



Graduation

U.S. Naval War College

19 June 2009



Welcome to the United States Naval War College Graduation Ceremony

19 June 2009
Newport, Rhode Island



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.

ACADEMIC AWARDS FOR AY 2008-09

Robert E. Batemans' International Prize Essay Award

FIRST PRIZE

CAPTAIN RAJESH PENDHARKAR, INDIAN NAVY
2009, NAVAL COMMAND COLLEGE

*"Soft Power for Military Leadership in the 21st Century: Overcoming
Cross-Cultural Barriers"*

HONORABLE MENTION

COMMANDER RAIMO PYYSAL, FINNISH NAVY
2009, NAVAL COMMAND COLLEGE

"Do We Need a Doctrine?"

The Walter B. Woodson, Jr., Academic Memorial Prize

FIRST PRIZE

MAJOR HON CHOUNG KWAN, REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE NAVY
2009, NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE CLASS 74

*"Piracy in the Gulf of Aden: Are There Lessons to be Learned from the Straits of
Malacca and Singapore?"*

HONORABLE MENTION

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER MUSTAFA ERCEYLAN, TURKISH NAVY
2009, NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE CLASS 74

"What Should the End-State Be of NATO's Enlargement?"

McGinnis Family Award for Outstanding Performance in Nonresident Education

PRIZE WINNER

CAPTAIN SEA S. THOMAS, U.S. MARINE CORPS
JUNE 2009, COLLEGE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

Zimmerman/Gray International Prize

FIRST PRIZES

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER PER ARNE BAKKELI, ROYAL
NORWEGIAN NAVY

JUNE 2009, Naval Staff College

"Mine Countermeasures in the Littorals"

MAJOR CHEE WEE ANG, SINGAPORE NAVY

JUNE 2009, NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE

"Is It Time for a New Security Construct in Southeast Asia?"

HONORABLE MENTION

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER YUKSEL CAN, TURKISH NAVY
JUNE 2009, NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE

"How to Overcome Maritime Piracy in the 21st Century: A Multifaceted Approach"

Navy League Awards

STEPHEN BLEEKER LUCE AWARD

✓ LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH A. CRAFT, U.S. MARINE CORPS
2009, COLLEGE OF NAVAL WARFARE

WILLIAM SOWDEN SIMS AWARD

✓ LIEUTENANT DARRELL W. BROWN II, U.S. NAVY
2009, COLLEGE OF NAVAL COMMAND AND STAFF

The following Awards for Academic Year 2008–09 were presented at an Awards Ceremony on Thursday, 18 June 2009

Michael I. Handel Prize

FIRST PRIZE

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER BRIAN P. O'LAVIN, U.S. NAVY
JUNE 2009, COLLEGE OF NAVAL COMMAND AND STAFF
"Mahan and Corbett on Maritime Strategy"

HONORABLE MENTION

MR. DOUGLAS R. KRAMER, DEPARTMENT OF STATE
JUNE 2009, COLLEGE OF NAVAL WARFARE
"Whales Against Elephants: The Strategies of Sea Powers"

Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Awards

FIRST PRIZE – INFORMATION OPERATIONS CATEGORY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ANDREW J. GEBARA, U.S. AIR FORCE
JUNE 2009, COLLEGE OF NAVAL WARFARE
"Damage Control: Leveraging Crisis Communications for Operational Effects"

ALL OTHER CATEGORY

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER KALOHI R. CLARK, U.S. NAVY
COLLEGE OF NAVAL COMMAND AND STAFF
"Electronic Warfare in an Asymmetric Conflict: What the Operational-Level Planner and Commander Need to Know"

Admiral Ike Kidd Naval Intelligence Foundation Award

FIRST PRIZE

MR. DAVID I. CONLEY, JR.
JUNE 2009, COLLEGE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION
"The Next Challenge: Adapting OIF Intelligence Achievements to Promote a Stable Pacific Region"

HONORABLE MENTION

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ROBERT T. FLICKINGER, U.S. NAVY
COLLEGE OF NAVAL COMMAND AND STAFF
"Integrating Intelligence and Information Sharing in the Theater Security Cooperation"

Vice Admiral James H. Doyle, Jr., Military Operations and International Law Prize

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER SHAUN S. BROWN, U.S. NAVY
NOVEMBER 2008, COLLEGE OF NAVAL COMMAND AND STAFF
"The Joint Forces Chaplain: Advisor to the Joint Force Commander or Unlawful Combatant?"

