Veterans among Tulane’s Class of 2023

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From left: Some of the active duty military or veterans from Tulane’s Class of 2023 include William Ancar, Harry Phillips, Charles (Andrew) Perry, Frank Canaan, Nicholas Olivencia, Thomas Taylor, Andrew Wondolowski and Zachary Tewey. (Taylor Compton photo provided by Office of the Registrar)

Among the 3,000 graduates who make up Tulane’s graduating Class of 2023, at least 10 brought a unique perspective to college life: They are active duty military or veterans. Tulane University has been ranked a veteran-friendly university, offers services to students who are eligible for VA educational benefits, has a Student Veterans of America chapter, and is forming an alumni affinity
group for veterans. Congratulations to these graduates and other veterans who are members of Tulane’s Class of 2023.

**William Ancar**  
**Branch of service:** U.S. Army  
**Degree earned:** Master of Business Administration, A. B. Freeman School of Business  
**Field of study:** Global Strategy and Management

**Frank Canaan**  
**Branch of service:** U.S. Navy  
**Degree earned:** Bachelor of Arts, School of Professional Advancement  
**Field of study:** Homeland Security Studies

- Canaan will retire from active duty in 2024, after which he plans to work in the intelligence and management fields.

**Nicholas Olivencia**  
**Branch of service:** U.S. Marines  
**Degree earned:** Juris Doctor, Tulane Law School  
**Career plan:** Clerking for Hon. Stacey G. C. Jernigan, Bankruptcy Court, in northern Texas; later, he will join Kirkland & Ellis Restructuring Group in Chicago.

**Charles (Andrew) Perry**  
**Branch of service:** U.S. Army  
**Degree earned:** Juris Doctor, Tulane Law School

**Harry Phillips**  
**Branch of service:** U.S. Army  
**Degree earned:** Juris Doctor, Tulane Law School  

**Antonio Solis** (not pictured)  
**Branch of service:** U.S. Navy  
**Degree earned:** Master of Business Administration, A. B. Freeman School of Business  
**Field of study:** Global Strategy & Finance  
**Career plan:** Advance career in Healthcare Industry.

**Shawn Stewart** (not pictured)  
**Branch of service:** U.S. Navy  
**Degree earned:** Master of Business Administration, A. B. Freeman School of Business  
**Field of study:** Global Strategy and Management  
**Career plan:** Working with disabled veterans, Department of Defense/Special Operations.

**Thomas Taylor**  
**Branch of service:** U.S. Marines  
**Degree earned:** Juris Doctor, Tulane Law School  
**Career plan:** Job offer with Staines Eppling & Kenney (Metairie, Louisiana).

**Zachary Tewey**  
**Branch of service:** U.S. Marines  
**Degree earned:** Master of Professional Studies, School of Professional Advancement  
**Field of study:** Homeland Security Studies  
**Career plan:** Serving the Department of Defense as a Protection Specialist.

**Andrew Wondolowski**  
**Branch of service:** U.S. Navy  
**Degree earned:** Juris Doctor, Tulane Law School
Career plan: Pursuing a career in maritime law.