COMMISSIONING CEREMONY FOR DETACHMENT 842 UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO 13 DEC 2024/1000 HRS

C/Wargo

//GRASCHEL AND SANCHEZ STAND NEXT TO WARGO ON THE PODIUM//

NARRATOR: GOOD MORNING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ON BEHALF OF OUR DETACHMENT COMMANDER, COL GREGORY CYRUS, WELCOME TO THE AIR FORCE RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS DETACHMENT 842, DECEMBER 2024 COMMISSIONING CEREMONY. I AM CADET LORA WARGO, YOUR NARRATOR FOR THIS MORNING'S CEREMONY.

NARRATOR: DURING THE PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, MILITARY MEMBERS IN UNIFORM WILL STAND AT THE POSITION OF ATTENTION. OUR CIVILIAN GUESTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO STAND AND PLACE THEIR RIGHT HAND OVER THEIR HEART.

THERE ARE PHOTOGRAPHERS WITH US TODAY TO CAPTURE THE CEREMONY. PICTURES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL COMMISSIONEES, BUT FEEL FREE TO TAKE AS MANY PHOTOS AS YOU WISH. PLEASE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TURN OFF OR SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES. AGAIN, WELCOME, AND THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING TODAY'S CEREMONY.

NARRATOR: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE STAND FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY, THE SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, AND THE INVOCATION.

//COL CYRUS, COL GRIFFIN AND CADETS MARCH TO THEIR SEATS//

//CADRE WALK TO THEIR SEATS//

//HONOR GUARD PRESENTS COLORS//

//NATIONAL ANTHEM// C/SANCHEZ

//HONOR GUARD POSTS COLORS//

NARRATOR (C/GRASCHEL): PLEASE JOIN ME IN BOWING OUR HEADS IN PRAYER.

DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER,

AS WE GATHER TODAY, WE TAKE TIME TO HONOR THIS NATION, ITS CONSTITUTION, ITS LEADERS, AND THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO DEFEND OUR FREEDOMS. WE HONOR THOSE WHO DEDICATE THEIR LIVES TO CAUSES GREATER THAN THEMSELVES, PROTECTING LIBERTY AND THE PRINCIPLES THAT SUSTAIN US. WE ALSO GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE WHO ARE HERE TODAY TO WITNESS AND CELEBRATE THIS MOMENT WITH THEM.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR CONNOR GRIFFIN AND JOSEPH ROSNER ON THIS OCCASION OF COMMISSIONING. GUIDE THEM IN THEIR DUTIES,

DIRECT THEIR PATHS, AND SUSTAIN THEM IN TIMES OF CHALLENGE. GRANT THEM STRENGTH, WISDOM, AND VIGILANCE AS THEY SERVE. WITH THESE PRAYERS AND PRAISES, WE SEEK YOUR BLESSING, AMEN

NARRATOR (C/WARGO): LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE BE SEATED. THANK YOU C/SANCHEZ AND C/GRASCHEL FOR DELIVERING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND INVOCATION. WELCOME TO THE DECEMBER 2024 COMMISSIONING CEREMONY. WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL THE FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF OUR COMMISSIONEES.

NARRATOR: I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF OUR UTSA FACULTY AND STAFF IN OUR AUDIENCE TODAY. THE DEAN OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DR. JIANWEI NIU. THE SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER FOR UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, JANET PEREZ AND THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE PROGRAM MANAGER, REYNA TOSTADO. WE ALSO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS AND SENIOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS. THANK YOU FOR SPENDING YOUR TIME WITH US. THIS IS A MOMENTOUS DAY FOR THESE CADETS AS THEY BECOME THE AIR FORCE'S NEWEST COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

NARRATOR: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS MY DISTINCT HONOR TO INTRODUCE TO YOU OUR GUEST SPEAKER, COLONEL PATRICIA

GRIFFIN WHO WILL DELIVER TODAY'S COMMISSIONING SPEECH.

Colonel Patricia Griffin retired as the Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the Director of Intelligence, Operations & Nuclear Integration for the Air Education & Training Command (AETC) at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas. In this capacity, she supported the Director in his responsibilities for training all Air Force career fields and advised on all IMA Reserve activities.

YOU MAY READ THE REMAINDER OF COL GRIFFIN'S MILITARY BIO IN YOUR PROGRAM.

NARRATOR: MA'AM, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

//COLONEL GRIFFIN REMARKS//

NARRATOR: WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT COL GRIFFIN WITH A GIFT AS A TOKEN OF OUR GRATITUDE

//C/ROSNER & GRIFFIN PRESENT GIFT//

NARRATOR: THANK YOU COLONEL GRIFFIN.

NARRATOR: WE WILL NOW PROCEED WITH THE SWEARING-IN, PINNING, AND FIRST SALUTE PORTION OF OUR CEREMONY. AFTER TAKING THE OATH, THE NEW LIEUTENANTS WILL RECEIVE THEIR RANK FROM THEIR SPECIAL GUESTS. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TAKE AS MANY PICTURES AS YOU LIKE.

(OATH/PINNING CEREMONY TAKES PLACE FOR ALL CADETS AND FAMILY/FRIENDS.)

NARRATOR: WILL LIEUTENANT COLONEL (RETIRED) EDWARD GRIFFIN AND HIS SON CADET CONNOR GRIFFIN PLEASE COME FORWARD.

//OATH IS RECITED// //PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE//

NARRATOR: THANK YOU, LIEUTENANT COLONEL GRIFFIN.

