



## **Brandon Bochenski** **Mayor of Grand Forks**

Brandon Bochenski was elected in June 2020 amidst a 100-year pandemic, civil unrest, and an uncertain economic outlook. His time in office has been spent leading the community through the COVID-19 pandemic, closely monitoring the City's budget performance, and focusing on community-wide economic development initiatives.

In 2001, Brandon Bochenski moved to Grand Forks after receiving a hockey scholarship to play for the famed University of North Dakota Fighting Sioux. He holds a bachelor's degree in Business Economics from the beloved university. He married his college sweetheart Jenny and is now a proud father to their daughter Sylvia and sons Henry and Charlie.

Following his time at UND, he immediately began a 15-year professional hockey career that would take him all over the world playing in the AHL, NHL, and KHL where he became the first American Captain in the history of the Russian league. Mayor Bochenski retired from professional hockey in 2017 to concentrate on his family and returned to Grand Forks where he started a construction and land development company.

Mayor Bochenski serves on the Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation Board, Chamber of Commerce Board, and Fellows of the University of North Dakota. He and his family are active members of Hope Church in Grand Forks.

In his off time, Mayor Bochenski enjoys time with his kids, traveling, and going to the lake.



## **Major General Al Dohrmann Adjutant General | ND National Guard**

Major General Alan Dohrmann was appointed Adjutant General of the North Dakota National Guard by Governor Jack Dalrymple in October 2015. As Adjutant General, Dohrmann commands nearly 4,100 North Dakota Air and Army National Guard men and women, with approximately 1,100 full-time federal and state employees, and oversees state and national missions. He also serves as Director of the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services, which is comprised of the Division of Homeland Security and the Division of State Radio Communications.

Dohrmann served as North Dakota's deputy adjutant general for eight years and was responsible for organizational assessment, strategic planning, process enhancement, and the execution of all construction and services contracts for the North Dakota National Guard. Between 2009 and 2010, he served as commanding general of the Multinational Task Force East that supported NATO's mission in Kosovo. As commanding general, he commanded more than 2,200 soldiers from seven nations and served as the senior U.S. officer responsible for security, force protection and life support for all the assigned forces.

His military service began in 1983, when he accepted his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. While on active duty, he was assigned to 1-48 Infantry, Gelnhausen, Germany, as an infantry officer, and the 1st Special Forces Group, Okinawa, Japan, as a signal officer. He left active duty in 1990, joined the North Dakota National Guard and transferred to the Engineer branch. His assignments included operations officer for the 164th RTI; operations officer and executive officer for the 141 Engineer Battalion; staff judge advocate for the North Dakota National Guard; and chief of staff for the North Dakota Joint Force Headquarters.

He has received numerous awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. He is a member of the State Bar Association of North Dakota and a life member of the National Guard Association of the United States and the National Guard Association of North Dakota. He serves as a board member of the North Dakota Veterans Home Governing Board, president of the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery Foundation and vice president of the North Dakota National Guard Foundation.

Dohrmann lives in Bismarck with his wife, Becky, and their four children.



## **Colonel Timothy Curry 319 Wing Commander**

Col. Timothy J. Curry is the commander, 319th Reconnaissance Wing, Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota. As commander, he serves as the senior officer responsible for leading the premier Global Hawk wing comprised of three groups, 14 squadrons, and three detachments, executing a budget of \$70 million, and employing aircraft and equipment valued at \$3.8 billion. The wing trains, deploys and redeploys over 1,400 Airmen in support of Air Expeditionary Force and combatant commander requirements. It also provides facilities and equipment support for the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection. The wing is also only one of two locations worldwide operating the High Frequency Global Communications System, providing operational support of senior leader communications for all Department of Defense agencies, including the President of the United States. In addition, the wing provides logistics, civil engineering, contracting, communications, medical, security, and force support functions along with facilities and equipment valued at \$1.2 billion.

