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SD Army National Guard commissions seven new officers

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The South Dakota Army National Guard welcomed seven new officers to its ranks during a commissioning ceremony at Camp Rapid, Aug. 19.

The ceremony commemorated their completion of Officer Candidate School Class 66, which consisted of a year and a half of training to become future leaders in the SDARNG.

“The South Dakota National Guard and the people of our state and nation thank you for what you are doing,” said Brig. Gen Scott Petrik, South Dakota National Guard Director of the Joint Staff. “Thank you for stepping up during a crucial time in our nation.”

OCS is taught in a high-stress environment, where candidates are tested academically and physically, both in the classroom and in field environments. Training consists of 16-18 months of drill weekends and two, two-week training periods.

The ceremony included several traditions: the pinning of rank on the officers’ uniform, their first salute to an enlisted soldier, and reciting the Oath of Office.

The new second lieutenants will join their assigned units and begin the next phase of their officer development by attending a Basic Officer Leader Course, which focuses on their assigned branch of service, such as engineering, field artillery or transportation, to name a few.

The second lieutenants of OCS Class 66 are:

<u>Soldier</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Unit of Assignment</u>
2nd Lt. Angelo Barbaruolo	Sioux Falls	740th Transportation Company
2nd Lt. Sheldon Brakke	Rapid City	155th Engineer Company
2nd Lt. Amy Brandt	Sioux Falls	235th Military Police Company
2nd Lt. Zachary Campbell	Yankton	Forward Support Company, 153rd Engineer Battalion
2nd Lt. Richard Langdeaux	Mission	200th Engineer Company
2nd Lt. Zachary Lothspeich	Rapid City	Bravo Battery, 1/147 th Field Artillery Battalion
2nd Lt. Heather Theis	Rapid City	740th Transportation Company

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220819-Z-BS230-1008: Newly promoted 2nd Lt. Zachary Campbell is pinned with his new second lieutenant rank by family members during a commissioning ceremony for the South Dakota Army National Guard Officer Candidate School Class 66 at Camp Rapid in Rapid City, S.D., Aug. 19, 2022. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Dustin Jordan)



220819-Z-BS230-1057: Newly promoted 2nd Lt. Richard Langdeaux renders his first salute to Nicodemus Leading Fighter during a commissioning ceremony for the South Dakota Army National Guard's Officer Candidate School Class 66 at Camp Rapid in Rapid City, S.D., Aug. 19, 2022. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Dustin Jordan)



220819-Z-BS230-1030: Newly promoted 2nd Lt. Angelo Barbarulo renders his first salute to Ted Hellekson during a commissioning ceremony for the South Dakota Army National Guard Officer Candidate School Class 66 at Camp Rapid in Rapid City, S.D., Aug. 19, 2022. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Dustin Jordan)



220819-Z-BS230-1084: Newly promoted 2nd Lt. Sheldon Brakke is pinned with his new second lieutenant rank by family members during a commissioning ceremony for the South Dakota Army National Guard Officer Candidate School Class 66 at Camp Rapid in Rapid City, S.D., Aug. 19, 2022. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Dustin Jordan)

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