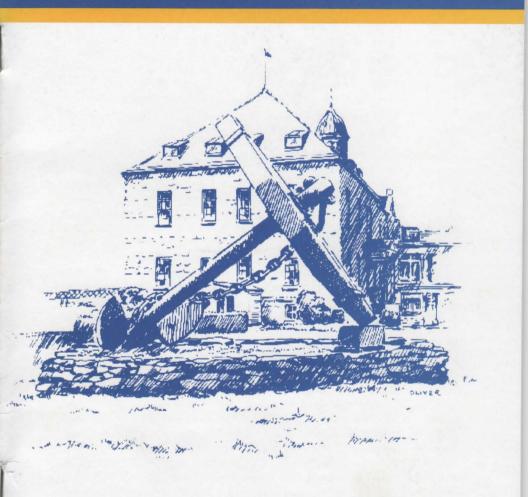
Naval War College Newport, Rhode Island



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History of the U.S. Naval War College

Founded in Newport, Rhode Island on October 6, 1884, the Naval War College is the oldest war college in the nation, and the first military service institution in the world to be designated a war college. Commodore Stephen B. Luce was the first president and organized the War College as "a place of original research on all questions relating to war and the 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 writings, published as The Influence of Seapower Upon History, 1660-1783, gained him worldwide acclaim and established the Naval War College as an internationally respected institution.

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 military 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 Naval War College was accredited in 1991 by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges to award a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION AND REGALIA

For centuries, institutions of higher learning have dignified their ceremonies with an academic procession, a custom descending from the clerical procession. The procession is led by a marshal, followed by the student body and the academicians or faculty, each attired in the robes prescribed for his degree. Distinguished visitors and delegates follow the faculty and, last in the procession, comes the president of the institution.

Each member of an academic procession ordinarily wears a cap, gown, and hood. In the procession today military faculty will not wear academic gowns. The earliest illustration of gowns worn at Oxford University somewhat resembles cassocks worn by English teachers who found good use for the hood, or cowl, as protection against the weather. A uniform American system of academic heraldry displays the level of degree, the field of study in which it was earned, and the institution by which it was granted.

It is the hood which provides academic regalia its color and offers the most information about its wearer. The silk lining of the hood bears the color, or colors, of the degree-granting college or university; its velvet facing reveals the color assigned to each area of study. The Bachelor's gown is relatively simple, falling in straight lines from an elaborate yoke and having pointed sleeves. The Master's gown is slightly more elaborate and fastens about the wrist. The Doctor's gown is marked by velvet panels down the front and around the neck, as well as by three bars of the same material on the well-shaped sleeves. It is cut more fully and may be ornamented. The hood worn is three feet in length for Bachelors, three and one-half feet for Masters, and four feet for Doctorates, with velvet trimming of two, three, and five inches in width respectively.

The edging, or facing, velvet of academic hoods indicates the area of study. The principal scholarly fields seen in the procession today include:

Philosophy	Dark Blue
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Business Administration	Light Brown
Economics	Copper
Engineering	Orange
Law	Purple
International Affairs/Public Administration	Peacock Blue

The American mortarboard, derived from the soft Oxford cap, is black. Its tassel, for holders of the bachelor's and master's degree, is usually black, while gold tassels are worn by holders of doctoral degrees and heads of institutions. The tassel is worn on the right side of the cap by undergraduates, on the left by holders of bachelor's and higher degrees.

PROGRAM

Music by Northeastern Navy Band

Procession of the Students

Procession of the Faculty

Arrival of Official Party*

Parading of Colors*

National Anthem* Newport Navy Choristers

Invocation*

Captain J. William Hines, CHC, U.S. Navy

Welcome

Rear Admiral James R. Stark, U.S. Navy President, Naval War College

Address

The Honorable Ike Skelton House of Representatives

Presentation of President's Prize Mr. Richard B. Sheffield Secretary-Treasurer, Naval War College Foundation Sponsored by Mr. Edward P. Snyder, Jr.

Presentation of Admiral Richard G. Colbert Memorial Prize Mrs. Prudence Colbert Mackall

Presentation of J. William Middendorf II Award for Student Research Ambassador J. William Middendorf II

Presentation of B. Franklin Reinauer II Defense Economics Prize Mr. B. Franklin Reinauer II

Presentation of Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Award Mr. Harry L. Gustafson III President, Rhode Island Chapter Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association

Presentation of Military Operations and International Law Prize Mrs. Mary Ellen Hanley Regional Vice President, Naval War College Foundation Presentation of U.S. Marine Corps Association Award Colonel Lou Piantadosi, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.) Assistant Director, Marine Corps Association

Presentation of Robert E. Batemans' International Prize Essay Award Captain Austin N. Volk, U.S. Naval Reserve (Ret.) President, Naval War College Foundation Sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Bateman

Presentation of Captain Walter B. Woodson, Jr. Academic Memorial Prize Mrs. Walter B. Woodson, Jr.

