

# ***BRYANT COLLEGE***

*Reserve Officers Training Corps*



*Awards & Commissioning  
Ceremony*

*MAY 20, 1994*

***The Commissioning Class  
of 1994***

**2LT Amy Cheryl Church**

Signal Corps      Active Duty      Bryant College

**2LT Arlo James Duczakowski**

Infantry      Active Duty      Bryant College

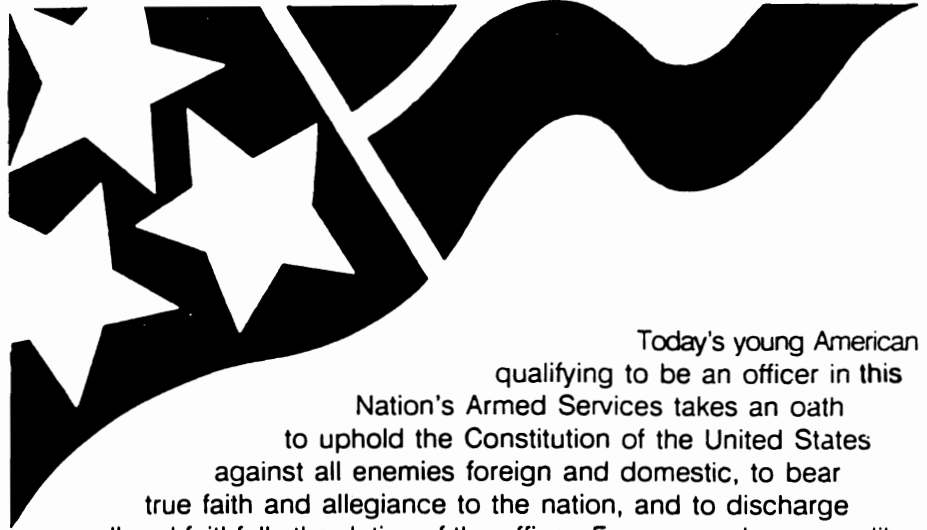
**2LT Mark Michael Leszczynski**

Adjutant      Active Duty      Bryant College  
General's Corps

**2LT Joseph Prete**

Infantry      Active Duty      Rhode Island  
College

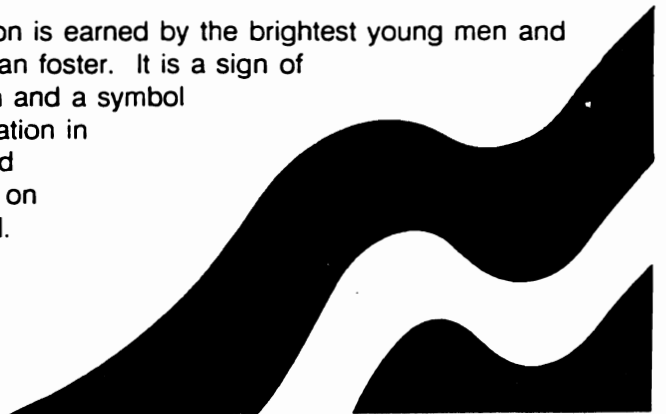
## THE MEANING OF THE COMMISSION



Today's young American qualifying to be an officer in this Nation's Armed Services takes an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic, to bear true faith and allegiance to the nation, and to discharge well and faithfully the duties of the office. For men and women alike, the commitment is total, absolute, and permits no mental or moral reservation.

The Commission is a visible symbol of this commitment, making the nation as a whole a party to the faith of this contract. There is no other profession in our society wherein such a totality of obligation is expressed in terms so simple yet so profound. And this is as it should be, for from the cold winter of Valley Forge to the present world wide commitment, the nation trusts its lifeblood to the men and women who hold the Commission as officers in the Armed Services.

The Commission is earned by the brightest young men and women this nation can foster. It is a sign of pride in one's nation and a symbol of the faith of that nation in the fidelity, valor, and honor of the person on whom it is bestowed.