Captain James T. Larkin, U.S. Marine Corps Fund for U.S. Marine Student

MAJOR JAN R. DURHAM, U.S. MARINE CORPS
JUNE 2009, COLLEGE OF NAVAL COMMAND AND STAFF

Drs. Daniel and Susan Thys Academic Prize

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER MICHAEL L. SMITH, U.S. NAVY
JUNE 2009, COLLEGE OF NAVAL COMMAND AND STAFF

**Vice Admiral John T. Hayward College of Continuing Education
Correspondence Course Award**

LIEUTENANT DAVID R. WILCOX, U.S. NAVY
JUNE 2009, COLLEGE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

James V. Forrestal Award

WINNING COLLEGE OF NAVAL WARFARE SEMINARS IN THE WINTER
TRIMESTER: SEMINARS 4 AND 8

Surface Navy Association Award

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER SHANE P. TANNER, U.S. NAVY
JUNE 2009, COLLEGE OF NAVAL COMMAND AND STAFF
"CWC Departing: Return of the Task Force Commander"

United States Marine Corps Association Award

FIRST PRIZE
MAJOR ROBERT B. SOTIRE II, U.S. MARINE CORPS
JUNE 2009, COLLEGE OF NAVAL COMMAND AND STAFF
*"Measuring Performance and Effectiveness in Irregular Warfare: Preventing
Dysfunctional Behavior"*

**The Military Officers Association of America Awards for Excellence in
Joint Service Warfare**

FIRST PRIZE
COLLEGE OF NAVAL WARFARE
COLONEL SCOTT E. ERDELATZ, U.S. MARINE CORPS
JUNE 2009, COLLEGE OF NAVAL WARFARE
*"Close a Sure Road to Defeat in Afghanistan by Keeping the Lines of
Communications Open"*

FIRST PRIZE
COLLEGE OF NAVAL COMMAND AND STAFF
MAJOR NICHOLAS O. GUTTMAN, U.S. AIR FORCE
JUNE 2009, COLLEGE OF NAVAL COMMAND AND STAFF
"The Supported Commander in High Intensity Anti-Access Maritime Conflict"

The Rear Admiral Joseph C. Strasser International Prize

NAVAL COMMAND COLLEGE
CAPTAIN RENATO RODRIGUES DE AGUIAR FREIRE, BRAZILIAN NAVY
JUNE 2009, NAVAL COMMAND COLLEGE

HONORABLE MENTION
COMMANDER RUNE FROMREIDE, ROYAL NORWEGIAN NAVY
JUNE 2009, NAVAL COMMAND COLLEGE

NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER HIMADRI BOSE, INDIAN NAVY
JUNE 2009, NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE

HONORABLE MENTION

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER PER ARNE BAKKELI, ROYAL
NORWEGIAN NAVY
JUNE 2009, NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE

NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE CLASS 74
MAJOR LAZARUS P. WAFULA, KENYAN NAVY
JUNE 2009, NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE CLASS 74

HONORABLE MENTION

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ALI MOOSA AL BALUSHI, ROYAL NAVY
OF OMAN
JUNE 2009, NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE CLASS 74

Jerome E. Levy Economic Geography and World Order Prize

FIRST PRIZES

MS. ANITA MARIE KRASKA
JUNE 2009, COLLEGE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION
*"AFRICOM's Response to Global Climate Change: Where Human Security
Meets National Security"*

MAJOR CHEE WEE ANG, SINGAPORE NAVY
JUNE 2009, NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE
"Tackling the Threat of Domestic: Radicalization in the Fight against Terrorism"

