



THE UNITED STATES NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

GRADUATION PROGRAM



June 11, 2021

Senior-Level Course (9:00 a.m.)

Intermediate-Level Course (12:00 noon)

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

VIRTUAL GRADUATION PROGRAM FOR SLC AND ILC

Ceremonial Music Navy Band Northeast

National Anthem Musician Second Class Rachel Vennel, U.S. Navy
Vocalist, Navy Band Northeast

Invocation Commander John C. Van Dyke, CHC, U.S. Navy*
College of Naval Warfare

Lieutenant Commander Andrew M. Francis, CHC, U.S. Navy†
College of Naval Command and Staff

Commencement Address Professor Joseph J. McGraw*
Joint Military Operations Department

Dr. Anand Toprani†
Strategy and Policy Department

Student Awards

Presentation of Graduates

Charge to Graduates Rear Admiral Shoshana S. Chatfield, U.S. Navy
President, U.S. Naval War College

Welcome to the Alumni Community Professor Julia Gage
Director, Alumni Programs

Service Songs Navy Band Northeast

Benediction Commander John C. Van Dyke, CHC, U.S. Navy*
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REAR ADMIRAL SHOSHANA S. CHATFIELD
PRESIDENT, U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Rear Admiral Shoshana S. Chatfield is the fifty-seventh President of the U.S. Naval War College and a career naval helicopter pilot. A native of Garden Grove, California, she graduated from Boston University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and French Language and Literature. She received her commission through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps in 1988 and earned her wings of gold in 1989. Chatfield was awarded the Navy's Political/Military Scholarship and attended the

Kennedy School of Government, receiving a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University in 1997. In 2009, the University of San Diego conferred upon her a doctorate of education in leadership studies.

Operationally, she flew the SH-3, CH-46D and MH-60S and deployed in helicopter detachments to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf supporting carrier strike group and amphibious ready group operations.

Ashore, she participated in the Joint Staff/OSD Internship Program, augmenting the Joint Staff, Plans and Policy (J-5) Directorate, Central & Eastern European Branch and served as assistant professor of political science at the United States Air Force Academy from 2001–2004.

Chatfield commanded at the squadron and type wing level and additionally commanded a joint provincial reconstruction team in Farah Province, Afghanistan. Most recently, Chatfield commanded Joint Region Marianas from January 2017 to August 2019.



PROFESSOR JOSEPH J. MCGRAW
JOINT MILITARY OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

Joe McGraw joined the Joint Military Operations Department in August 2014 following command of a U.S. Army Special Forces battalion. He retired from active service in 2017 and joined the JMO faculty as an Associate Professor. Prior tours include Commander, Special Operations Task Force–West–Afghanistan; Executive Officer, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne); Deputy Commander, Joint Special Operations Task Force–Philippines; Director, Advanced Special

Operations Techniques Course—United States John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School; and Commander, Advanced Operating Base 1220—Diyala, Iraq. He is the co-author of the book *The Sovereignty Solution* and co-teaches several electives at NWC.



DR. ANAND TOPRANI
STRATEGY AND POLICY DEPARTMENT

Anand Toprani is an Associate Professor of Strategy and Policy specializing in diplomatic and military history, energy geopolitics, and political economy. He is a graduate of Cornell, Oxford, and Georgetown universities, and has held fellowships at Yale and Harvard. He is the author of *Oil and the Great Powers: Britain and Germany, 1914–1945*, which received the 2020 Richard W. Leopold Prize from the Organization of American Historians. He previously served as an

historian at the U.S. Department of State, an intelligence officer at U.S. Central Command, and a visiting professor at Brown University. He is also a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations and will be a Security Fellow at the Truman National Security Project.



DR. JAMES E. HICKEY
INTERIM PROVOST, U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Dr. James E. “Jay” Hickey, Interim Provost, is a 1980 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He earned graduate degrees from Troy University and King’s College London, and graduated from the Naval War College’s non-resident program with distinction in 1992. He holds a Ph.D. in Humanities from Salve Regina University, where he focused on ethics and the use of precision-guided munitions. He is the author of *Precision-Guided Munitions and Human Suffering in War* (Ashgate; 2012). A career

Naval Flight Officer in the A-6E Intruder, he served a number of operational and staff tours including overseas duty in Bahrain and the United Kingdom. Prior to joining the Strategy and Policy Department as a military faculty member in 2000, he taught for three years at the UK’s Joint Services Command and Staff College then located at RAF Bracknell west of London. He joined the College of Distance Education (CDE) faculty in early 2005 to help launch the Navy Knowledge Online–based series of Professional Military Education courses for junior officers and the enlisted force, which today have over 330,000 students enrolled. From 2007 until 2010 he served as the non-resident Graduate Degree Program Manager before serving as the Director of CDE from July 2010 until July 2015. He then served as Associate Provost until being appointed as the Interim Provost in July 2020.



