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**PRESENTATION AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY:
“ROTC CONTRIBUTES TO EXCELLENCE IN THE U. S. ARMED FORCES”**

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Executive Summary: Iowa State has a long history of supplying officers to the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines through its Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs. **Captain Scott Curtis**, Navy ROTC professor of naval science; **Lieutenant Colonel Ethan Dial**, Army ROTC professor of military science; and **Lieutenant Colonel William McTernan**, Air Force ROTC chair of aerospace studies will describe their programs, and their contributions to the university and nation. **Beate Schmittmann**, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, will provide an introduction.

Captain Scott Curtis

Captain Scott Curtis, a native of Manhattan, Kansas, received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Kansas State University, and was subsequently commissioned through the Officer Candidate School. Curtis has completed numerous deployments in the Middle East and western Pacific. As commanding officer of the USS Ashland in 2010, Curtis led his crew in repelling a pre-dawn pirate attack, and capturing six pirates who were then successfully prosecuted in the U.S. Curtis was named commanding officer of Iowa State's Naval ROTC unit in 2016.



Lieutenant Colonel Ethan Dial

Lieutenant Colonel Ethan Dial holds a bachelor's degree in systems engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, and a master's in adult and continuing education from Kansas State University. Dial's military assignments have included numerous posts in both the U.S. and overseas, including service as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn with both the 101st Airborne Division and 1st Armored Division. Dial was named commanding officer of Iowa State's Army ROTC unit in 2015.



Lieutenant Colonel William McTernan

Lieutenant Colonel William McTernan holds a bachelor's degree in management information systems from the University of Maryland, and a master's in international relations from Troy University. McTernan's deployments include 600 mission hours as an Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) mission crew commander during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, as well as support for Operation Southern Watch and Operation NOBLE EAGLE. McTernan was named commander of Iowa State's Air Force ROTC unit in 2015.



Dean Beate Schmittmann

Dr. Beate Schmittmann joined Iowa State University as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 2012. An expert in statistical and biological physics, Schmittmann holds a diploma (master's-level degree) from RWTH Aachen University in her native Germany, and a Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. Prior to joining Iowa State, she was a member of the physics department at Virginia Tech University for 21 years, serving as chair from 2006-2012. Schmittmann is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the American Physical Society, and has authored or co-authored more than 100 peer-reviewed articles and one book.