//PINNING AND FIRST SALUTE//

NARRATOR: WILL LIEUTENANT GRIFFIN'S WIFE, DEE-ANNA GRIFFIN, HIS DAUGHTER, ROWAN, AND HIS SON, ZANE PLEASE COME FORWARD TO PIN THE RANK.

READ LIEUTENANT GRIFFIN'S BIO FROM PROGRAM//PINNING//

NARRATOR: LIEUTENANT CONNOR GRIFFIN GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES. HE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE EURO NATO JOINT JET PILOT TRAINING (ENJJPT) PROGRAM AT SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS AS A PILOT.

NARRATOR: THANK YOU TO THE GRIFFIN FAMILY.

(GRIFFIN'S GUESTS TAKE THEIR SEATS)

NARRATOR: IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR A NEW LIEUTENANT TO RECEIVE HIS OR HER FIRST SALUTE FROM AN ENLISTED MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES. AFTER RETURNING THE SALUTE, A SILVER DOLLAR IS PRESENTED TO THE ENLISTED MEMBER AS A SIGN OF MUTUAL RESPECT BETWEEN OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEMBERS.

NARRATOR: LIEUTENANT GRIFFIN WILL RECEIVE HIS FIRST SALUTE FROM HIS WIFE, AIR FORCE TSGT DEE-ANNA GRIFFIN.

NARRATOR: THANK YOU, TECHNICAL SGT GRIFFIN.

NARRATOR: WE INVITE LT GRIFFIN TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

//GRIFFIN GIVES SPEECH//

NARRATOR: THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS, LIEUTENANT

GRIFFIN.

//LIEUTENANT GRIFFIN TAKES HIS SEAT//

NARRATOR: WILL UTSA AND DET 842 ALUMNI, 2D LT JEREMIAH RAMIREZ AND CADET JOSEPH ROSNER PLEASE COME FORWARD.

//OATH IS RECITED// //PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE//

NARRATOR: THANK YOU, LT RAMIREZ.

NARRATOR: WILL LIEUTENANT ROSNER'S MOM, MICHELLE, DAD PHILLIP, STEP-MOM STEPHANIE, AND SISTERS DANIELLE AND ERIN ROSNER, PLEASE COME FORWARD TO PIN THE RANK.

READ LT ROSNER'S BIO FROM PROGRAM//PINNING//

NARRATOR: LIEUTENANT JOSEPH ROSNER GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE. HE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS FOR REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT TRAINING

NARRATOR: THANK YOU TO THE ROSNER FAMILY *(FAMILY TAKE THEIR SEATS)*

NARRATOR: LIEUTENANT ROSNER WILL RECEIVE HIS FIRST SALUTE FROM HIS STEP-DAD RETIRED NAVY HOSPITAL CORPSMAN 1ST CLASS LOO-IS CAL-CAG-NI.

NARRATOR: THANK YOU, CORPSMAN 1ST CLASS CAL-CA-GNI.

NARRATOR: WE INVITE LT ROSNER TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

//ROSNER GIVES SPEECH//

NARRATOR: THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS, LIEUTENANT ROSNER.

//LIEUTENANT ROSNER TAKES HIS SEAT//

NARRATOR: AT THIS TIME, WE INVITE COLONEL CYRUS TO PRESENT THE NEW LIEUTENANTS WITH THEIR OFFICIAL COMMISSIONING CERTIFICATE AND AIRMAN'S COIN SIGNIFYING THEIR ENTRANCE INTO THE WORLD'S GREATEST AIR FORCE.

NARRATOR: LIEUTENANT GRIFFIN, PLEASE STEP FORWARD

//LT GRIFFIN RECEIVES HIS CERTIFICATE AND COIN// TAKES SEAT

NARRATOR: LIEUTENANT ROSNER, PLEASE STEP FORWARD

//LT ROSNER RECEIVES HIS CERTIFICATE AND COIN// TAKES SEAT

NARRATOR: I INVITE COLONEL CYRUS, TO PROVIDE CLOSING REMARKS. SIR, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

//COLONEL CYRUS CLOSING REMARKS/
//PRESENT DG CERTIFICATE//

NARRATOR: THANK YOU, COLONEL CYRUS

//COLONEL CYRUS SITS DOWN//

NARRATOR: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I PRESENT TO YOU THE *AIR*FORCE'S NEWEST LIEUTENANTS!

//PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE//

NARRATOR: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN PLEASE STAND/(REMAIN STANDING) FOR THE PLAYING OF THE AIR FORCE SONG, SIGNIFYING THE CONCLUSION OF TODAY'S CEREMONY. AFTER THE AIR FORCE SONG, WE INVITE YOU TO CONGRATULATE OUR NEW LIEUTENANTS AND JOIN THEM AS THEY SIGN THEIR OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE.

//PLAY AIR FORCE SONG//

NARRATOR: ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR DAY, PLEASE DRIVE HOME SAFELY AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM DET 842!

NARRATOR: OUR NEXT PRESENTATION WILL BE THE DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE AWARD. THIS AWARD IS GIVEN TO THE TOP TEN PERCENT OF COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AT EACH AIR FORCE ROTC DETACHMENT ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THE SELECTION IS BASED ON OVERALL EXCELLENCE IN THE CATEGORIES OF GRADE POINT AVERAGE, PHYSICAL FITNESS, FIELD TRAINING PERFORMANCE AND LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE CADET WING.

NARRATOR: OUR FALL 2024 DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE IS LIEUTENANT CONNOR GRIFFIN.