B. Franklin Reinauer II Defense Economics Prize

FIRST PRIZE

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JONATHAN M. THORP, U.S. NAVY RESERVE
JUNE 2009, COLLEGE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION
"Do Anti-Money Laundering Policies Work? Fighting the Global War On Terror"

HONORABLE MENTION

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT B. FLOERSHEIM, U.S. ARMY
JUNE 2009, COLLEGE OF NAVAL WARFARE
*"Fair Play with Fair Pay: An Alternate Proposal for Reform of the Military
Retirement System"*

Admiral Richard G. Colbert Memorial Prize

FIRST PRIZE

MS. SOLANGE HUBBLE, U.S. COAST GUARD
JUNE 2009, COLLEGE OF NAVAL COMMAND AND STAFF
"Arctic Operations: An Inconvenient Task"

FIRST HONORABLE MENTION

MAJOR JEFFREY A. McNEIL, U.S. ARMY
COLLEGE OF NAVAL COMMAND AND STAFF
"A Cognitive Approach to COIN: Countering Dangerous Beliefs"

SECOND HONORABLE MENTION

~~MS. ROBIN D. MEYER, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE~~
JUNE 2009, COLLEGE OF NAVAL WARFARE

*"Provincial Reconstruction Teams: When and Where PRTs Can be a Useful Tool
for SSTR Operations"*

Naval War College Foundation Award

FIRST PRIZE

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER COLIN K. BOYNTON, U.S. NAVY
JUNE 2009, COLLEGE OF NAVAL COMMAND AND STAFF

"Operations to Defeat Iranian Trade Interdiction"

HONORABLE MENTION

MAJOR JAN R. DURHAM, U.S. MARINE CORPS
JUNE 2009, COLLEGE OF NAVAL COMMAND AND STAFF

*"Opium, Insurgency, and U.S. Counterdrug Strategy in Afghanistan: A Case for
Change"* **NO ROOM IN DB**

Distinguished Students 2008-09

COLLEGE OF NAVAL WARFARE

GRADUATED WITH HIGHEST DISTINCTION

Colonel David B. Batchelor, U.S. Army
Lieutenant Colonel Joseph A. Craft, U.S. Marine Corps
Colonel Brian P. Dunn, U.S. Army
Lieutenant Colonel R. Bruce Floersheim, U.S. Army
Lieutenant Colonel Andrew J. Gebara, U.S. Air Force
Mr. Douglas R. Kramer, Department of State
Lieutenant Colonel Stephen E. Liszewski, U.S. Marine Corps
Colonel Wilson A. Shoffner, Jr., U.S. Army
Ms. Mary Jo Swinimer, Department of State

GRADUATED WITH DISTINCTION

Ms. Alison J. Bettencourt, Department of the Army
Colonel David W. Bliesner, U.S. Air Force
Colonel Barry S. Di Ruzza, U.S. Army
Mr. Christopher W. Doane, U.S. Coast Guard
Colonel Scott E. Erdelatz, U.S. Marine Corps
Lieutenant Colonel Patrick M. Flood, U.S. Air Force
Colonel Thomas J. Goss, U.S. Army
Commander Matthew M. Graham, U.S. Navy
Mrs. Kimberly M. King, Defense Intelligence Agency
Commander Brendan C. McPherson, U.S. Coast Guard
Ms. Robin D. Meyer, Department of State
Ms. Amy O'Connor, Central Intelligence Agency
Lieutenant Colonel James R. Parrington, U.S. Marine Corps
Lieutenant Colonel Scott D. Peel, U.S. Air Force
Colonel Bridget M. Rourke, U.S. Army
Lieutenant Colonel Stephen R. Steiner, U.S. Air Force
Colonel Troy R. Stone, U.S. Air Force
Colonel Paul Timoney, U.S. Marine Corps
Lieutenant Commander Jason P. Velivlis, U.S. Navy
Captain James H. Whitehead III, U.S. Coast Guard

