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**Suffolk University**  
**Reserve Officer's Training Corps**

**Commissioning Ceremony**



**Sunday, June 8, 1986**

**Massachusetts State House**

**Boston, Massachusetts**

The Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) at Suffolk University was established in 1981. At that time, Suffolk University assumed the responsibility for providing ROTC instruction to students at Suffolk University, Boston College, the University of Massachusetts at Boston, and a number of Junior and Community Colleges in and around Boston. A cadet corps of six students was created by transferring cadets from the ROTC program at Northeastern University. During the 1981-82 academic year, six students were commissioned and enrollment began to grow. In 1982, responsibility for Boston College was shifted to Northeastern University.

In the five years since its establishment, Suffolk University's ROTC program has commissioned 45 Second Lieutenants. Today, thirteen more will earn that distinction. Enrollment has increased from the original six to a cadet corps of over seventy.

Receiving their commissions today are May graduates of Suffolk University, University of Massachusetts/ Boston, and Boston College.

Although today's Army is one of rapidly changing technology, we still hold fast many long standing traditions. The commissioning ceremony that you will witness today is filled with these traditions. The letter and spirit of the lieutenant's written commission is nearly identical in text and format to the one issued to General George Washington, June 19, 1775. Through this commission, the President places "Special Trust and Confidence in the Patriotism, Fidelity and Abilities" of the new officer. That Special Trust and Confidence is symbolized by the gold insignia of rank which is customarily pinned on by the officer's family or close friends. The silver dollar presented in exchange for the officer's first salute is said to have represented one day's pay and serves as a reminder of the high cost of the respect of the soldier.

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REMARKS  
BY

COLONEL RICHARD J. KATTAR, U.S. ARMY (RETIRED)  
PRESIDENT  
NEW ENGLAND CONTAINER RECYCLING, INC.

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OATH OF OFFICE

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RETIREMENT OF NATIONAL COLORS  
(Please Stand)

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REMARKS  
BY

LTC THOMAS J. GRIFFIN III  
PROFESSOR OF MILITARY SCIENCE  
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

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(Hall of Flags)

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RECEPTION  
(Nurses' Hall)

*The Cadre and Cadets of the  
Suffolk University  
Reserve Officers' Training Corps  
Request the honor of your presence at a  
Commissioning Ceremony  
Sunday, June 8, 1986 at 10:00 am  
in the  
Hall of Flags, Massachusetts State House  
and a  
Reception Immediately Following*