Presentation of Naval War College Foundation Award for Outstanding Performance in Nonresident Education Mr. Frederick C. Brehm Chairman, Naval War College Foundation

Presentation of Vice Admiral John T. Hayward College of Continuing Education Correspondence Course Award Rear Admiral James R. Stark, U.S. Navy

Presentation of Director of Naval Intelligence Essay Award Presentation of Director, Defense Intelligence Agency Essay Award Captain David R. Carrington, U.S. Navy

Presentation of Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association Award Rear Admiral James R. Stark, U.S. Navy

Presentation of Navy League Awards The Navy League - Stephen Bleeker Luce Award The Navy League - William Sowden Sims Award Mr. F. Donald Renehan Navy League State President for Rhode Island

Presentation of Graduates Naval Command College College of Naval Warfare College of Naval Command and Staff Naval Staff College College of Continuing Education

Closing Remarks Rear Admiral James R. Stark, U.S. Navy

Benediction* Captain J. William Hines, CHC, U.S. Navy

*Guests will please stand



The Honorable Ike Skelton House of Representatives

Since 1977, U.S. Representative Ike Skelton (D-MO) has represented Missouri's Fourth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. His district includes 23 counties stretching from Blue Springs, to Missouri's state capital, Jefferson City, to the Ozark region of the state.

Skelton, a native of Lexington, is a graduate of Wentworth Military Academy and the University of Missouri at Columbia where he received A.B. and L.L.B. degrees. He was named as a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Law Review. Prior to his election to Congress, Skelton served as Lafayette County Prosecuting Attorney and as a Missouri State Senator.

A leader in the House on defense issues, Skelton is a senior member of the National Security Committee, currently serving as ranking minority member of the Subcommittee on Military Procurement. He is also a member of the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

In 1986, Skelton was instrumental in the passage of the Department of Defense reorganization act. Since 1987, when he assumed the chairmanship of the House Armed Services Committee Panel on Military Education, he has called for better strategic thinking and improvements in the intermediate and senior level educational programs for the four services. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Military Forces and Personnel during the 103rd Congress, he warned against further cuts in the defense budget. In the 104th Congress, he proposed a five-year defense plan to fully fund the national military strategy and pay for shortfalls in modernization, readiness and quality of life for U.S. troops.

Skelton's district is home to two military installations—Fort Leonard Wood and Whiteman Air Force Base. Skelton was instrumental in bringing the Army Engineer School to Fort Leonard Wood and the B-2 Stealth bomber to Whiteman.

As most of the Fourth Congressional District is comprised of small towns and farming communities, Skelton looks after the needs of rural America. He is a member of the House Small Business Committee and serves on its Subcommittee on Regulation and Paperwork. He is also past chairman of the Congressional Rural Caucus.

Skelton is an Eagle Scout, a member of Sigma Chi social fraternity, a Lions Club member, and vice chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

Skelton is a member of the First Christian Church in Lexington. He and his wife Susan have three sons: Ike V, James and Page.



Rear Admiral James R. Stark, USN President, Naval War College

A native of Arlington, Virginia, Rear Admiral James R. Stark received his commission upon graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1965. After a short initial sea tour in USS BROWNSON (DD 868), he studied at the University of Vienna for one year as a Fulbright Scholar.

Returning to the United States, Rear Admiral Stark's sea duty included assignments as CIC Officer in USS WILKINSON (DL 5) and Weapons Officer in USS JENKINS (DD 447) and in USS HIGBEE (DD 806), completing combat deployments to Southeast Asia in the latter two ships.

In 1970, Rear Admiral Stark began graduate studies in foreign policy at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. He graduated in 1973 with a Doctorate in Political Science. Subsequently, he served as Executive Officer in USS MYLES C FOX (DD 829) and USS RICHMOND K TURNER (CG 20). He commanded USS JULIUS A FURER (FFG 6) from 1981 to 1983 and USS LEAHY (CG 16) from 1987 to 1989.

Rear Admiral Stark's shore duty has included assignments in Washington on the Navy Staff, the National Security Council Staff, and as Executive Director of the CNO Executive Panel. He was selected for promotion to Rear Admiral (Lower Half) in December 1991 and served as Commander, Training Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet from June 1992 until March 1994. He assumed command of the Standing Naval Force Atlantic on 14 April 1994 and was selected for Rear Admiral (Upper Half) in December 1994.

Rear Admiral Stark has been awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (three awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), and various campaign and service awards.

He is married to the former Roswitha Stari of St. Paul im Lavanttal, Austria. They have two children: a son, James, who works in Atlanta and a daughter, Lisa, who recently graduated from the University of Virginia.

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