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The sequence of events follows the guidelines found in Army Field Manual 3-21.5 Drill and Ceremonies, Chapter 10 (with awards ceremony), modified slightly to provide cadet activity demonstrations prior to the military ceremony.



ARMY JROTC HISTORY

The United States Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) came into being with the passage of the National Defense Act of 1916. Under the provisions of the Act, high schools were authorized the loan of federal military equipment and the assignment of active duty military personnel as instructors. There was a condition that the instructors follow a prescribed course of training and maintain a minimum enrollment of 100 students over the age of 14 years who were US citizens. In 1964, the Vitalization Act opened JROTC up to the other services and replaced most of the active duty instructors with retirees who worked for and were cost shared by the schools.

Title 10 of the U.S. Code declares that "the purpose of Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps is to instill in students in United States secondary educational institutions the value of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment."

Keynote Speaker



Colonel Craig W. Strong was born in York, NE and raised in Silver Creek, NE. He began his military career in 1986 enlisting in the Navy Reserve where he served as a Construction Electrician (Seabees) assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 15. He transferred to the Nebraska National Guard in 1993 and received his commission through the State Officer Candidate Program in July 1995. He currently serves as the Director of Human Resources (J-1) for the Nebraska National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters. Some of his previous assignments include Commander, 67th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade and Nebraska National Guard Director of Joint Domestic Operations (J-3). He completed two deployments to Iraq as a Company Commander in 2004-05 and as a Battalion Support Operations Officer in 2007-08. This summer he reports to the Pentagon for assignment as a Senior Policy Analyst for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counter-Narcotics and Global Threats.

COL Strong is a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Army War College where he earned a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies. He also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, a Master's Degree in Economics and a Juris Doctorate Law degree, all from the University of Nebraska. COL Strong's awards include two Bronze Star Medals, seven Meritorious Service Medals and the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award.