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presents



66th Annual
ROTC Awards Banquet
Saturday April 15, 2023



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celebration of dedication,
achievement and honor*

LETTER FROM MICHIGAN GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER



GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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LANSING

GARLIN GILCHRIST II
LT. GOVERNOR

March 31, 2023

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the state of Michigan, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 66th annual Michigan University Reserve Officer Training Corps of Cadets and Midshipmen Award Banquet.

For hundreds of years, the Michigan ROTC has provided highly trained military officers to fight our nation's wars. For the last 66 years, our local businesses have voluntarily contributed resources to put on an awards banquet to recognize all the amazing Michigan University trained ROTC Cadets and Midshipmen who have excelled both academically and in military proficiency.

I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude for the Michigan University ROTC program for their work in training our nation's military leaders of the future. This work is incredibly important to prepare these young Michiganders for their career and I am proud to see all the work that they have accomplished within their training. May this award ceremony provide a space to celebrate all your great accomplishments over the years.

I would also like to extend my deepest recognition to all those involved in the planning and preparation of this banquet. I have no doubt that this celebration will continue to display the Michigan University ROTC's insight, talent, and devotion to building a stronger state and nation.

Again, welcome to the 66th Annual Michigan University Reserve Officer Training Corps of Cadets and Midshipmen Award Banquet. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor of Michigan

Kimberly Wegner

President, NDIA Michigan Chapter

Kim Wegner

NDIA-Michigan Chapter President

Kim Wegner, Lead Associate, Booz Allen Hamilton, is an accomplished strategic marketing professional who develops integrated programs designed to effectively position clients in the defense industry in order to generate awareness and engagement opportunities. Currently, Ms. Wegner is a Lead Associate for Booz Allen Hamilton where she has supported the U.S. Army DEVCOM Ground Vehicle Systems Center (GVSC)'s Force Projection Technology (FPT) clients for the last six years.

Prior to FPT, Ms. Wegner managed and executed operational activities and event efforts for GVSC's predecessor, U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC). She delivered effective programs designed to promote the organization's lab capabilities and technical expertise, in addition to informing industry about future opportunities. Ms. Wegner was responsible for executing successful programs such as Industry Days and Robotics Rodeo, as well as leading TARDEC's efforts for events like the GVSETS, Pentagon Energy Security Expo, and the STEM Robotics Engineering and Technology Days. She also planned technical demonstrations, ceremonies and community events.

Ms. Wegner began her defense career with BRTRC in 2009 where she managed TARDEC's protocol and visit efforts, in addition to leading the organization's events and ceremonies for five years. In 2010, Ms. Wegner also spent time supporting PM Stryker Brigade Combat Team (PM SBCT) as a project officer.

Prior to joining BRTRC, Ms. Wegner spent nine years executing non-traditional advertising programs for General Motor's Buick and GMC brands, Hatteras Yachts and Cessna with promotion agencies, Momentum and George P. Johnson.



Lieutenant General David Bassett

United States Army



Lieutenant General David G. Bassett
Director
Defense Contract Management Agency

Army LTG, David G. Bassett is the Director of the Defense Contract Management Agency, headquartered at Fort Lee, Virginia. As the Director, he leads a Department of Defense agency consisting of more than 12,000 civilians and military personnel who manage more than 300,000 contracts, performed at 15,000 locations worldwide, with a total value in excess of \$7 trillion.

Bassett assumed leadership of DCMA on June 4, 2020. He came to the agency after serving as Program Executive Officer for Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T) since January 2018, where he was responsible for the development, acquisition, fielding and support of the Army's tactical network, a critical modernization priority.

Bassett was commissioned into the Signal Corps in 1988 through ROTC concurrent with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Virginia. As a junior officer, he served in Germany in tactical positions with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment and 123rd Signal Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division.

Following the Signal Officer's Advanced Course and completion of a Master of Science in Computer Science through the University of Virginia, Bassett was assigned to the U.S. European Command Staff, where he served as the Requirements Analysis and Interoperability Action Officer, J6.

He transferred to the Army Acquisition Corps in 1999 and was assigned to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, as Operations Officer, Communications and Electronics Command Software Engineering Center. Bassett went on to manage software development efforts for the Army's Future Combat Systems program. He then served on the Joint Staff as the Ground Maneuver Analyst, Capabilities and Acquisition Division, J8.

From July 2009 to May 2012, Bassett served as the Army's Project Manager for Tactical Vehicles within the Program Executive Office for Combat Support & Combat Service Support (PEO CS&CSS). He then managed the Joint Program Office, Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTV), through the Engineering and Manufacturing Development award.

In September 2013, Bassett was appointed Program Executive Officer, Ground Combat Systems, where he managed the portfolio of the Army's combat vehicle fleet including major modernization efforts to Abrams, Bradley, Stryker and self-propelled howitzer programs while also initiating the Army's Armored-Multi Purpose Vehicle program. Previous he served as Deputy Program Executive Officer for CS&CSS.

