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## COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

*"The best and brightest military officers from the United States and around the world come to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, to work with world-class faculty on real military and defense problems. At NPS, they gain both the intellectual know-how and the practical skills for improving defense technologies, systems and programs."*

*-Former President of the United States  
George H.W. Bush*



**FALL QUARTER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

**December 18, 2015**

**King Hall**

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**VADM RONALD A. ROUTE, USN (RET.)**

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**DR. JAMES NEWMAN**

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**Dean of Students**

**CAPT MATTHEW VANDERSLUIS, USN**



**Vice Admiral Ronald A. Route, USN (Ret.)  
President  
Naval Postgraduate School**

Retired Vice Adm. Ronald A. Route comes to the appointment as President, Naval Postgraduate School with over twenty years of leadership experience at the senior executive and operational level, which included responsibilities in graduate education, program requirements and resources, international affairs, research and development, and ethics.

Route's significant career assignments include President of the Naval War College, and Commander, Navy Warfare Development Command. He also served in two earlier flag officer assignments leading major divisions on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO): Director of Navy Programming and Director, Politico-Military Affairs.

A career Surface Warfare Officer, Route's sea duty included assignments and deployments in cruisers, destroyers, frigates and aircraft carriers; he commanded the AEGIS cruiser USS LAKE ERIE (CG 70) and the guided-missile destroyer USS DEWEY (DDG 45). His most recent command at sea was the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) Carrier Strike Group of ten ships plus the embarked carrier air wing.

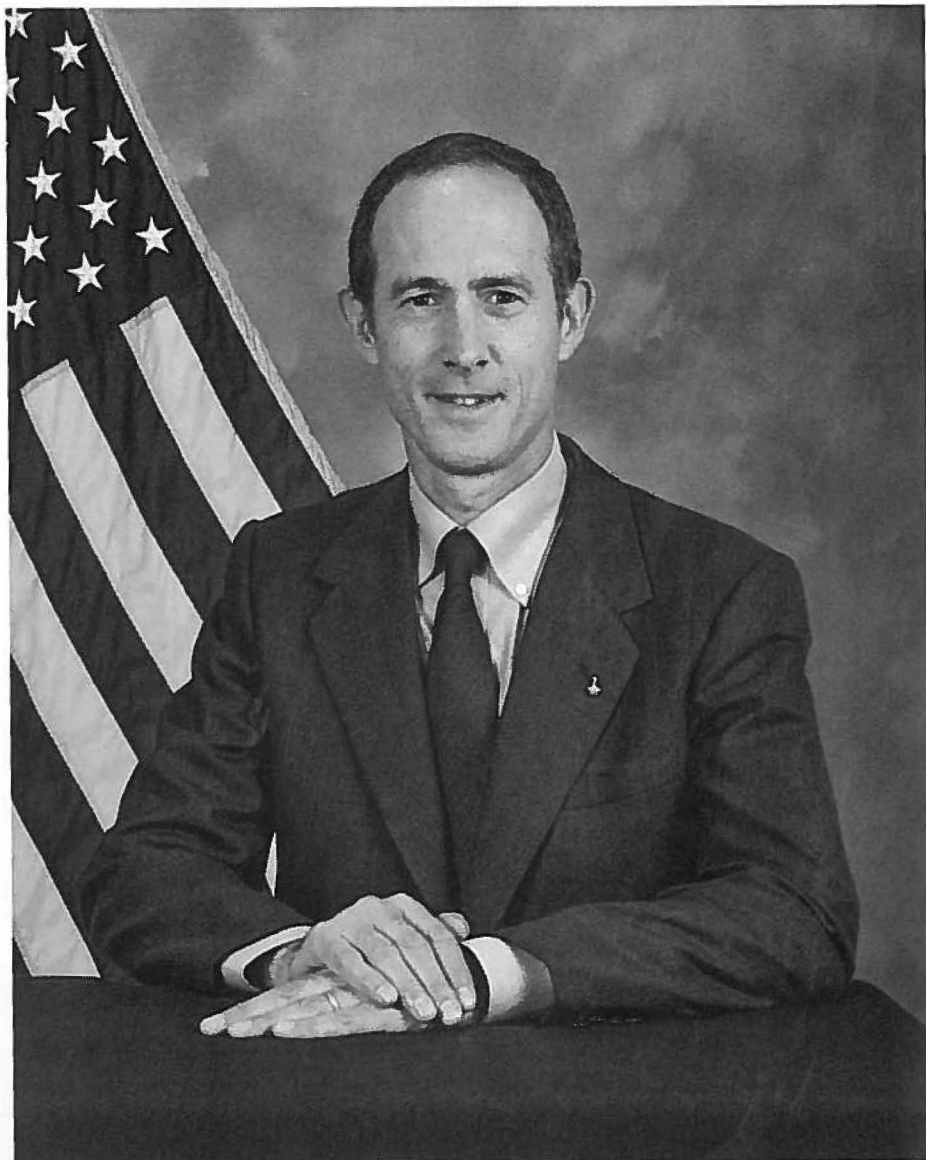
Capping his active duty career of more than 36 years, his last assignment was as the Naval Inspector General, working directly for the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations, where he directed an inspection, assessment and studies program that provided Navy headquarters leadership and major Navy commanders worldwide with important policy, organizational and ethics insight.