COLLEGE OF NAVAL COMMAND AND STAFF

GRADUATED WITH HIGHEST DISTINCTION

Major Cameron W. Caroom, U.S. Air Force

Major Jan R. Durham, U.S. Marine Corps
Major Nicholas O. Guttman, U.S. Air Force
Ms. Solange Hubble, U.S. Coast Guard
Major Michael Todd Kelly, U.S. Army
Major Adam J. Kimmich, U.S. Army
Major Norberto R. Menendez, U.S. Army
Lieutenant Commander Michael L. Smith, U.S. Navy
Major Martin Stallone, U.S. Air Force

GRADUATED WITH DISTINCTION

Major Arthur R. Behnke, U.S. Marine Corps
Major Gary S. Bonham, U.S. Army
Lieutenant Commander Randall D. Broussard, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Darrell W. Brown II, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander Matthew W. Cieslukowski, U.S. Navy
Major Samuel N. Deputy, U.S. Marine Corps
Major Jonathan G. Downing, U.S. Air Force
Major Lee G. Gentile, Jr., U.S. Air Force
Major Jeffrey A. Guimarin, U.S. Air Force
Major Eric D. Hresko, U.S. Air Force
Major Kieran F. Keelty, U.S. Air Force
Major Douglas D. Kim, U.S. Army
Lieutenant Commander Curtis G. Larson, U.S. Navy
Major Frederick L. Lewis, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps
Lieutenant Commander Brian P. O'Lavin, U.S. Navy
Major Stephen Pritchard, U.S. Marine Corps
Lieutenant Commander John G. Rivers, U.S. Coast Guard
Major William S. Rogers, U.S. Air Force
Lieutenant Commander Joshua A. Sager, U.S. Navy
Major Kenneth E. Smith, U.S. Army
Major Robert Sortie II, U.S. Marine Corps
Major Joseph B. Turkal, U.S. Marine Corps
Lieutenant Commander Paul Harris Wilt, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander Forrest O. Young, U.S. Navy

COLLEGE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

GRADUATED WITH HIGHEST DISTINCTION

Mr. Brendan J. Applegate, Naval Postgraduate School, Point Mugu, CA
Mr. Brian C. Diffell, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC
Mr. Michael E. Doyle, Department of the Army
Mr. Michael E. Edwards, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, DC
Commander Alexander W. Ellermann, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander Stephen D. Fisher, CHC, U.S. Navy
Mr. Michael J. Frank, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC
Captain Kenneth R. Harman, U.S. Public Health Service
Commander Robert S. Harrill, U.S. Navy
Mr. Stephen J. Harvey, Coast Guard Sector, Seattle, WA
Ms. Linda M. Kalister, Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, DC
Lieutenant Commander Grant M. Koenig, U.S. Navy
Colonel Thomas C. Latsko, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve
Lieutenant Colonel Peter W. McCormick, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve
Lieutenant Commander Matthew W. Murphy, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander Matthew R. Ritchey, U.S. Navy
Mr. Eric R. Romero, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme, CA
Commander Joel P. Royal, U.S. Navy
Ms. Lorelei St. James, Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC
Commander Edward W. Sandlin II, U.S. Coast Guard
Lieutenant Commander Peter M. Schnappauf III, U.S. Navy
Mr. Martin T. Tatro, Jr., Department of Defense, Fort Meade, MD