## Oath of Office

I, \_\_\_\_\_, having been appointed an officer in the Army of the United States in the grade of Second Lieutenant do solemnly swear 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 COMMISSIONING CEREMONY**

## **Processional**

Entrance of the Distinguished Party and Commissionees  
The National Anthem

## **Invocation**

The Reverend Philip Devens  
Protestant Chaplain, Bryant College

## **Introduction**

Captain Kevin Miller

## **President's Welcome**

Dr. William E. Trueheart

## **Awards Presentation**

President William E. Trueheart  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maurer

## **Return of the Unit Colors to Bryant College**

Cadet Amy C. Church

**Keynote Address**

Colonel Raymond J. Miller  
Brigade Commander, 1st Brigade, 1st ROTC Region  
U.S. Army ROTC Cadet Command

**Administration of the Oath of Office**

Colonel Raymond J. Miller

**Presentations of U.S. Army Commissions**

Colonel Raymond J. Miller  
Captain Timothy I. Peterson

**Benediction**

The Reverend Douglas J. Spina  
Catholic Chaplain, Bryant College

**First Salute Ceremony**

Rotunda Patio

**Reception Immediately Following**

Rotunda

## ***Senior Class ROTC Awards***

### **Reserve Officers' Association Awards**

Receiving the awards are  
Mark M. Leszczynski and Joseph W. Prete

### **American Legion Award**

Receiving the award is A. James Duczakowski

### **Military Order of Foreign Wars Award**

Receiving the award is A. James Duczakowski

### **Sons of Italy Award**

Receiving the award is Joseph W. Prete

### **4th Brigade, 76th Division Award**

Receiving the award is Joseph W. Prete

### **Professor of Military Science Special Achievement Award**

Receiving the award is Amy C. Church

## *Senior Class ROTC Awards*

### **Stephen T. Maurer Award**

In memory of Stephen T. Maurer who was the first lieutenant to be commissioned at Bryant College through ROTC. This award is presented for emulating the outstanding leadership traits of Second Lieutenant Maurer.

Receiving the award is Mark M. Leszczynski

### **Bryant College ROTC Achievement Award**

Presented to the top senior Military Science student who achieved the highest standing in military aptitude, moral character, scholastic achievement and leadership potential.

Receiving the award is Amy C. Church





**2LT Amy Cheryl Church**  
**Signal Corps** **Active Duty**

The daughter of Ross and Linda Murphy Church, Amy is a Management major. She is a 1990 graduate of Holliston High School in Holliston, Massachusetts. She won her ROTC scholarship in her freshman year. Amy served as the president of The Society for Human Resource Management during her sophomore and junior years. She received the Superior Cadet Award every year throughout her college career and the Iron Lady trophy in her sophomore year. Amy served as the Bryant College Company Commander and Executive Officer. Starting in July, she will assume duties as a Gold Bar Recruiter at Bryant College. This October, Amy will attend the Signal Corps Officer Basic Course at Fort Gordon, Georgia.



**2LT Arlo James Duczakowski**  
**Infantry** **Active Duty**

The son of George and Manh Duczakowski, Jim is an Accounting major. He joined the ROTC program after attending Camp Challenge at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Jim is a graduate of the United States Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He served as the Bravo Company Commander and Liaison Officer. Jim will attend the Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia this fall.



**2LT Mark Michael Leszczynski**

**Adjutant General's Corps**

**Active Duty**

The son of Eva and the deceased Michal Leszczynski, Mark is an Accounting major. He is a graduate of Bristol Eastern High School in Bristol, Connecticut. He is a member of the Delta Mu Delta Honor Society and is graduating with Cum Laude honors. Mark is a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and served as the Vice-President and Treasurer. He served as the Executive Officer and Liaison Officer at Bryant. Mark was previously enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve before receiving his ROTC scholarship in his freshman year. Before attending his Officer Basic Course at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, Mark will perform duties as a Gold Bar Recruiter at Bryant College. Upon completion of his Basic Course, he will attend the U.S. Army Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Mark will be permanently stationed at Fort Ritchie, Maryland.



