



THE UNITED STATES NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

GRADUATION CEREMONY



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HISTORY OF THE U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Founded in Newport, Rhode Island on October 6, 1884, the U.S. Naval War College is the oldest war college in the world. Commodore Stephen B. Luce was the first President and organized the War College as a place to study the highest aspects of the military profession, defining it as “a place of original research on all questions relating to war and to statesmanship connected with war, or the prevention of war.” These foundations were built upon by Captain Alfred Thayer Mahan, second President of the College, who had originally been selected by Luce to initiate the course in Naval History. Of all the men who were to influence the institution in its early years, none was to have a more profound impact. Mahan’s views deeply affected such leaders as Henry Cabot Lodge and Theodore Roosevelt and through them and others helped shape the United States’ destiny at the turn of the century. Mahan’s Naval War College lectures, published as *The Influence of Sea Power Upon History, 1660–1783* (1890), gained him worldwide acclaim and first established the U.S. Naval War College as an internationally respected institution. Other early faculty members made pioneering contributions to hallmark areas of enduring interest for the College. Among them were Charles Stockton, who drafted the first international law code for naval warfare in 1898, and William McCarty Little, who developed the art of naval war gaming between 1886 and 1914.

Functioning continuously since 1884, except for brief periods during the Spanish-American War and World War I, the War College numbers among its graduates such distinguished naval officers as Admirals Sims, Spruance, King, Nimitz, and Halsey, in addition to many others who today are holding prominent positions.

The work begun more than one hundred years ago by Luce and Mahan continues today. As graduates well know, the curriculum is both demanding and rewarding. For the military professional, the unique education provided by the Naval War College is unrivaled. In recognition of the academic rigor and educational excellence of its program, the U.S. Naval War College has been accredited since 1991 by first the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and now the New England Commission of Higher Education to award a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. In 2015 this accreditation was expanded to award two degrees. Graduating students in the senior level course now receive a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies while graduating students in the intermediate course receive a Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies.



GRADUATION PROGRAM

Ceremonial Music.....Navy Band Northeast

Master of Ceremonies.....Captain Cindy A. Dieterly, U.S. Navy
Dean of Students, U.S. Naval War College

National Anthem.....Musician Second Class Holden Moyer, U.S. Navy
Vocalist, Navy Band Northeast

Invocation.....Commander Richard C. Smothers, CHC, U.S. Navy
Command Chaplain, Naval Station Newport

Commencement Address.....Captain Patrick Kulakowski, U.S. Navy
Professor, Strategic and Operational Research Department

Recognition of Honor Graduates

Presentation of Graduates

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

Benediction.....Commander Richard C. Smothers, CHC, U.S. Navy
Command Chaplain, Naval Station Newport



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.



CAPTAIN PATRICK KULAKOWSKI, U.S. NAVY PROFESSOR, STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

Captain Kulakowski is a native of Massachusetts and a 1992 graduate of Boston University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering.

At sea, he served as Commanding Officer of USS *Carr* (FFG 52); Executive Officer of USS *Anzio* (CG 68); Reactor Training Assistant in USS *Nimitz* (CVN 68); Combat Systems and Weapons Officer in USS *Vincennes* (CG 49); Combat Information Center Officer in USS *Normandy* (CG 60); and Reactor Mechanical Division Officer and Chemistry/Radiological Assistant in USS

Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69).

Ashore, he served as the Maritime Warning Chief, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD); Officer-in-Charge, Surface Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team; Joint Training Requirements Officer, United States Joint Forces Command; and Junior Board Member, Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board Atlantic.

He earned a Master of Engineering Management degree from Old Dominion University and completed his Joint Professional Military Education at the Joint Forces Staff College. He is currently serving as the Director of the Holloway Advanced Research Program at the U.S. Naval War College.

His decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), and Navy Achievement Medal (three awards) as well as various unit, service, and campaign awards.



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

Dr. James E. “Jay” Hickey, Acting 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 Acting Provost in July 2020.



DR. TIMOTHY P. SCHULTZ
ASSOCIATE DEAN OF ACADEMICS
U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Tim Schultz is the U.S. Naval War College Associate Dean of Academics. Prior to joining the Newport faculty in 2012 he served as the Dean of the U.S. Air Force's School of Advanced Air and Space Studies. Tim earned his Ph.D. in the History of Technology from Duke University, and his research interests include the interaction between technology and strategy and the transformative role of automation in warfare. He is the author of *The Problem with Pilots: How Physicians, Engineers, and Airpower Enthusiasts Redefined Flight* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2018) and co-editor of *Air Power in the Age of Primacy: Air Warfare since the Cold War* (Cambridge University Press, 2022). He is a graduate of the USAF Academy, Colorado State University, Air Command and Staff College, and the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies. Formerly a USAF colonel, he spent much of his aviation career as a U-2 pilot enjoying the view over interesting regions of the globe.