After retirement from the Navy in 2008, Route spent more than three years as a senior vice president at Burdeshaw Associates, Ltd. - an executive-level consulting firm specializing in defense industry and government business.

On Sept. 1, 2013, Route completed his term as President of the Surface Navy Association, a position he had held for nearly five years. He has also been a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, since 1998.

Route holds a Bachelor's of Science in Systems Engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy, and a Master's of Science in Operations Research from the Naval Postgraduate School. He also served as the Navy's Senior Military Fellow on the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City, and attended the Executive Business Course, Kenan-Flager Business School at the University of North Carolina.

**Dr. James H. Newman**  
**Acting Provost, Naval Postgraduate School**  
**Monterey, California**



Dr. James H. Newman assumed the position of Acting Provost of the Naval Postgraduate School on October 5, 2015.

Newman came to NPS' Space Systems Academic Group in 2006 as a NASA Visiting Professor. He subsequently transferred from NASA in 2008 to the Department of the Navy to accept a tenure-track professorship at NPS. He has continued to teach orbital mechanics and launch systems and perform applied infrastructure research in the use of very small satellites for focused projects of national interest and for motivating hands-on, officer student educational opportunities.

NASA selected Newman into its astronaut program in 1990. Newman's space flight experience includes four missions aboard the Space Shuttles Discovery, Endeavour, and Columbia. Notably, he logged 43 days in space, including six spacewalks totaling 43 hours.

On the spacewalks he installed mission critical equipment on the International Space Station and worked on the Hubble Space Telescope. As the robotic arm operator, he also deployed and retrieved satellites.

At NASA since 1985, he worked first as an instructor in the Mission Operations Directorate training astronauts and flight controllers in the fields of control and propulsion. Then, Newman served in the Astronaut Office Mission Support Branch, the Mission Development Branch, and as the Chief of the Astronaut Office Computer Support Branch. While in the Astronaut Office, he also served the Space Shuttle Program Office for two years, when he was responsible for managing the Shuttle Robotic Arm and the Space Vision System. Before coming to NPS, he spent three years in Moscow, Russia working for the International Space Station (ISS) Program Office as NASA's Human Space Flight Program Director in Russia.

Newman received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physics from Dartmouth College in 1978 and a Master of Arts degree and Doctorate in Physics from Rice University in 1982 and 1984, respectively. After graduating from Rice University in 1984, Newman performed post-doctoral research and remains an adjunct professor in Rice's Department of Physics and Astronomy.



**Vice Admiral Lee Gunn, USN (Ret.)  
Chairman of the Gunn Group**

Vice Admiral Lee Gunn served in the U.S. Navy for thirty-five years prior to his retirement in 2000. He served in Destroyers and Frigates through his command of USS Barbey (FF1088) and command of Destroyer Squadron 31. As an Admiral he was the Commander of Amphibious Group Three, comprising 19 ships, 12 associated commands, and 16,000 Sailors and Marines of the Pacific Fleet Amphibious Force. Ashore he led, among other organizations, the Navy Personnel Command.

Gunn's last active duty assignment was as Inspector General of the Department of the Navy where, together with his Marine Deputy, he was responsible for the Department's overall inspections program and its assessments of readiness, training, and quality of service for Sailors and Marines. Admiral Gunn's awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, six Legions of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, the Navy Commendation Medal (with Combat Distinguishing Device), the Navy Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, and numerous theater and service awards.

Immediately after concluding his active duty career, Admiral Gunn was asked by the Chief of Naval Operations to lead the Executive Review of Navy Training. The recommendations of the Review continue to be implemented by the Navy, contributing to a revolution in training and learning for Navy men and women.

Gunn also has served as: President of the Institute for Public Research at CNA in Arlington, VA (14 years) and President of the American Security Project (5 years). He serves currently as: Chair of the Board of Advisors to the Presidents of the Naval Postgraduate School (Monterey, CA) and Naval War College (Newport, RI); Vice Chair of CNA's Military Advisory Board; Advisor to the Global Perspectives Initiative at the University of Central Florida; and as a member and Executive Board member of the Surface Navy Association, the professional association of more than 7000 surface warriors and supporters. He was the National President of the Surface Navy Association from 2001-2006.

Gunn presently is Chairman of the Gunn Group, advising executives of government, industry, and philanthropic enterprises on issues in energy, water, climate change and national security.

