

## **News** Release

## Military Science to Commission Five Army Officers Friday

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JONESBORO – Five new Army officers will be commissioned by the Department of Military Science at Arkansas State University in a ceremony Friday, Dec. 18.

The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. in the Military Science building, 1921 Aggie Road, when A-State candidates Steven Crow of Salem, Robert Adkins Jr. of Sherrill and Landon Grimmett of North Little Rock (and Arkansas State University-Beebe) will be commissioned as second lieutenants into the United States Army Reserve.

At 11 a.m., a ceremony will be held for cadets from the Harding University detachment of the Red Wolf Battalion with the commissioning of two students as second lieutenants. They are Samuel Wilson of Jenks, Okla., and Ryan Tabor of Crossville, Tenn., into the U.S. Army Reserves.

A-State Chancellor Kelly Damphousse will provide the keynote address followed by words from Lt. Col. Joseph Loar, professor of military science.

All five have earned diplomas from their respective universities. Crow's Bachelor of Science degree is agricultural studies and will be in the Army's field artillery; Adkins will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering technology whose commission is into the Arkansas National Guard military intelligence program; and Grimmett will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in disaster preparedness and emergency management and will transition to the Arkansas National Guard infantry.

Wilson, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing from Harding, will be part of the engineer corps in the U.S. Army Reserves, while Tabor earned a Bachelor of Arts in finance also from Harding. He will also be a part of the U.S. Army Reserves in the engineer corps.

The entire ceremony will be streamed live on the A-State ROTC Facebook page.

The Army ROTC program began at Arkansas State in 1936.

U.S. Army Cadet Command provides an array of incentives to talented young people with military officer potential, especially through a scholarship program that provides most of the cost of obtaining a college education. ROTC scholarship are up to \$5,000 per semester, making a four-year scholarship valued at \$40,000.

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