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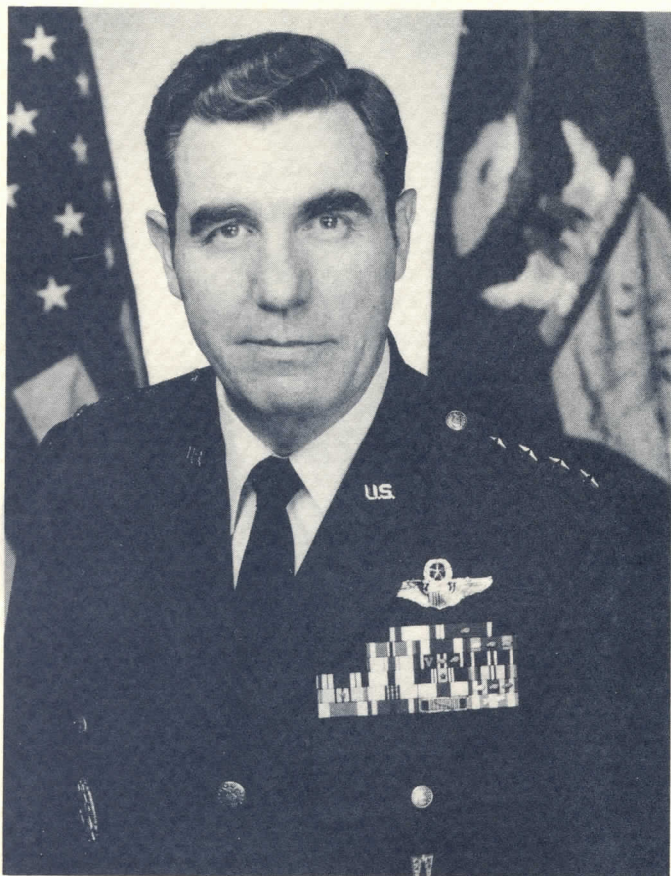
On the Occasion
of
Founders Day



Monday, September Twelfth
Nineteen Hundred Ninety-Four

Ten-Thirty O'Clock

The Great Lawn
Christopher Newport University
Newport News, Virginia



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he Board of Visitors of Christopher Newport University takes great pride and pleasure in conferring the Doctor of Laws Degree, honoris causa, upon General John Michael Loh. In conferring this degree, the University recognizes over thirty-four years of distinguished service to this community, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation.

General Loh graduated from Gonzaga High School in Washington, D.C. in 1956 and the United States Air Force Academy, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering science, in 1960. In 1973, he earned the Master of Science degree in aeronautical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

After graduating from the Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base in California in 1968, then-Captain Loh served a tour of duty in Vietnam with the 389th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, Da-Nang Air Base, where he flew 204 combat missions. After returning to the United States, he served as fighter requirements staff officer, Fighter

Division, Directorate of Operational Requirements, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Research and Development, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

Following numerous assignments, General Loh became commander, Aeronautical Systems Division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, in August 1988. In June of 1990, he was appointed vice chief of staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. In March, 1991 General Loh was appointed commander, Headquarters Tactical Air Command at Langley Air Force Base. Since June of 1992, he has served as commander, Air Combat Command at Langley. His command comprises more than 174,000 active-duty military and civilian personnel and 3,400 aircraft at 45 major installations in the United States and Panama. Air Combat Command is responsible for training, equipping, and maintaining combat readiness for all active, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve combat wings and squadrons in the United States and Panama.

General Loh is a command pilot with more than 4,300 flying hours, primarily in fighter aircraft. He has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with silver star and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm.

In addition to numerous other accomplishments, General Loh brings to Virginia and to the Peninsula in particular a deep commitment to public service and active participation in the economic and social life of these communities.

For two years he served as co-chairman of the Governor's Commission on Defense Conversion and Economic Adjustment. General Loh is chairman of the Armed Forces Benefit Association and is also on the board of directors of several local organizations, including the Peninsula Advanced Technology Center, and the Newport News Public Schools Educational Foundation. Additionally, he is the liaison to the Peninsula Defense Conversion Project.

Today, Christopher Newport University honors General John Michael Loh for his years of exceptional service to the people of this region, this Commonwealth and this nation by awarding him the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Processional*	ACC Heritage of America Band Lt. Col. Lowell Graham, Conductor
Posting of Colors	Color Guard
The National Anthem	ACC Band
Invocation	The Reverend Cheryl Harrison-Davidson United Campus Minister
Investiture of the Mace	Mr. L. Barron Wood, Jr. Senior Professor
Welcome	Dr. Anthony R. Santoro President of the University
Founders Mace Society Induction	Mr. Harrol A. Brauer, Jr. Chairman, Founders Mace Society
Conferring of the Doctor of Laws Degree upon General John Michael Loh	Mr. William H. Ferguson, III Vice Rector, Board of Visitors Dr. Anthony R. Santoro
Keynote Address	General John Michael Loh Commander, Air Combat Command
Musical Selection	America the Beautiful ACC Band
Greetings to the University Community	Mr. William H. Ferguson, III, Vice Rector, Board of Visitors Dr. Robert Doane, President, Faculty Senate Mr. Jonathon Burgess, President, Student Government Association Mr. Thomas Carpini, President, Alumni Society
Divestiture of the Mace	Mr. L. Barron Wood, Jr.
Benediction	The Reverend Cheryl Harrison-Davidson
Recessional	ACC Band

*The audience is requested to stand and remain standing for the playing of the National Anthem and for the Invocation.

