

**VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY  
NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING  
CORPS  
COMMISSIONING CEREMONY**



**MAY 8, 2020  
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY  
TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY**

## **PROGRAM SEQUENCE**

Invocation.....LCDR Baron Miller, USN, Chaplain  
Welcome.....CAPT Donald May, USN  
Commissioning Address.....VADM Kendall Card, USN (Ret)  
Administration of the Oaths of Office to Midshipmen

## **OATH OF OFFICE**

I 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 on which I am about to enter, so help me God.

## Vice Admiral Kendall Card (Ret)



Vice Adm. Card is a native of Fort Stockton, Texas. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Vanderbilt University in December 1977 and holds a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from U.S. Naval War College. He is also a graduate of U.S. Naval Test Pilot School.

From 1979 to 2006, Card served in various operational tours at sea, flying from the decks of USS Forrestal (CV 59), USS America (CV 66), USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), USS Saratoga (CV 60), and USS Enterprise (CVN 65). He commanded Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron 15, USS Ranier (AOE 7) and USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). Under his command Abraham Lincoln participated in Operations Enduring Freedom, Southern Watch, and Iraqi Freedom as part of a record setting nine-and-a-half month deployment, as well as Operation Unified Assistance in support of the Tsunami relief efforts in Sumatra, Indonesia.

Card was selected as a flag officer in 2006. He has served as director, Command Control Systems, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command; commander, Task Forces 51/58/59/151/158; commander, Expeditionary Strike Group Three; and director of Concepts, Strategies, and Integration for Information Dominance. He was appointed to the rank of Vice Adm. in June 2011 as he assumed office as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Dominance, and the 64th Director of Naval Intelligence.

Card has accumulated over 3,900 flight hours in the SH-3H Sea King, SH-60F Seahawk, and the S-3A Viking aircraft. His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (three awards), Bronze Star and various personal, service and campaign awards.

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**NAVY COMMISSIONEES**



**Logan Dorrough**  
Hemet, CA  
Naval Aviation



**Caroline Finn**  
Richmond, VA  
Naval Aviation



**Peter Valerius**  
Hamel, MN  
Naval Aviation



**Christopher Walding**  
Daphne, AL  
Naval Submarine Warfare

**MARINE COMMISSIONEES**



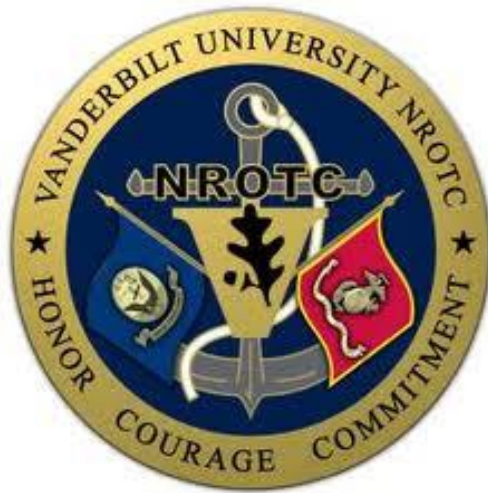
**Adonis Dotson  
Omaha, NE  
Marine Corps (ground)**



**Harrison Wilson  
Spring Hill, TN  
Marine Corps (ground)**

We invite everyone to join us in congratulating the newly-commissioned officers.

We would like to thank Vanderbilt University for hosting our ROTC activities, including this ceremony. We owe a special appreciation to VADM Kendall Card for his support to our program and participation in today's ceremony. Finally, we are grateful to the parents, friends, and families of our newly commissioned officers, for their support and attendance.



*Thank you,  
The Officers and  
Staff of Vanderbilt  
NROTC*