Bassett is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and a distinguished graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C.



Guests of Honor

This evening, the National Defense Industrial Association Michigan Chapter, the Sponsoring Organizations and the ROTC Awards Banquet Committee recognizes the top ROTC cadets and midshipmen with the highest scholastic and military achievement in their respective programs.

This ROTC Awards Banquet honors ROTC cadets and midshipmen from the Army, USMC, Navy and Air Force from all universities and other institutions of higher education in Michigan with ROTC programs including:

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Eastern Michigan University

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Michigan State University

Michigan Technological University

Northern University

University of Michigan

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Invocation

Chaplain, LTC Michael DeRienzo , USA
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CAPT Scott Bunnay	University of Michigan	USN
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MSG John Grimes	Central Michigan University	Army
MSG Derek Jones	Eastern Michigan University	Army
MSG Bradley Thieroff	Western Michigan University	Army

Toasts

COL Gerhard Schroter,
USA (Ret): "I propose a toast to the United
States of America."

All: "To the United States of America"

COL Valde Garcia, MI-
ARNG, (Ret): "I propose a toast to the
President of the United States."

All: "To the President"

COL Dion King (USA Re-
tired) "I propose a toast to the Armed For-
ces of the United States."

All: "To the Armed Forces"

Lt Col Stephen Graham,
USAF (Ret): "I propose a toast to our Veterans of
the current and past wars."

All: "To our Veterans"

LTC Bob Ament, (USA Re-
tired, Vietnam Infantry PLT
LDR) "Now, in remembrance of our
fallen heroes a moment of silence."

All: (Moment of Silence)

Program

Welcome and Call to Order

Mr. Phil Wills USAF (Vet), Master of Ceremonies

Presentation of the Colors

AFJROTC Howell High School, Howell, MI

National Anthem

Ms. Beth Cryderman Moss

Invocation

Chaplain LTC Michael DeRienzo , USA

Toasts

All in Attendance

Remarks

Ms. Kim Wegner, President NDIA Michigan

Dinner

Introduction of the Guest Speaker

Mr. Phil Wills USAF (Vet), Master of Ceremonies

Guest Speaker

LTG David Bassett, USA

Presentation of Awards Lt Col Stephen Graham, USAF (Ret):

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Retirement of the Colors

AFJROTC Howell High School, Howell, MI

The LEONARDO DRS Award – Freshman

Awarded to the Freshman Cadets and Midshipmen
demonstrating the most outstanding academic
achievement

Presenters: The logo for the LEONARDO DRS Award, featuring a red stylized starburst icon followed by the text "LEONARDO DRS" in a red, italicized, sans-serif font.

Mr. John W. Doak

Mr. Joseph Malone

Recipients:

Cadet Benjamin DeGuire	University of Michigan	USAF
Cadet Liam Reaser	University of Michigan	USAF
Cadet Nicholas Sarji	University of Michigan	Army
Cadet Madelyn Lloyd	Michigan State University	Army
Cadet James Benoit	Eastern Michigan	Army
Cadet Eleanor Murray	Michigan State University	USAF
Cadet Maxwell Smedley*	Michigan State University	USAF
Cadet Braeden Womack	Michigan State University	USAF
Cadet Ella Nair*	Western Michigan University	USAF
Cadet Aiden O'Kane*	Western Michigan University	Army
Cadet Clayton Cody	Northern Michigan University	Army
MIDN Anna Richmond	University of Michigan	Navy
Cadet Travis Crigger*	Michigan Technological Univ	USAF
Cadet Ethan Wu	Michigan Technological Univ	Army
Cadet Louis D. Henika	Central Michigan University	Army

* Recipients not in attendance.

The GDLS Award –Sophomore

Awarded to the Sophomore Cadets and
Midshipmen demonstrating the most outstanding
academic achievement.

Presenters: 

Mr. Jim Pasquarette

Mr. Scott Taylor

Recipients:

Cadet Elena Van Metre	University of Michigan	USAF
Cadet Alex Tembelis	University of Michigan	USAF
Cadet Jack Peterson	Michigan State University	Army
Cadet Eva Holton	University of Michigan	Army
Cadet Preston Carter	Eastern Michigan	Army
Olivia Bertaud	Michigan State University	USAF
Colby Orcutt*	Michigan State University	USAF
Hannah Webb	Michigan State University	USAF
Cadet Anna Hillman	Western Michigan University	Army
Cadet Taylor Bartley	Northern Michigan University	Army
MIDN Ethan Ong	University of Michigan	Navy
Cadet Jack Dedrick*	Michigan Technological Univ	USAF
Cadet Mickey Kohlert	Michigan Technological Univ	Army
Cadet Gillian R. Draft	Central Michigan University	Army

*Recipients not in attendance

The NAMC Award - Juniors

Awarded to Junior ROTC Students who have maintained excellence in science, academic achievement, demonstrated integrity, and leadership.

