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Air Force commissions University of Montana ROTC grads

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Ten fall quarter graduates of the University of Montana became Second Lieutenants in the United States Air Force during commissioning ceremonies on the UM campus.

Dr. Robert Coonrod, dean of the college of arts and sciences assisted as Colonel Harwood Means, chairman of the Aerospace Studies department conferred the commissions on the group composed entirely of Montanans.

Col. Means challenged the men to continue the fine efforts in their new role of leadership. Dean Coonrod encouraged the men to continue learning.

Seven Montana cities produced members of this newly commissioned group.

The 10 commissionees are Second Lieutenant Lionel Coon III, of Billings who is scheduled to begin pilot training in February. He has not yet been assigned to a military base.

Second Lieutenant Michael Reese of Butte is assigned to begin pilot training in February. He also awaits orders to a military base.

Second Lieutenant Douglas Morton of Conrad has received an educational delay to enable him to enter Law School at UM.

Second Lieutenant John Edwards of Great Falls will assume duties as an information officer at Lowry AFB, Colorado, in January.

Second Lieutenant Walter Jensen of Great Falls is appointed an intelligence officer at Goodfellow AFB, Texas beginning in February. Jensen is designated a Distinguished AFROTC graduate.

Second Lieutenant Berl Stallard of Miles City will begin Pilot training in June. He has not been assigned to a particular base yet.

Second Lieutenant Philip Shults of Missoula will assume duties as a personnel officer at Minot AFB, N.D. in January.

Second Lieutenan Laird Robinson of Missoula will begin pilot training. He has not yet received orders concerning the date and the base.

Second Lieutenant John Nelson of Missoula will begin pilot training in February. No Base has been assigned.

Second Lieutenant Robbin Anderson of Polsen will begin pilot training in February. No base has been assigned yet.