Colonel Curry operates a wing continuously engaged in combat, contingency, and other operations in every combatant theater across the globe. Colonel Curry received his commission from The United States Air Force Academy in 1999. He has served in various positions on the Air Force Headquarter and Central Command Staff, most recently as Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. Colonel Curry commanded a dual mission MQ-1B and MQ-9 squadron. He has over 2,300 flight hours in various aircraft including the F-16, MQ-1B, MQ-9, RQ-170 and RQ-4. He has global combat experience in each major weapon system.



## **Andrew Armacost** **UND President**

Andrew Armacost was chosen by the State Board of Higher Education to serve as the University of North Dakota's 13th president on Dec. 3, 2019. He succeeds Mark Kennedy and Dr. Joshua Wynne, vice president for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine & Health Sciences at UND, who has served as interim president since Kennedy's departure. Armacost officially began his tenure as UND President on June 1, 2020.

Armacost recently completed his service as the Dean of the Faculty at the U.S. Air Force Academy. With more than 30 years on active duty and 20 years at the Academy, Armacost served in the rank of Brigadier General as the chief academic officer for this nationally ranked institution. He had direct responsibility for a faculty of 550, an academic program with 31 majors, and a student body of 4,300. He has been a champion of shared governance, academic freedom, inclusion, student growth, and applied learning and research. The Academy's sponsored research program of more than \$50 million annually made it the nation's top-funded research program among undergraduate schools.

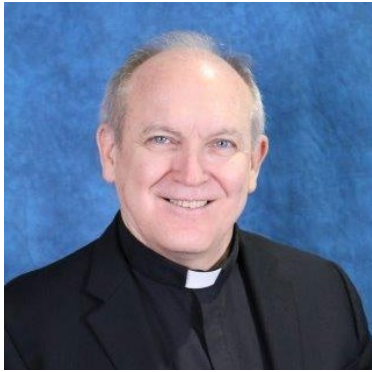
Prior to that role, Armacost served as the head of the Academy's AACSB-accredited business management program, leading 40 faculty members and the Academy's largest academic major. As a faculty member, he attained the academic rank of Professor, while sustaining a particular focus on developing and delivering applied learning opportunities for his students. His additional service to the Air Force has included assignments as the Chief Analyst at Air Force Space Command and as a program manager for systems supporting the intelligence community and the White House.

He has been widely recognized for his disciplinary expertise, academic leadership, and commitment to interdisciplinary learning. His lifetime of work, as both scholar and leader, earned him recent recognition as a Fellow of the Institution for Operations Research and the Management Sciences and lifetime achievement awards from both the Air Force and the Military Operations Research Society. In addition, he has received numerous teachings, research, and curriculum design awards at the institutional, national, and international levels.

Armacost has been an active member of state and local non-profit boards, including an inaugural member of the Colorado Innovation Network, and a founding advisor to the QUAD Initiative, a collaboration between local colleges to craft innovative solutions for community organizations in Colorado Springs, Colo. He has been similarly active in support of academic

bodies, including service on the Board of Directors of the Military Operations Research Society and key editorial roles for professional journals.

As a former student-athlete and campus leader at Northwestern University, Armacost is a strong proponent of providing curricular and extra-curricular opportunities that promote growth and development in all students and the opportunity to leverage education for a better society. His degrees include a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from Northwestern, and a Master of Science and Ph.D. in Operations Research from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



## **Monsignor Brian Donahue**

Monsignor Brian Donahue is currently the priest at St Philip's Catholic Church in Hankinson, ND and is the former monsignor from Holy Family Catholic Church in Grand Forks. Monsignor Donahue retired as a major after serving 20 years as a chaplain with the North Dakota Army National Guard. While he was on active duty he served in the Persian Gulf and Iraq and was awarded the Bronze Star. He worked with scouts, snipers, and Rangers. His last assignment was at the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

Msgr Donahue, one of 10 children, was born and raised in Fargo, ND. Three of his brothers were also in the military and served in Vietnam.