COLLEGE OF NAVAL WARFARE

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Colonel Donald T. Braman, U.S. Army
Captain Andrew N. Cook, U.S. Navy
Commander Edward Morris David, U.S. Navy
Commander Harry C. Evans III, U.S. Navy
Commander Andrew C. Gerla, U.S. Navy
Colonel Edmund Bradley Hipp, U.S. Marine Corps
Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Matthew Keane, U.S. Army National Guard
Commander Jay Joseph Kersten, CHC, U.S. Navy
Commander Craig Thomas McLemore, U.S. Navy
Captain Todd Allen Santala, U.S. Navy
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Commander Richard Allen Smith, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Colonel Scott E. Stephan, U.S. Marine Corps
Commander Nicholas Patrick Walker, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Colonel Stephan L. Walters, U.S. Army Reserve

COLLEGE OF NAVAL COMMAND AND STAFF

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Major Matthew F. Darnley, U.S. Army
Major Jason M. Decker, U.S. Army
Major Darryl L. Diltz, Jr., U.S. Army
Lieutenant Commander Mark Nicholas Edson, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander William W. Fenniman III, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander Alexander D. Glass, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Joshua D. Gray, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander Mark Patterson Grissom, Jr., U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander Donald Hampton, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Matthew Hunter Harvey, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander Timothy P. Henken, Jr., U.S. Navy
Commander Matthew Hepfinger, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander Thomas J. Hoffman, U.S. Navy
Major Todd M. Horvath II, U.S. Army Reserve
Lieutenant Commander Michael Thomas Jennings, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant James J. Kilpatrick V, U.S. Navy
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Major Jesse L. Kopczynski, U.S. Army National Guard
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Major Alex J. Longo, U.S. Army Reserve

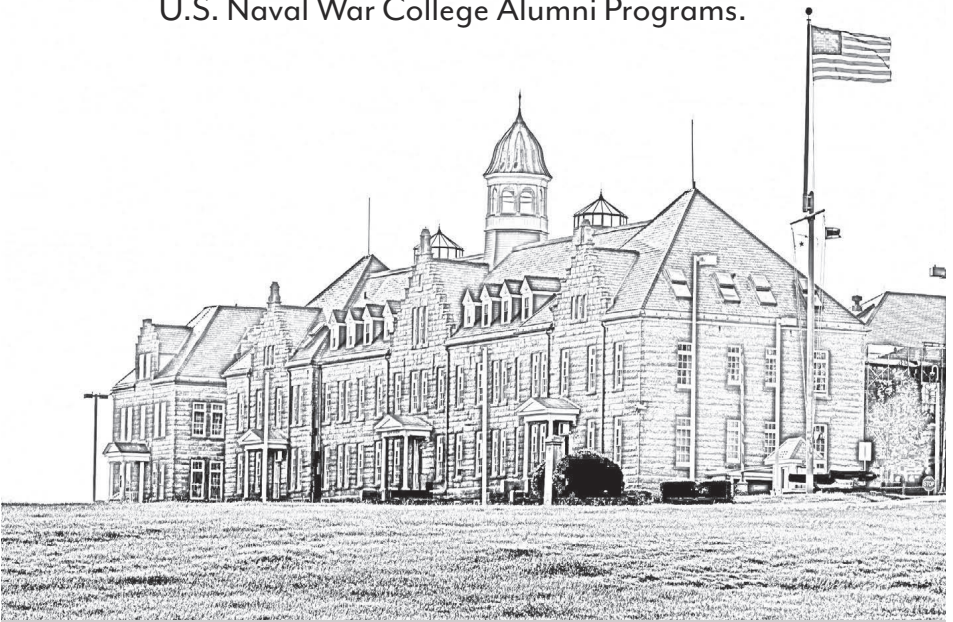
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Lieutenant Commander Timothy Dane Mottlau, U.S. Navy
Major Jacob Erling Oates, U.S. Army
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Commander Catherine Abigail Burke Reppert, U.S. Navy
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Lieutenant Commander Nathan Amory Stein, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Christine Melissa Walker, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander Timothy Robert Warburton, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander Eric Wright, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander Andrew C. Wyman, U.S. Navy

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For a complete list of distinguished graduates, please visit the U.S. Naval War College
website at <https://usnwc.edu/Graduation-March-2022>.



The motto of the Naval War College is

“Victory through Sea Power.”

The trident rising from the water symbolizes mastery of naval activities—its three tines are evocative of naval warfare on sea, air, and land. The pilot wheel atop the shield alludes to the mission of the college—education in naval warfare. The wheel’s eight spokes symbolize honor, duty, leadership, command, strategy, tactics, logistics, and weapons. The laurel wreath represents achievement of the mission.