**2LT Joseph William Prete**

**Infantry**

**Active Duty**

The son of Joseph and Marie Prete, Joseph is an English Major at Rhode Island College. He is a graduate of Lasalle Academy in Providence, Rhode Island. Joseph is a Distinguished Military Graduate. During his senior year, he served as the Patriot Battalion Executive Officer and S-4. Joseph is a graduate of the United States Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia and a veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division. Joseph will be attending his Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia in August.

## COLONEL RAYMOND J. MILLER

Colonel Miller was born in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts in 1949. Upon graduation from Providence College in 1971 he received a degree in Business Administration and an ROTC commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Defense Artillery. He holds a Master of Arts Degree in Management and in 1992 was selected by the American Political Science association for a Congressional Fellowship. He has completed post-graduate courses in the study of Congress and Congressional Affairs at Johns Hopkins and George Washington University.

Colonel Miller's command assignments include Nike Hercules Nuclear Warhead Custodial units in Germany while assigned with the German Air Force and Hawk units at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Colonel Miller's other assignments include service with the Army Air Defense Command in Bristol, Rhode Island; the 552d Army Artillery Group in Germany; 5th Battalion, 57th Air Defense Artillery at Fort Bliss, Texas; 8th Infantry Division in Germany, Aide-de-Camp to the Deputy Commanding General of TRADOC and the Commanding General of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Army ROTC assignments at Bryant College and Providence College; several assignments at the Total Army Personnel Command including Chief of Professional Development, Combat Arms Division, Officer Personnel Management Directorate; Lieutenant Colonel Assignments Officer, Air Defense Artillery Branch; and Executive Officer of the Total Army Personnel Command from 1989 to 1992. His previous assignment was as an American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow in the office of Senator John Warner (R-VA) where he served as a Legislative Assistant for National Security and Defense issues. He is currently the Brigade Commander, 1st Brigade, 1st ROTC Region, U.S. Army ROTC Cadet Command.

Colonel Miller's officer education includes both AMEDD and Air Defense Artillery Basic and Advanced Courses; the Army Organizational Effectiveness Staff Officer Course and the Army Command and General Staff College.

Colonel Miller's military awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral 2 and the German Air Force Air Defense Artillery Awards for excellence in Air Defense Artillery Operations in both Bronze and Silver.

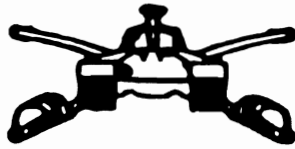
Colonel Miller and his wife Kathleen, have a twenty-one year old son, Regan, and a seventeen year old daughter, Kelly.

## **DR. WILLIAM E. TRUEHEART**

Dr. William E. Trueheart, former executive vice president of Bryant College, became the College's sixth president on August 1, 1989.

A distinguished educator who filled posts at Harvard University and the University of Connecticut before accepting the executive vice presidency at Bryant in 1986, President Trueheart had been appointed to the College's Board of Trustees in 1981, serving as vice chair from 1984 until his resignation from the board in 1986.

A native of Stamford, Connecticut, President Trueheart holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of Connecticut. He received a master of public administration degree in 1973 and an EdD in education and social policy in 1979, both from Harvard University. While earning his advance degrees, Dr. Trueheart was a Ford Foundation Fellow, a Littauer Fellow and a Travelli Fellow.



Lieutenant Colonel **Andre E. Thibeault**, Armor

*Awards*

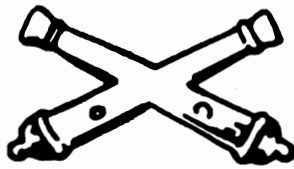
Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters  
Army Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster  
Army Achievement Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters  
National Defense Service Medal  
Army Service Ribbon  
Overseas Service Ribbon  
Expert Badge: Rifle, Pistol, Tank Weapons

LTC Thibeault graduated from Providence College with a B.A. in Political Science. He received his commission in 1976 through the ROTC program at Providence College and holds masters of arts degrees in National Security Studies from the Naval War College and International Relations from Salve Regina University. LTC Thibeault and his wife, Judy, have three sons, Andre, Thomas and Nicholas.

