



The Commissioning of Captain Roger McMurray, MD

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CONCORD, N.C., January 22, 2009—His officer's oath contained several lines spoken by his new president who was inaugurated the previous day—"to protect and defend against all enemies, foreign and domestic." With his wife, parents and fellow residency classmates in attendance, Roger McMurray, MD was commissioned into the United States Air Force with the rank of Captain. At the ceremony's conclusion, he became the third physician at CMC-NorthEast in as many years to receive a military commission.



"It was very memorable to share my commissioning ceremony with my wife, parents and my classmates in attendance today," said Dr. McMurray. "Having made this decision, I now feel glad to have my professional pathway determined for the next several years."

The actual oath was delivered by McMurray's medical classmate Dr. Victor Vargas who enters the USAF as a captain/physician following his graduation this June. Like Dr. Vargas, Dr. McMurray received his commission while still completing his residency training. In June of 2008, Dr. Peyton Fennell graduated as a commissioned naval officer. Dr. Fennell is currently serving with a Marine Battalion while stationed in Iraq. Mark Robinson, MD, a Family Medicine physician who also directs the faculty for the residency program (and a former Army physician himself), attended the ceremony. "It

takes a very special individual to join the military during a time of war,” said Dr. Robinson. “I feel confident that both these doctors will make excellent officers. Their roles as military physicians will positively impact thousands of lives during their careers.”

Attending as an official military witness to the ceremony was Master Sergeant Joseph Sullivan who is currently based in Raleigh. “As an officer, Dr. McMurray’s skills as both physician and leader will be welcomed and highly-valued by the United States Air Force,” said Sergeant Sullivan. “It was my pleasure to witness and share in his [McMurray’s] public dedication and commitment to his country during today’s ceremony.”

Dr. McMurray will graduate from his residency training and begin his military career as an officer in 2011.

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