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**NATION'S TOP RANKING MILITARY OFFICIAL TO COMMISSION
15 KENTUCKY GRADUATES**

On invitation from Ambassador Carey Cavanaugh, Admiral Michael Mullen will administer the Oath of Office to 15 Army and Air Force college graduates at Memorial Hall, Friday, May 2nd at 4:00pm. Admiral Mullen is the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the senior US military officer. He serves as the principal military advisor to the President, the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council. Admiral Mullen served as the 28th Chief of Naval Operations and was sworn in as the 17th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff by President Bush on October 1st, 2007.

The military commissioning Oath of Office is the final Constitutional act in the Presidential appointment as an Officer. 13 UK and 2 Centre College graduates will repeat the oath and receive their first salute from an enlisted member of the military. This single act will place them in leadership of over 70% of the US Army and Air Force.

Due to space limitations, RSVP is requested.

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If you'd like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview, call Captain Mickey Jordan at (859) 257-7115 or mjord0@uky.edu.