Captain Sea S. Thomas, U.S. Marine Corps
Captain Paul S. Wehr, U.S. Navy

GRADUATED WITH DISTINCTION

Commander Brian R. Black, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
Colonel Matthew F. Bogdanos, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve
Colonel William L. Bograkos, U.S. Army National Guard
Mr. Corey D. Brooks, Department of the Army, Washington, DC
Commander Basil F. Brown, U.S. Coast Guard
Mr. David A. Browne, U.S. Pacific Command, Pearl Harbor, HI
Lieutenant Commander Shannon L. Callahan, U.S. Navy
Ms. Suzie D. Carroll, U.S. Peace Corps, Washington, DC
Lieutenant John A. Carter, CHC, U.S. Navy
Commander Mark G. Carter, U.S. Navy
Commander Scott W. Clendenin, U.S. Coast Guard
Ms. Jennifer E. Clift, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren, VA
Mr. David I. Conley, Jr., Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Washington, DC
Lieutenant Commander Rachael A. Dempsey, U.S. Navy
Captain Jaclyn N. DeRoush, U.S. Air Force
Lieutenant Harry W. Elliott IV, U.S. Navy
Brigadier General Stanley L. K. Flemming, U.S. Army Reserve
Commander Joseph E. Grealish, CEC, U.S. Navy
Ms. Faith K. Grigg, Office of Naval Intelligence, Washington, DC
Captain Kevin R. Hooley, U.S. Navy
Mr. Michael W. Howell, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, DC
Commander Michael J. Jaeger, JAGC, U.S. Navy
The Honorable Frank R. Jimenez, Former General Counsel of the Navy, Washington, DC
Colonel Wade M. Johnson, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve
Ms. Laura D. Johnston, Defense Information School, Fort Meade, MD
Lieutenant Commander David A. Kelly, Jr., U.S. Navy (Ret.)
Mr. Brian R. Kelm, Department of the Navy
Commander Christopher J. Landis, U.S. Navy
Commander Edward M. Leitz, MC, U.S. Navy
Mr. Christopher James Madar, Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC
Lieutenant Commander Andrew C. Martin, SC, U.S. Navy
Mr. Gordon W. Matlock, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC
Captain Matthew A. McQueen, MC, U.S. Navy
Major Christopher V. Meyers, U.S. Marine Corps
Lieutenant Commander Charles D. Miller, U.S. Coast Guard
Lieutenant Colonel Edwin D. Miller, U.S. Army Reserve
Lieutenant Commander Kevin P. Murphy, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Scott A. Myers, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander Kenneth T. Nagie, Jr., U.S. Coast Guard
Commander Eric Oxendine, SC, U.S. Navy
Professor Steven L. Pierce, Naval War College, Newport, RI
Lieutenant Colonel Albert F. Priselac II, U.S. Army Reserve
Ms. Maureen A. Raley, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Washington, DC
Lieutenant Christopher J. Ray, JAGC, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Jeffrey W. Reed, U.S. Navy
Mr. Marshall R. Reffett, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC
Mr. Dickey R. Rounsaville, Jr., U.S. Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, VA
Ms. Kathryn E. Schmucker, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC
Ms. Laura M. Seal, Military Sealift Command, Washington, DC
Lieutenant David L. Slater, CHC, U.S. Navy
Mr. Donald W. Warner, Jr., Department of Defense, Ft. Meade, MD
Ms. Margaret G. Watson, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, DC
Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence L. White III, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve
Lieutenant David R. Wilcox, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Lydia R. Wilson, U.S. Navy

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, attired in the robes prescribed for their respective degrees. 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:

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

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.

GRADUATION PROGRAM

Music by Navy Band Northeast

Procession of the Students

Procession of the Faculty

Arrival of Official Party*

Parading of Colors*

National Anthem*

Invocation*

Commander Timothy Demy, CHC, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
Naval War College Chaplain

Welcome

Rear Admiral James P. "Phil" Wisecup, U.S. Navy
President, Naval War College

Address

The Honorable Ike Skelton
U.S. Representative from Missouri

Presentation of the Robert E. Batemans' International Prize Essay Award

Rear Admiral Roger T. Nolan, U.S. Navy Reserve (Ret.)
Executive Director, Naval War College Foundation

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Mr. David S. Gordon

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Rear Admiral Glenn E. Whisler, U.S. Navy (Ret.)

