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COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

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CAPTAIN

A Captain is a chieftain or head of a unit. The title comes from the Latin word *capitaneus* that meant chieftain, which in turn came from an older Latin word *caput* that meant head. A Captain could head a unit of any size, but as armies evolved, his post came to be at the head of a company, which by the 16th century was usually 100 to 200 men.

There appear to have been Captains leading Italian soldiers in the 10th century. In the 11th or 12th century, British warships carried groups of soldiers commanded by Captains for the boarding and seizure of enemy vessels in combat.

Captains were company commanders in the British, French, and other armies for centuries. They carried on that job in the U.S. Army and Marine Corps from 1775 to the present. The Air Force adopted the rank with its establishment in 1948.

LIEUTENANT

A Lieutenant often takes the place of a superior officer when that officer is absent. The word comes from the French *lieu* (place) and *tenant* (holder). The Lieutenant then is one who holds the place of another. Since he took the place of a senior officer, the Lieutenant ranked next to that person and was his deputy.

There may have been Lieutenants aboard British warships as early as the 12th century. It became a designated rank in 1650 as the rank given to noblemen in training to become Captains. At that time, there were no other ranks below Captain, so there could be three grades of Lieutenants on a ship—first, second, and third.

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

An officer is a member of a military or naval service who holds a position of responsibility. Commissioned officers derive authority directly from a sovereign power and, as such, hold a commission charging them with the duties and responsibilities of a specific office or position. Commissioned officers are the only persons in a military environment able to exercise command over a military unit or entity.

Nova Southeastern University's Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine established the Commissioning Ceremony in 2005 to honor and showcase support for graduates who will be doing medical tours of duty in the armed services.

OATH OF OFFICE

I, [name], 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 on which I am about to enter. So help me God.

COMMISSIONING REMARKS AND OATH OF OFFICE
Colonel Michael A. Torres, M.D., M.B.A., CPE, CHCQM, FAAPL,
U.S. Air National Guard, Retired



Colonel Michael A. Torres was Commander, 107th Medical Group, where he was responsible for the medical evaluation and certification of the medical readiness of the 1,000 wing members assigned to the 107th Airlift Wing. Torres was also responsible for the education and training of all members within the medical group—with administrative and operational command and control of all assigned medical group personnel.

Colonel Torres entered the United States Marine Corps Reserve Officer Training program in 1976. He is a graduate of the Platoon Leaders Class program and was commissioned in the Marine Corps in 1978.

Torres was commissioned into the Air National Guard after completion of medical school and his internship in 1987 and has served as a general medical officer, flight surgeon, chief of flight medicine, chief of aerospace medicine, aerospace medicine consultant to the air force reserve command surgeon, squadron commander, group commander, chief of the health services division at 22nd Air Force, and chief of medical operations and plans while he was at HQ USAF/REM, the Pentagon.

Torres is currently vice president and chief medical officer at Florida Hospital Tampa.

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Lieutenant Caitlin Quevillon

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Captain Clayton Cook

Captain Henry Skidmore

College of Dental Medicine

Captain Mega Margapuram

Captain Shelby Willoughby

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream,
'Tis the star-spangled banner - O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore,
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a Country should leave us no more?
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace may the heaven rescued land
Praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto - "In God is our trust,"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.



“O’ER THE LAND OF THE FREE
AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE.”

SPECIAL THANK YOU

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