Presenters:



Mr. William Ross

Recipients:

Cadet Owen Young	University of Michigan	USAF
Cadet Rachel Ivy	University of Michigan	USAF
Cadet Caitlin Magolan	Michigan State University	Army
Cadet Noah Skrok	University of Michigan	Army
Cadet Luke Berglund	Eastern Michigan	Army
Cadet Owen Ernst	Michigan State University	USAF
Cadet Lynn Bland	Western Michigan University	Army
MIDN Owen Barr	University of Michigan	Navy
Cadet Samuel Russ*	Michigan Technological University	USAF
Cadet Nicolas Abbott*	Michigan Technological University	Army
Cadet Tanner J. Wilkins	Central Michigan University	Army

*Recipients not in attendance

The BAE Systems Award-Seniors

Awarded to Senior ROTC Students who have maintained excellence in science, academic achievement, demonstrated integrity, and leadership.

Presenters:

The logo for BAE Systems, featuring the words "BAE SYSTEMS" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters on a red rectangular background.

COL Scott Davis (Ret)

Recipients:

Cadet Edward Jung	University of Michigan	USAF
Cadet Ciarra Magnuson	University of Michigan	USAF
Cadet Makenna Sloan	Michigan State University	Army
Cadet Shane Yamco	University of Michigan	Army
Cadet Micayla Dougherty	Eastern Michigan	Army
Cadet Matthew Bush	Michigan State University	USAF
Cadet Samuel Kwiatkowski-Martin	Michigan State University	USAF
Cadet Madeline Sackman	Michigan State University	USAF
Cadet Suenomi Cobb	Western Michigan University	Army
Cadet Alexis Dickie	Northern Michigan University	Army
MIDN Caroline Knight	University of Michigan	Navy
Cadet Nicholas Drechsler*	Michigan Technological Univ	USAF
Cadet Dominic Jolley	Michigan Technological Univ	Army
Cadet Aiden W. Zick	Central Michigan University	Army
Cadet Brennan Haight *	Grand Valley State University	Army
Cadet Stephen Tenuda	Eastern Michigan University	Army

*Recipients not in attendance:

The GDLS Commander's Excellence Award

Awarded to the retiring ROTC Group / Battalion
Commanders, December 2022

Presenters: 

Mr. Jim Pasquarette

Mr. Scott Taylor

Recipients:

Cadet Abigail Liesman	University of Michigan	USAF
Cadet Daniel Jackson	Michigan State University	Army
Cadet Wiley Gillam*	University of Michigan	Army
Cadet Dillon Bechthold	Eastern Michigan	Army
Cadet Olivia Antczak	Western Michigan University	Army
Cadet Cayton Scholz*	Michigan Tech University	USAF
MIDN Peter Smith	University of Michigan	Navy
Cadet Cole Flint	Ferris State University (CMU)	Army
Cadet Dominic Bianchi	Michigan Tech University	Army
Cadet Nathan Larochelle	Western Michigan University	USAF

*Recipients not in attendance

The GDLS Commander's Excellence Award

Awarded to the retiring ROTC Group / Battalion
Commanders, May 2023

Presenters:

BAE SYSTEMS

COL Scott Davis (Ret)

Recipients:

Cadet Daniel Cox	University of Michigan	USAF
Cadet Wyatt Wartinger	Michigan State University	USA
Cadet Anthony Nasharr*	University of Michigan	Army
Cadet Stephen Tenuta	Eastern Michigan	Army
Cadet Matthew Bush	Michigan State University	USAF
Cadet Joseph George	Western Michigan University	Army
Cadet Nicholas Drechsler*	Michigan Tech University	USAF
MIDN Caleb Korhorn	University of Michigan	USMC
Cadet Luke LaTocha	Central Michigan University	Army
Cadet Trent Graham	Michigan Tech University	Army

*Recipients not in attendance:

The Women in Defense Award

Awarded to the top female Cadet or Midshipmen demonstrating the most outstanding military leadership, scholastic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Presenters:

Ms. Sue Tellier



Recipients:

Cadet Rachel Smith	University of Michigan	USAF
Cadet Eyda Gu	University of Michigan	Army
Cadet Madison Mcknight	Eastern Michigan	Army
Cadet Marisa Haraburda	Michigan State University	USAF
Cadet Gabriella Gomez	Western Michigan University	Army
Cadet Alexis Dickie	Northern Michigan U	Army
MIDN Caroline Knight	University of Michigan	Navy
Cadet Lilly Bolliger*	Michigan Technological Univ	USAF
Cadet Mickelli Hartman	Ferris State University (CMU)	Army
Cadet Erin Bennett	Michigan Technological Univ	Army

*Recipients not in attendance:

The GDLS Scientific Leadership Excellence

Awarded to the outstanding Army ROTC Cadets who have maintained excellence in science, academic achievement, demonstrated integrity and leadership.