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Mr. Gilson B. Gray III

Presentation of Navy League Awards

The Navy League—Stephen Bleeker Luce Award
The Navy League—William Sowden Sims Award

Captain Shirley A. Hill, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
New England Region President of the
Navy League of the United States

Faculty Awards

Presentation of Graduates

Naval Command College
College of Naval Warfare
Naval Staff College
College of Naval Command and Staff
College of Distance Education

Presentation of Diplomas

Charge to Graduates

Rear Admiral James P. "Phil" Wisecup, U.S. Navy

Benediction*

Departure of Official Party*

*Guests please stand



THE HONORABLE IKE SKELTON U.S. REPRESENTATIVE FROM MISSOURI

U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton (D-MO) has represented Missouri's Fourth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1977. His district includes Missouri's state capital, Jefferson City, and much of the Ozark region of the state. The northernmost part of the Fourth District includes Ray County, located north of the Missouri River. The southernmost point of the district is Webster County, only 30 miles from the Arkansas border.

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 the Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. Skelton's district is home to Fort Leonard Wood, Whiteman Air Force Base, and the Missouri National Guard Training Center. 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 former chairman of the Small Business Subcommittee on Procurement, Tourism and Rural Development and 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 an elder of the First Christian Church in Lexington. He and his late wife Susie have three sons.



REAR ADMIRAL JAMES P. "PHIL" WISECUP PRESIDENT, NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Rear Admiral James "Phil" Wisecup became the 52nd president of the U.S. Naval War College on Nov. 6, 2008. He most recently served as commander, Carrier Strike Group 7 (Ronald Reagan Strike Group), returning from deployment in October 2008.

A 1977 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Wisecup earned his master's degree in international relations from the University of Southern California, graduated from the Naval War College in 1998, and also earned a degree from the University of Strasbourg, France, as an Olmsted Scholar, in 1982.

At sea, he served as executive officer of USS Valley Forge (CG 50) during Operation *Desert Storm*. As commanding officer, USS Callaghan (DDG 994), he was awarded the Vice Admiral James Stockdale Award for Inspirational Leadership. He served as commander, Destroyer Squadron 21 during Operation *Enduring Freedom* after 9/11.

Ashore, Wisecup was assigned to NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, served as force planner and ship scheduler for Commander, U.S. Naval Surface Forces, Pacific, and served as action officer for Navy Headquarters Plans/Policy Staff. He served as a fellow on the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group; director, White House Situation Room and commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea.

Wisecup's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, and various unit, service and campaign awards.



AMBASSADOR MARY ANN PETERS PROVOST, U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Ambassador Peters became the fourth Provost of the Naval War College on 18 September 2008. Previously, she held the position of Dean of Academics of the College of International and Security Studies at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. Prior to becoming the Dean of the College, Ambassador Peters served as Associate Director for International Liaison at the Marshall Center.

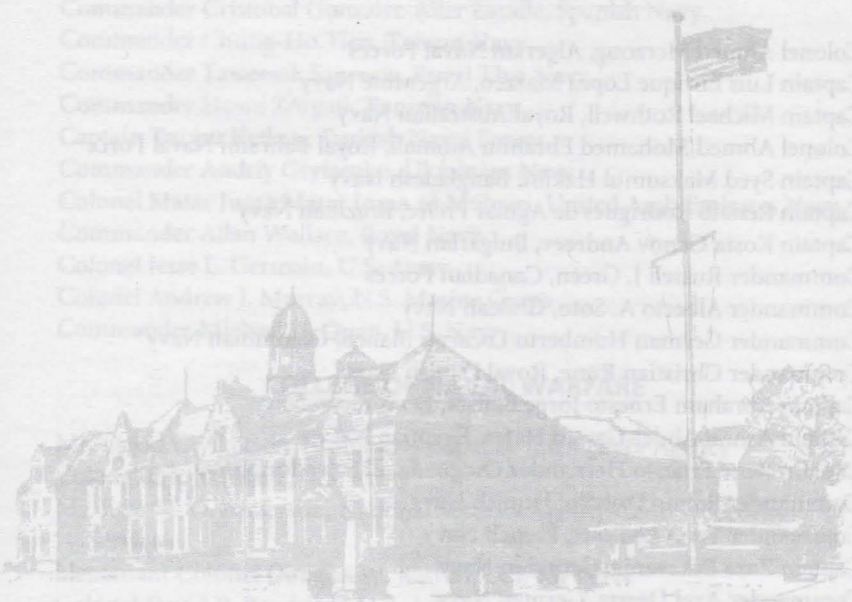
Before joining the Marshall Center in 2003, Ambassador Peters spent more than 30 years as a career diplomat with the U.S. Department of State. From 2000 to 2003 Ambassador Peters served as the U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh, leading the Mission's efforts in support of the war on terrorism and other key U.S. foreign policy goals. She received a Presidential Meritorious Service Award in 2003 for her work in Bangladesh. Prior to her posting in Dhaka, Ambassador Peters was the Deputy Chief of Mission at the United States Embassy in Ottawa, Canada, responsible for the management of the Embassy and supervision of the six U.S. Consulates General in Canada.