During LTC Thibeault's career, he has served in a variety of command and staff positions, some of which include:

Tank Battalion Operations Officer, Korea  
Student, U.S. Naval War College  
Chief, Plans and Operations Branch  
Assistant Professor of Military Science, Providence College  
Tank Company Commander, Fort Riley, Kansas  
Tank Battalion Personnel Officer, Fort Riley, Kansas

LTC Thibeault assumed command of the Patriot Battalion in 1993, and is the 16th Professor of Military Science at Providence College.



**Captain Timothy I. Peterson, Field Artillery**

*Awards*

Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster  
Army Achievement Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters  
Overseas Service Ribbon  
Army Service Ribbon  
Parachutists Badge  
Ranger Tab

Captain Peterson, the son of Theodore and Clara Peterson of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, graduated from Salisbury State University with a B.A. in Political Science. He received his commission through the ROTC program at Salisbury State in 1985. Captain Peterson met his wife Caren while at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The Petersons have three children, Kimberly, Zachary and Jacob.

During Captain Peterson's career he has served in a variety of command and staff assignments. He has been assigned with:

3rd Infantry Division, Schweinfurt Germany  
U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia  
5th Infantry Division, Fort Polk, Louisiana  
Bryant College, Assistant Professor of Military Science

Captain Peterson is currently enrolled in the Masters in Business Administration program at Providence College.



Master Sergeant **Tony L. Garcia**, Infantry

*Awards*

Meritorious Service Medal  
Army Commendation Medal  
Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster  
Good Conduct Medal with Silver Knot  
National Defense Service Medal  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
NCO Professional Development Ribbon (3)  
Army Service Ribbon  
Overseas Ribbon(2)  
Combat Infantry Badge

MSG Garcia, son of Louis and Connie Garcia from Riverside, California, enlisted in the United States Army in March, 1975. He married his wife, Carmen, in the Federal Republic of Germany in March, 1979. Throughout his career, MSG Garcia has served in various assignments, which include the following:

3rd Armor Division, Frankfurt, West Germany (2)  
7th Infantry Division (Light), Fort Ord, California (2)  
Bryant College, Assistant Military Science  
Instructor / Operations Sergeant

## **A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CADRE**

The Commissioning Class of 1994 would like to thank Captain Tim Peterson, MSG Tony Garcia and LTC Andre Thibeault for mentally and physically preparing us to enter into the Officer Corps. We would like to recognize Dr. William E. Trueheart and his staff for their continued support of the Reserve Officers Training Corps Program.

MSG Garcia, we wish you the best of luck at Fort Carson, Colorado and in your future endeavors.

**We salute each of you,**

***The Commissioning Class of 1994***

## **A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PARENTS**

***Thanks for all of your love and support, we could not have made it this far without you!***

***Amy, Jim, Mark and Joe***





### HISTORY OF THE UNIT SHIELD

The Shield symbolizes the Army mission of National Defense and is divided into quarters representing the four traditional Military Science courses comprising the Senior ROTC curriculum.

The Sword signifies courage, gallantry and self-sacrifice intrinsic to the profession of arms. The Lamp denotes the pursuit of knowledge, higher learning and the partnership of Army ROTC with American colleges and universities.

The Greek Helmet is symbolic of the ancient civilization concept of the Warrior Scholar. The motto "**LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE**" expresses the ultimate responsibility of Army ROTC in the discharge of its moral responsibility of the Nation.

The United States Army ROTC Cadet Command was officially activated at Fort Monroe, Virginia on 2 May 1986.