

VIRGINIA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

2022  
*Commissioning*



ARMY ROTC, MARLIN COMPANY  
COMMISSIONING CEREMONY  
14 MAY 2022 AT 1200

COMMISSIONEE

**Dakota Alexander Felkins-Beach**

*B.A., Political Science*

*Medical Corps, U.S. Army Active Duty*



Our commissionee today joins a distinguished formation of Army ROTC graduates from Virginia Wesleyan University. The Marlin Company, previously the Marlin Detachment, was established on campus in February 1998 and operates as part of Old Dominion University's Monarch Battalion led by LTC Camala Coats. A full-time office for the Marlin Company was established in Godwin Hall in February 2019. Through elective classes and field training, students receive valuable tools, training, and leadership experiences that not only lead to military service but also become assets in any career field.

The Department of Military Science is part of neighboring ODU's Office of Military Activities under the leadership of CAPT Robert E. Clark, U.S. Navy Retired, and is academically aligned under the ODU Strome College of Business.

**“The Star-Spangled Banner”**

*by Francis Scott Key*

**Invocation**

**Introduction**

*LTC Camala Coats, Professor of Military Science*

**Remarks**

*Dr. Scott D. Miller, President of the University*

**Commissioning Oath**

**Pinning of Gold Bars**

**Monarch Battalion Coin Presentation**

**First Salute/Silver Dollar Ceremony**

**Military Officers Association of America Presentation**

**Benediction**



# MONARCH BATTALION CADRE AND STAFF

*Professor of Military Science*  
LTC Camala Coats

*Executive Officer*  
Cpt. Chisom Hutchins

*Senior Military Instructor*  
Master Sergeant Thomas Struna

*Marlin Company Advisor*  
Marion Hibbler

*Assistant Professors  
of Military Science*  
Mr. Hohn Rees  
Captain Andrew Robichaud

*Military Science Instructors*  
Master Sergeant  
Karina Rodriguez  
Sergeant First Class  
Christopher Iacobucci  
SGT Shaquera Privott  
Sergeant First Class  
Christopher Stanberry

*Battalion Recruiting  
Operations Officer*  
Mr. Mack Sumler

*Human Resources Assistant*  
Mr. James Jones III

*Program Advisor*  
Mrs. Linda E. Baker

*Supply Technician*  
Mr. Richie Thomas



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