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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Major General Donald R. Infante, a 1958 graduate of Youngstown State University and its ROTC program, will give the address at Summer Commencement at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, in Beeghly Center, Spring Street.

During the ceremonies he will receive an honorary Doctor of Military Science degree.

Gen. Infante is commander of Fort Bliss, Texas, and the Army Air Defense Artillery Center there, posts he has held since Aug. 30, 1985. Soldiers from the U.S. and 27 allied nations are trained there in air defense.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Infante of Austintown and graduated from Fitch High School in 1954.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from YSU and earned a Master's Degree in operations research and statistics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y. In addition, he attended the Army's Air Defense Artillery School, Field Artillery School, Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College.

Since beginning his Army career at Fort Bliss in 1959, he has served in varied assignments. These included service with the U.S. Military Assistance Command in Vietnam, two years in Korea as commander of the 2nd Battalion, 71st Artillery, and five years, 1979-83, in Germany as commander of the 69th Artillery Brigade and deputy commander of the 32nd Army Air Defense Command.

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Gen. Infante has also served at the Pentagon with the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Systems Analysis.

He has also been director of the Air Defense School's Studies and Concepts Division, project manager for the PATRIOT Missile System, and air defense program manager of the Army Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal in Alabama.

Gen. Infante's awards include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm and Vietnamese Honor Medal.

To help mark the 35th anniversary year of the Reserve Officers Training Corps at YSU, Gen. Infante returned to campus last January to participate in the unit's annual "Dining In Banquet" and visited with ROTC cadets. He also spoke to the Youngstown Area Chamber of Commerce and at Fitch High School.

YSU's commencement program will be broadcast live over WYSU-FM (88.5), the University's fine arts radio station, beginning at 9:55 a.m.

Parking will be available in the Lincoln Avenue or Wick Avenue parking decks, or in surface lots around campus. There are spaces for handicapped in most parking areas. Anyone with special problems may contact the Parking Service Office at (216) 742-3546.

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The Youngstown State University Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting at 4 p.m. Friday, Aug., 8, in Tod Administration Building to consider the proposed new agreement between the University and the YSU Chapter of the Ohio Education Association representing full-time faculty members.

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