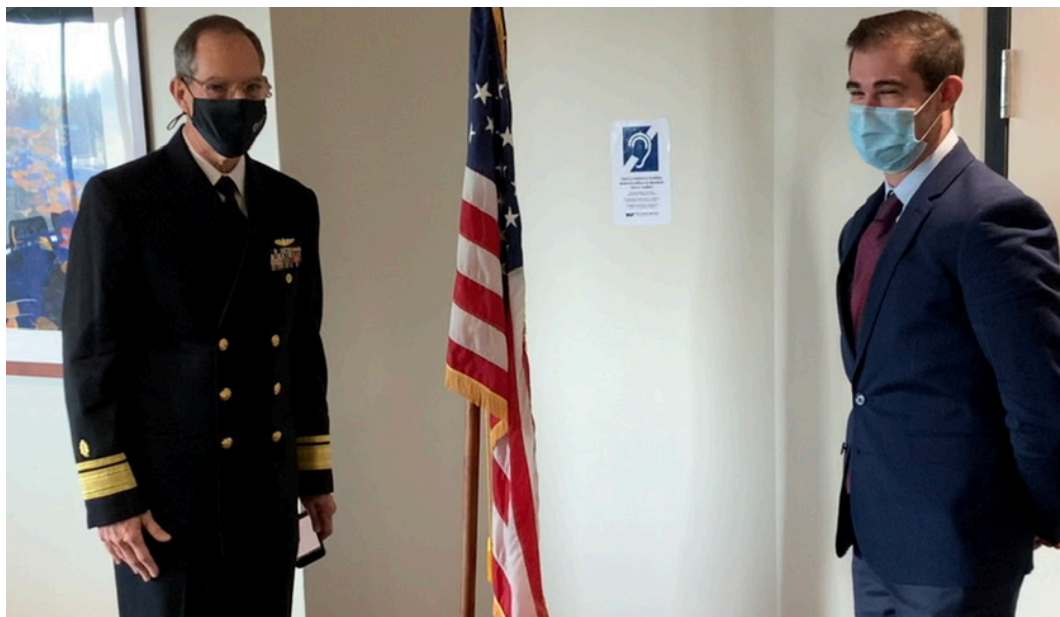




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Salus University Graduate Commissioned as U.S. Navy Officer



Salus University President Dr. Michael Mittelman (rear admiral, U.S. Navy, retired) and U.S. Navy Lt. j.g. Ryan Martzall, MMS '20, a recent graduate of the University's Physician Assistant (PA) Studies program.

Elkins Park, Pa. — Salus University Physician Assistant (PA) Studies graduate **Ryan Martzall, MMS '20**, of Lancaster, became a commissioned U.S. Navy officer during a recent commissioning ceremony held at the University's main campus in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. The new lieutenant junior grade swore an oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic" administered by Salus University President **Michael Mittelman, OD '80, MPH, MBA, FAAO, FACHE**, a retired rear admiral who served in the Navy for 33 years. According to the Council on Foreign Relations, there are about 1.3 million active-duty personnel, or less than one-half of 1 percent of the U.S. population.

Joining the country's second largest military service, Martzall will be stationed at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia, where he will start the first week of March.

About Salus University

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