DR. PHIL HAUN
DEAN OF ACADEMICS, U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Phil Haun is a Professor and Chief Academic Officer. He previously served in the U.S. Air Force as an A-10 pilot with combat tours in Iraq, Bosnia, Kosovo, and Afghanistan. His last assignment was as Commander of AFROTC at Yale University. Phil's military education includes National Security Fellow at the JFK School of Government, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Air Command and Staff College, and USAF Weapons School. His areas of scholarly and professional expertise

are coercion, deterrence, air power theory, strategy, international relations, and security studies. Phil holds a Ph.D. in Political Science/International Relations from MIT, a master's degree in Economics from Vanderbilt, and a bachelor's degree in Engineering Studies from Harvard. He taught Economics at the Air Force Academy, Strategy & Policy at the U.S. Naval War College, and Military History and Grand Strategy at Yale University. For the past decade he has been a research affiliate with MIT's Security Studies Program. His books include *Air Power in the Age of Primacy: Air Warfare since the Cold War* (Cambridge UP, forthcoming 2021), *Lectures of the Air Corps Tactical School and American Strategic Bombing in World War II* (UP Kentucky, 2019), *Coercion, Survival, and War: Why Weak States Resist the United States* (Stanford UP, 2015), and *A-10s over Kosovo* (Air University Press, 2003). His latest article with the *Journal of Military History* is "Foundation Bias: The Impact of the Air Corps Tactical School on United States Air Force Doctrine."

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—Admiral Stephen B. Luce



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First Place

Commander James D. Hostetler, U.S. Navy, CNW June 2021, “Missing the
Mark: The U.S.-Indonesia Relationship”

Second Place

Commander Francisco José Castañeda Angulo, Armada República de
Colombia, NCC June 2021, “Liberal Regionalism: Colombia-U.S. Balanced
Strategy in the Greater Caribbean”

Honorable Mention

Captain Mark A. Nicholson, U.S. Navy, CNW June 2021, “Sang Kancil
and the Eagle: Cultivating Malaysia’s Defense Capabilities”

**GENERAL GEORGE C. KENNEY AWARD FOR WRITING ON THE
TOPIC OF AIRPOWER**

First Place

Colonel Brett A. DeAngelis, U.S. Air Force, CNW June 2021, “B-25 Gun-
ships in the Pacific: Lessons in Innovation, Risk, and Failure”

Honorable Mention

Colonel Matthew R. Altman, U.S. Air Force, NCC June 2021, “Leveraging
Vietnam to Enable Agile Combat Employment Options in the South China Sea”

THE HONORABLE JULIETTE C. MCLENNAN ESSAY PRIZE FOR WOMEN, PEACE, AND SECURITY

First Place

Miss Deanna C. Segall, U.S. Congress, CDE, “China’s #MeToo Movement: Implications for International Security and Global Human Rights”

LIEUTENANT MICHAEL P. MURPHY COUNTER-TERRORISM PRIZE

First Place (U.S. Student Category)

Major Frank Walker, U.S. Marine Corps, CNCS June 2021, “The Targeting of U.S. Military Families by Foreign Governments”

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Lieutenant Commander Suraj Aiyappa, Indian Navy, NSC June 2021, “Combatting Maritime Terrorism: Evolving Deterrence and Threat Response Using Unmanned Systems”

FOREIGN AREA OFFICER ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

SLC First Place

Commander Jean Pierre Lamane Tine, Senegalese Navy, NCC June 2021, “China’s Peacekeepers: Assessing the Opportunities and Challenges for Africa”

SLC Honorable Mention

Captain Sachin Dhir, Indian Navy, NCC June 2021, “Balance of Power in Asia: China Haunts It, Small Nations Fear It, India Can Fix It”

ILC First Place

Major Daniel K. DeRusha, U.S. Air Force, CNCS June 2021, “A New Arctic Security Council: Why the Arctic Needs a Security Cooperation Forum”

ILC Honorable Mention

Major Adam L. McKillop, U.S. Marine Corps, CNCS June 2021, “Who’s in Charge Here?: Adjusting the Roles of U.S. Strategy in Europe to Counter Transnational Threats”

JOHN J. D'LUHY PRIZE TO HONOR EXCELLENCE IN STRATEGIC ANALYSIS AND THOUGHT

First Prize

Mr. Keith Caniano, Defense Intelligence Agency, CNCS June 2021, "Emotion, Chance, and the Culminating Point of Victory"

Honorable Mention

Commander James D. Hostetler, U.S. Navy, CNW June 2021, "The Weakness of Authoritarian Regimes in Protracted Great-Power Competitions"

VICE ADMIRAL JAMES H. DOYLE, JR., MILITARY OPERATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW PRIZE

First Place (U.S. Student Category)

Commander Travis Emge, U.S. Coast Guard, CNW June 2021, "Countering Flags of Convenience to Strengthen Sanctions Enforcement"

CAPTAIN WALTER B. WOODSON, JR., ACADEMIC MEMORIAL PRIZE

First Prize

Commander Stian Sandløkk, Royal Norwegian Navy, NSC June 2021, "Germany Won a Quick Victory over France in 1940. Why Did Germany Fail to Win a Quick Victory over Great Britain and the Soviet Union?"