Presenters: 

Mr. Jim Pasquarette

Mr. Scott Taylor

Recipients:

Cadet John Fogerty	Michigan State University	Army
Cadet Brenden Heinonen*	University of Michigan	Army
Cadet Renan Martins	Eastern Michigan	Army
Cadet Darius Jerue	Western Michigan University	Army
Cadet Clayton Cody	Northern Michigan University	Army
Cadet Isaac Parker	Michigan Tech University	Army

*Recipients not in attendance

The Unmanned Systems Award

Awarded to cadets or midshipmen who make the significant contributions to his/her service in Unmanned Systems through either operational assignments or academic class work.



Presenters:

Mr. Bernard Theisen

Mr. Gerald Lane

Recipients:

Cadet Levi Moore	University of Michigan	USAF
Cadet Reese Faunt	University of Michigan	Army
Cadet Nicholas McKenzie*	Michigan Technological University	USAF
Cadet Nathan Larochelle	Western Michigan University	USAF

*Recipient not in attendance

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The National Defense Industrial Association Award

The outstanding Air Force Cadets and Navy
Midshipmen who have maintained excellence in
science, academic achievement and demonstrated
integrity, and Leadership.

Presenters:

Ms. Kim Wegner

Ms. Beth Cryderman Moss

Recipients:

Cadet Mary Muter	University of Michigan	USAF
Cadet Tara Wagh	Michigan State University	USAF
MIDN Kevin Gu	University of Michigan	Navy
Cadet Brandon Collins *	Michigan Technological University	USAF
Cadet Cayton Scholz *	Michigan Technological University	USAF
Cadet Liam Reaser	University of Michigan	USAF
Cadet James Maddock	University of Michigan	USAF
Cadet Anthony Paul	Western Michigan University	USAF
MIDN Kyle Ramsey	University of Michigan	Navy
Cadet Garrett Quante	Michigan Technological University	USAF

*Recipients not in attendance:

The Association of the United States Army Award

Awarded to the Army ROTC Cadets demonstrating the most outstanding military leadership, achievement, proficiency, scholastic excellence and participation in extra-curricular college activities.



Presenters:

LTC Chuck Cogger USA (Ret)
CSM St. Helen (TACOM SGM)

Recipients:

Cadet Brady Detter	Michigan State University	Army
Cadet James Lee	University of Michigan	Army
Cadet Darren Cole	Eastern Michigan	Army
Cadet Taylor Bartley	Northern Michigan University	Army
Cadet Michael Carson	Michigan Tech University	Army
Cadet Logan Tolan	Western Michigan University	Army
Cadet Kaja Baran	University of Michigan	Army
Cadet Marco Caal-Skonos	Eastern Michigan	Army
Cadet Trent Esch	Central Michigan University	Army
Cadet Lucas Sutherland	Western Michigan University	Army

*Recipient not in attendance

The Association of the United States Army Saber Award

Awarded to the Distinguished Army Cadet
demonstrating the most outstanding military
leadership, scholastic achievement and involvement
in extracurricular activities.

Presenters:

LTC Chuck Cogger USA (Ret)
CSM St. Helen (TACOM SGM)

Recipient:

Cadet Sean Gordon

Michigan State University

Army

*Recipient not in attendance



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States Army**

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The Rear Admiral Leon J. Jacobi Memorial Award

Awarded to graduating Midshipman with the highest
record of academic achievement.

Presenters:

Ms. Janina Parrott Jacobs

Mr. Randall D. Trombley

Recipient:

MIDN Kyle Ramsey

University of Michigan

Navy

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1stLt George Ham Cannon USMC Award

Awarded to the Distinguished United States Marine Corps Midshipman demonstrating the most outstanding military leadership, scholastic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Presenters:

Capt Scott Bunnay, USN

Recipient:

MIDN Ethan King

University of Michigan

USMC

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The General Daniel “Chappie” James Jr. Award

Awarded to the Distinguished Air Force Cadet in the State of Michigan demonstrating the most outstanding military leadership, scholastic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Presenter:

Mr. Phil Wills

Recipient:

Cadet Matthew Bush Michigan State University USAF

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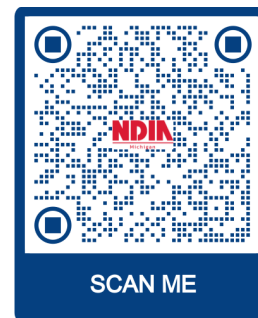
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