From 1995 to 1997, Ambassador Peters served in the White House as Director for European and Canadian Affairs at the National Security Council. Among other portfolios in this position, Ambassador Peters worked on the diplomatic and security aspects of the search for peace in Northern Ireland. From 1993 to 1994, Ambassador Peters served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State with oversight responsibility for U.S. relations with 19 Western European countries and Canada. In this capacity she acted as the U.S. Chair of the U.S.-Canada military coordination body, the Permanent Joint Board on Defense.

A senior diplomat, fluent in six foreign languages, Ambassador Peters has also served in Sofia, Bulgaria, as Deputy Chief of Mission; in Moscow as Economic Counselor; and in Mandalay, Burma, as Principal Officer. Prior to her assignment in Moscow, she studied Russian at the U.S. Army Russian Institute in Garmisch, Germany. From 1988 to 1990, Ambassador Peters was the Deputy Director of the Office of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh Affairs in the U.S. State Department. She began her career as a Vice-Consul in Frankfurt in 1975.

Ambassador Peters holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Santa Clara University and a Masters in International Studies from the School of Advanced International Studies at The Johns Hopkins University. Her formal education also included course work in Paris, France, and Bologna, Italy.

NAVAL COMMAND COLLEGE



STUDENT BODY

NAVAL COMMAND COLLEGE

Colonel Ahmed Merzoug, Algerian Naval Forces
Captain Luis Enrique Lopez Mazzeo, Argentine Navy
Captain Michael Rothwell, Royal Australian Navy
Colonel Ahmed Mohamed Ebrahim Albinali, Royal Bahraini Naval Force
Captain Syed Maksumul Hakim, Bangladesh Navy
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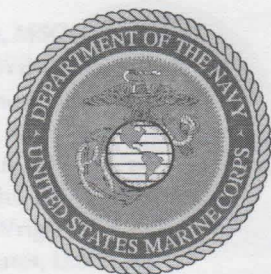
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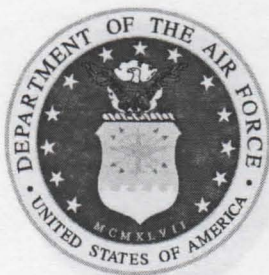
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Through surf and storm and howling gale,
High shall our purpose be.
"Semper Paratus" is our guide,
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Aye! Coast Guard we are for you!*



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To the Shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
of United States Marine.*



**The Air Force Song
(U.S. Air Force)**

*Off we go into the wild blue yonder
Climbing high into the sun;
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,
At'em boys, giv'er the gun! (Giv'er the gun!)
Down we dive spouting our flames from under,
Off with one hell-of-a roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame . . . Hey!
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!*



**The Caissons Go Rolling Along
(U.S. Army)**

*First to fight for the right
And to build the nation's might,
And the Army goes rolling along.*

*Proud of all we have done
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army goes rolling along.*

*Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!
The Army's on its way.*

*Count off the cadence loud and strong.
For where'er we go, you will always know,
That the Army goes rolling along.*



**Anchors Aweigh
(U.S. Navy)**

*Anchors Aweigh, my boys,
Anchors Aweigh.
Farewell to foreign shores,
We sail at break of day-ay-ay-ay.
Through our last night on shore,
Drink to the foam,
Until we meet once more:
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