Honorable Mention

Lieutenant Commander Ralphie Ragguette, St. Vincent and the Grenadines Coast Guard, NSC June 2021, "Did the United States Win the Pacific War Because It Was Obsessed with Winning Decisive Naval Battles?"

Honorable Mention

Lieutenant Commander Artem Matviienko, Ukrainian Navy, NSC June 2021, "Which Contributed More to the Anglo-American Victory over the German Armed Forces between 1942 and 1945—the Allies' Superior Application of Force or the Errors of German Leaders?"

MR. B. FRANKLIN REINAUER II DEFENSE ECONOMICS PRIZE

First Place

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J. WILLIAM MIDDENDORF II AWARD FOR STUDENT RESEARCH

First Place (Classified)

Major Adam Milton Bunker, U.S. Air Force, CNCS June 2021, “Defense Against UASs”

Honorable Mention

Major James R. Arnold III, U.S. Marine Corps, CNCS June 2021, “Matching Strike Dice Rolls to the Chinese Calculus”

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Lieutenant Commander John M. Leeds, U.S. Navy, CNCS March 2020, “Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force 2040”

NAVAL WAR COLLEGE FOUNDATION AWARD

First Place

Lieutenant Commander William Landon Arnest, U.S. Navy, CNCS June 2021, “Beyond the First Salvo: Operational Considerations for Expeditionary Repair in the 21st Century”

LTGEN VICTOR “BRUTE” KRULAK WRITING AWARD SPONSORED BY THE MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

First Place

Major Daniel Katzman, U.S. Marine Corps, CNCS June 2021, “Evaluating the Logistical Supportability of Expeditionary Advanced Base Operations”

Honorable Mention

Major Brian P. Spillane, U.S. Marine Corps, CNCS June 2021, “What Can the Marine Corps Learn about EABO from the Battle of Wake Island?”

AFCEA RESEARCH HONOR AWARD

First Place (Communications, Electronics, Command and Control, Information Systems Category)

Lieutenant Commander Muhammad Furqan, U.S. Navy, CNCS, “U.S. Military Command Organization and the Red Sea”

Honorable Mention (Communications, Electronics, Command and Control, Information Systems Category)

Major Joseph E. Bush, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, CNCS June 2021, “Cyberspace for the Operational Artist”

NAVAL SUBMARINE LEAGUE AWARD

First Place

Major Garrett Evan Sobalvarro, U.S. Army Reserve, CNCS June 2021, “Cross-Domain Effects: German Unrestricted Warfare in WWI”

Honorable Mention

Lieutenant Commander Nathan Andrew Greenwood, U.S. Navy, CDE, “A Strategic Analysis of Germany’s 1917 Unrestricted Submarine Warfare Campaign”

NAVAL WAR COLLEGE SURFACE NAVY ASSOCIATION AWARD

First Place

Major Brent A. Smith, U.S. Air Force, CNCS June 2021, “Simplifying the Risk Equation: Acceptable Level of Risk in Maritime Planning and Execution”

Honorable Mention

Major Andrew Earl Singleton, transferring to U.S. Space Force, CNCS June 2021, “Threatening Celestial Lines of Communication: A Naval Counterspace Concept for Deterring China’s Preemptive Space Strike”

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN JOINT SERVICE WARFARE

ILC First Place

Lieutenant Commander Colin Andrew Looby, U.S. Navy, CNCS, “A New UCP for a Blue Arctic: Why USEUCOM’s AOR Should Cover All of the Arctic Ocean”

ILC Honorable Mention

Major Jonathan L. Clason, U.S. Air Force, CNCS June 2021, “Preparing the INDO-PACOM AOR for Adaptive Basing: Logistics & Sustainment”

CAPTAIN JEROME E. LEVY ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY AND WORLD ORDER PRIZE

First Place

Mr. Christopher Kona, Naval Sea Systems Command, CNW June 2021,
“Challenges for United States Oil and Gas Independence”

Honorable Mention

Lieutenant Commander Nicholas Carr, U.S. Navy, NSC June 2021, “A Case
Against Significant Military Expenditure in the Arctic”

ROBERT E. BATEMANS’ INTERNATIONAL PRIZE ESSAY AWARD

First Place

Captain Sachin Dhir, Indian Navy, NCC June 2021, “Competitive Coexis-
tence: Potential Options for a Realigned U.S. Policy Towards China”

