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## **Profile**

Professor Paul Schmitt is assigned to the War Plan Red team, which includes teaching joint military operations within Halsey Alfa group, a student Advanced Research Project (ARP) group. His work centers on military operations research, analysis, and wargaming of military issues in the Asia-Pacific region, including net assessments of warfighting balances and future capabilities. He holds a Master of Arts (National Security & Strategic Studies) from the U.S. Naval War College, and a Bachelor of Arts degree (Biology/Oceanography) from Cornell University, where he received his commission through the Navy ROTC program.

He previously served for 16 years as Experimentation Manager and Planner for Navy Warfare Development Command (NWDC), responsible for examining a portfolio of multiple innovation projects under the Fleet Experimentation (FLEX) and Sea Trial programs. He has led planning and execution across the full spectrum of concept-based experimentation venues, from advanced warfighting Fleet Battle Experiments to wargames and concept development workshops. Areas of experiment investigation included: undersea warfare, unmanned systems, air and missile defense, navy integrated fires, electromagnetic maneuver warfare and information dominance, operational level of war command and control, assured communications in contested environments, fleet platform introductions, expeditionary and naval special warfare, joint assured access, battlespace awareness, combat identification, cyber operations, military deception and signature management.

From 1987–2008, he served in the Navy Reserve with three command tours, as well as joint, NATO, and major Navy staff tours, including two recalls to active duty on U.S. Sixth Fleet staff. He retired from uniformed service in 2008 after 30 years at the rank of Captain, with his final assignment as the Deputy Director for Plans, Policy, Resources, & Strategy at U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa. Tours also included U.S. Naval War College Wargaming Department as a Senior Naval Analyst, and Submarine Development Squadron Twelve as an Operations Analyst.

While on active duty as a junior officer from 1978-1987, he qualified in submarines and served in a variety of duties, including new construction and initial strategic deterrent patrols of USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727G), the nuclear fast attack submarine USS GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB (SSN 685), and conventionally-powered submarines USS TANG (SS-563) and USS BLUEBACK (SS-581), with deployments from both Atlantic and Pacific coasts.