of History in Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

As president of Harvard, Faust has expanded financial aid to improve access to Harvard College for students of all economic backgrounds and advocated for increased federal funding for scientific research. She has broadened the University's international reach, raised the profile of the arts on campus, embraced sustainability, launched edX, the online learning partnership with MIT, and promoted collaboration across academic disciplines and administrative units as she guided the University through a period of significant financial challenges.

She is the author of six books, including *This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War* (2008), for which she won the 2009 Bancroft Prize, the New-York Historical Society's 2009 American History Book Prize, and which was recognized by *The New York Times* as one of the "Ten Best Books of 2008." It is the basis for a 2012 Emmy-nominated episode of the PBS *American Experience* documentaries titled "Death and the Civil War," directed by Ric Burns.



Secretary Ash Carter

Dr. Ash Carter currently serves as the Director of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University's Kennedy School. He also is an innovation fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Most recently, Ash Carter served as the 25th Secretary of Defense from 2015 to 2017. Leading the largest organization in the world with more than three million civilian and military employees and an annual budget of more than half a trillion dollars, Carter became known for his savvy leadership and for ensuring the Pentagon thought “outside its five-sided box.” At a time of global change and congressional gridlock, Carter transformed the way the Defense Department fought adversaries, stood with allies and partners, planned and budgeted, partnered with private enterprises, and managed its talent.

For his government service, Secretary Carter has been awarded the Department of Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the department’s highest civilian honor, on five separate occasions, and he twice received the Joint Distinguished Service Medal from the Chairman and Joint Chiefs of Staff.

A native of Philadelphia, Secretary Carter earned his bachelor’s degrees in physics and in medieval history, summa cum laude, at Yale University, where he was also awarded Phi Beta Kappa; and he received his doctorate in theoretical physics from Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

UNITED STATES ARMY



Second Lieutenant Daniel Cord

Second Lieutenant Daniel Cord was raised in the Chicago suburb of Lombard, IL. Prior to enrolling in the Reserve Officer's Training Corps he served as an Arabic Cryptologic Linguist assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, NC and deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq. He completed his Master of Arts degree in Middle Eastern Studies and will serve as a Military Intelligence Officer at Fort Devens, MA. Lieutenant Cord is the son of Paul and Sandra Cord, husband of Sheila Cord, and father of Theresa and Colin Cord.

Second Lieutenant Nathan Williams

Second Lieutenant Nathan Williams is from Tujunga, California. At Harvard he majored in Government, with a citation in Russian. He was involved with Harvard Student Radio and writing for the Harvard Crimson. He was selected to be an active duty Engineer officer and will be attending the Engineer Officer Basic Course at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. Lieutenant Williams is the son of Douglas and Susana Williams.

UNITED STATES MARINES



Second Lieutenant Kevin Zhu

Second Lieutenant Kevin Zhu is from Boston, Massachusetts. At Harvard, he majored in Visual and Environmental Studies. Selected for the ground component of the Marine Corps, he will attend the Basic School at Quantico Virginia following commissioning. Lieutenant Zhu is the son of Jinmin Zhu and Yuehang Xu.

Second Lieutenant James Joyce

Second Lieutenant James B. Joyce was raised in Milton, Massachusetts. He will graduate from Harvard with a degree in Economics and a citation in French. He competed on the varsity football, hockey, and baseball teams and is a member of the Owl Club. He will attend the Basic School in Quantico, Virginia following commissioning. Lieutenant Joyce is the son of Mary and Brian Joyce.

UNITED STATES NAVY



Ensign Kirstin Anderson

Ensign Kirstin Anderson is from Virginia Beach, Virginia. During her studies at Harvard she majored in Physics, with a minor in East Asian Studies and a citation in Chinese. She has been selected for Submarine Duty and will report to Charleston, South Carolina for initial training following commissioning. She will then be assigned to the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command. Ensign Anderson is the daughter of CAPT Eric Anderson, USN and MAJ Sandra Anderson, USA (ret.).

Ensign Michael Haley

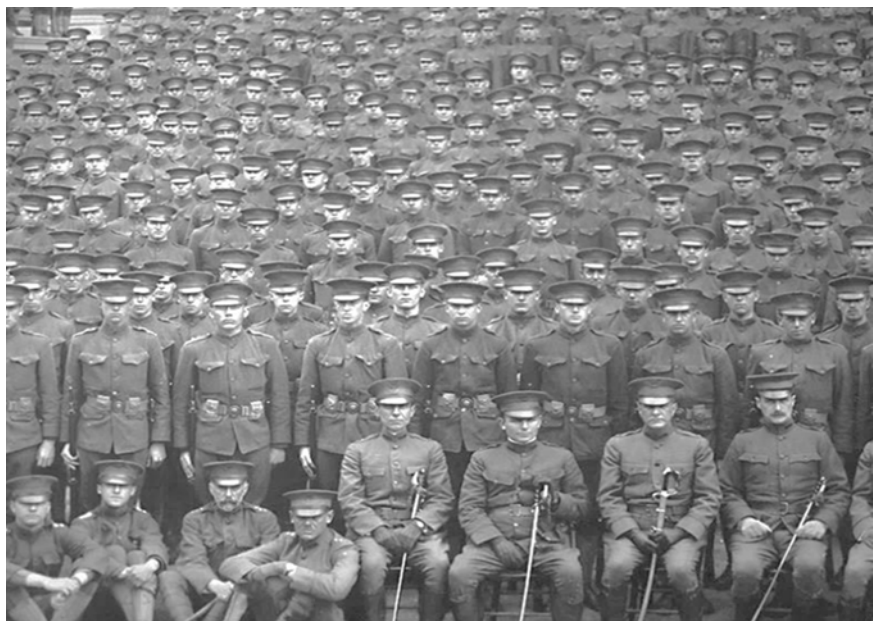
Ensign Michael Haley is from Weymouth, Massachusetts. During his studies at Harvard, he majored in Economics and with a minor in English. He has been selected for Aviation Duty and will report to the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. Ensign Haley is the son of CAPT Paul Haley, USN Retired and Jackie Haley

Ensign Phillip Ramirez

Ensign Phillip Ramirez is from State Center, Iowa. During his studies at Harvard, he majored in Government with a minor in Economics. He has been selected for Aviation Duty and will report to the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. He will then be assigned to Naval Aviation Schools Command. Ensign Ramirez is the son of Major Esteban Ramirez, (ret.) and Lisa Ramirez.



Army's Harvard Regimental Review at Harvard Stadium 1916



*Reserve Officers Training Corps, Harvard University, Memorial Day, May 30, 1917.
From the Harvard University Archives. Stephanie Mitchell/Harvard Staff Photographer*

The Army Song

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;
For where'er we go,
You will always know
That the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Marines 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

Anchors Aweigh

Stand, Navy, out to sea, Fight our battle cry;
We'll never change our course, So vicious foe steer shy-y-y-y.
Roll out the TNT, Anchors Aweigh. Sail on to victory
And sink their bones to Davy Jones, hooray!

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!
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,
Off with one hell of a roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame.
Nothing can stop the U.S. Air Force!

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Lieutenant Alexander Goodwin, USN
Lieutenant Hans A. Nowak II, USN
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