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Professor Bill Nault is a retired US Navy Captain and Massachusetts native. After graduating from Trinity College in Hartford, CT (BA, Philosophy), he received his commission in 1986 from Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI.

Professor Nault served in a variety of operational billets as a Surface Warfare Officer to include three at-sea command tours in USS SALVOR (ARS-52), USS O’KANE (DDG-77) and Destroyer Squadron SEVEN (CDS-7). Ashore he served as the Flag Aide to the Commander of the Pacific Fleet before being assigned as the Director for Command Training at the Surface Warfare Officer’s School (SWOS). Upon completion of his command tour in CDS-7, he was assigned as the Director for the Command Leadership School in Newport, RI.

He went on to serve as the Deputy and Chief of Staff at the Naval War College before his final tour as the Chief of Staff for the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) in Bahrain where he supervised the staff of the 31 nation coalition enforcing United Nations sanctions against terrorism and piracy. He was selected to the faculty of the War College upon his retirement in September of 2016.

Professor Nault has been awarded Master degrees from the Naval Postgraduate School and US Naval War College, respectively.