Honorable Mention

Captain José Antonio Mejía Flores, Armada de México, NCC June 2021,
“Eyes and Ears in the Sky of the Dark South China Sea: Increasing the Mari-
time Domain Awareness of the Philippines through U.S. Engagement”

Honorable Mention

Commander Doyeop Lee, Republic of Korea Navy, NCC June 2021,
“The Win-Win Approach to Ensure FON in the Indo-Pacific Region Based
on Strong ROK-U.S. Alliance”

NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL ESSAY AWARD

First Place

Lieutenant Commander Suraj Aiyappa, Indian Navy, NSC June 2021,
“Countering the Red Dragon’s Hegemony: Reinforcing the Quad 2.0 to
Ensure a Free, Open, and Inclusive Indo-Pacific”

Honorable Mention

Commander Nayeem Hassan, Bangladesh Navy, NSC June 2021, “Rethinking
the U.S. FMS Program in South Asia to Countering PRC Aggression”

Honorable Mention

Major Lepore Kirorei, Kenya Navy, NSC June 2021, “Water Scarcity: A National Security Threat for the Nile Basin Countries?”

ADMIRAL RICHARD G. COLBERT MEMORIAL PRIZE

First Place

Lieutenant Commander Bria Chambers Gibson, U.S. Navy, CNCS, “DSCA: An Old Problem in a New Context”

Honorable Mention

Major Garrett Evan Sobalvarro, U.S. Army Reserve, CNCS June 2021, “Undercutting the Strategy: U.S. Troop Withdrawals from Germany and Europe”

ASIA-PACIFIC STUDIES PRIZE

First Place

Commander Catherine Abigail Burke Reppert, U.S. Navy, CNCS, “Climate Change Response as an Emerging Battlespace in the South China Sea: Earning Trust and Credibility through HADR Exercises”

Honorable Mention

Lieutenant Samuel Bernard Melick, U.S. Navy, CNCS November 2020, “Indo-Pacific Demographic Shifts”

ADMIRAL STOCKDALE MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP AND ETHICS PRIZE

First Place

Lieutenant Commander Warren L. Brookes, Jr., JAGC, U.S. Navy, CNCS June 2021, “Quiet Courage: The Ethical Leadership of Ulysses S. Grant”

Honorable Mention

Captain Mark A. Nicholson, U.S. Navy, CNW June 2021, “A Leadership Crisis: The U.S. Navy’s Need for Vertical Development”

Honorable Mention

Ms. Michele K. Wolfe, Defense Senior Leadership Development, CNW
June 2021, "A Case for AI-Human Synergy"

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE NATIONAL STRATEGY ESSAY COMPETITION

Second Place

Lieutenant Commander Suraj Aiyappa, Indian Navy, NSC June 2021,
"Indian Ocean Island Chain: A Potential Indo-U.S. Strategy for Maintaining
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HISTORY OF THE U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

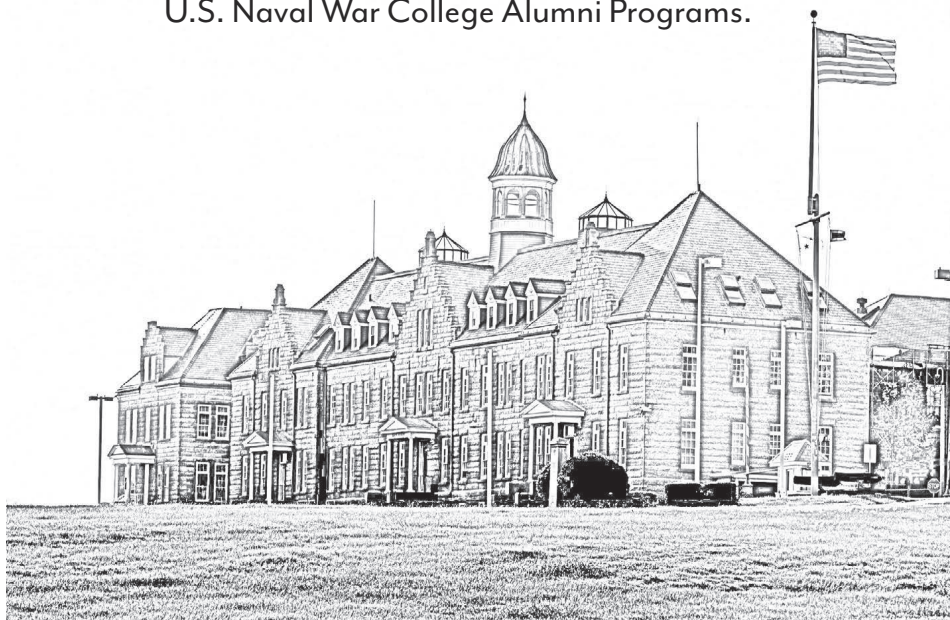
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