## PLATFORM PARTY

### First Row (left to right)

**Lieutenant Commander Robert Nelson**  
USN  
Command Chaplain

**Colonel Christopher Smith**  
USAF  
Senior United States Air Force Representative

**Colonel Nelson Emmons**  
USA  
Senior United States Army Representative

**Colonel Mitchell J. McCarthy**  
USMC  
Senior United States Marine Corps  
Representative

**Vice Admiral Lee Gunn, USN (Ret.)**  
Chairman, Gunn Group

**Vice Admiral Ronald A. Route, USN, (Ret.)**  
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Dean of the School of International Graduate  
Studies

**Captain Matthew Vandersluis**  
USN  
Dean of Students

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**Dr. Garth Hobson**  
Chair of the Department of Mechanical and  
Aerospace Engineering

**Dr. Rudy Panholzer**  
Chair of the Space Systems Academic Group

**Dr. Doug Fouts**  
Representing the Chair of the Department of  
Electrical and Computer Engineering

**Dr. Peter Chu**  
Chair of the Department of Physical  
Oceanography

**Dr. Mohammed Hafez**  
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**Dr. Pat Jacobs**  
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**Dr. Ron Giachetti**  
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**Dr. Wendell Nuss**  
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**Dr. Kevin Smith**  
Chair of the Department of Physics

**Dr. John Arquilla**  
Chair of the Department of Defense Analysis

**Dr. Peter Denning**  
Chair of the Department of Computer Science

**Dr. Dan Boger**  
Chair of the Department of Information  
Sciences

**Professor Fred Drake**  
Dean of Academics, Naval War College

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Processional..... Del Monte Brass

Grand Marshal ..... Professor Craig Rasmussen

Faculty Marshal..... Professor Rene Rendon

Platform Marshal..... TBD

Military Marshal..... Lieutenant Colonel Mark Raffetto, USMC

Master of Ceremonies..... Captain Matthew Vandersluis, USN

\*Presentation of Colors ..... Naval Postgraduate School Color Guard

\*National Anthem ..... Del Monte Brass

\*Invocation ..... Lieutenant Commander Robert Nelson, USN

Introduction of Speaker ..... Vice Admiral Ronald A. Route, USN (Ret.)

Address to Graduates ..... Vice Admiral Lee Gunn, USN (Ret.)

Presentation of Candidates ..... Acting Provost James Newman

Announcement of Degrees..... Captain Matthew Vandersluis, USN

\*Benediction ..... Lieutenant Commander Robert Nelson, USN

Recessional ..... Del Monte Brass

\*The audience will stand.

### Notes:

1. As a courtesy, to those of you with young children, we have set up a family friendly room which is located in the basement of King Hall with streaming video of the graduation. The ushers in the back of the auditorium can give you directions to the family friendly room.

2. The President cordially invites graduates, faculty, and guests to a reception in honor of the graduates in the Barbara McNitt Ballroom at Herrmann Hall immediately following the ceremony.

## GRADUATION AWARDS

### **The Hans Jones Award for Excellence in Thesis Research in Special Operations and Irregular Warfare or Security, Stabilization, Transition and Reconstruction (SSTR) - CW4 Stephen Dayspring, USA**

Award is presented based on the quality of the thesis and substantive focus in intelligence, irregular warfare, special operations, combating terrorism, counterinsurgency, and SSTR or homeland defense.

### **The International Student Award for Excellence in Regional or Security Studies - Lieutenant Colonel Wah Kheng Dean Tan, Republic of Singapore Air Force**

Award is presented to an officer for academic performance evaluated in terms of overall scholarly achievement.

### **The Outstanding United States Air Force Graduate Award, Department of National Security Affairs - Captain Jeffrey Paquette, USAF and Captain Seth Neville, USAF**

Award is presented to an officer for overall scholarly achievement.

### **Foreign Area Officer Association Award for Excellence in International Affairs - Captain Seth Neville, USAF**

Award is presented to a student who has distinguished themselves by an outstanding thesis in international affairs, based on the quality of the research and overall scholarly achievement.

### **The Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Business and Public Policy - Major Brian Turner, USMC and Captain Jason Wood, USMC**

Award is presented to a graduating student based on exceptional academic ability.

### **Department of the Navy Award for Academic Excellence in Financial Management - Captain Jason Wood, USMC**

Award is presented to a Financial Management student who demonstrates overall academic performance, academic excellence in financial management courses, high leadership potential, future ability to contribute to professional, academic and public forums while meeting the highest standards of stewardship of the National Trust and thesis excellence.

### **The Pat Tillman Leadership Award - Major Kitefre (Kit) Oboho, USA**

Award is presented to acknowledge student officers who have distinguished themselves in Security Affairs in the Department of Defense Analysis.

### **Monterey Council Navy League Award for Highest Academic Achievement - Lieutenant Forrest N. Bush, USN**

Award is presented to a graduating USN, USMC, USCG, or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration student who have maintained an outstanding academic record as exhibited by academic achievement, thesis research, motivation, and community involvement.

### **Marine Corps Association Superior Service Award for Outstanding U.S. Marine Student - Major Joshua Gregory, USMC**

Award is presented to a graduating Marine Corps student based on superior contributions to the student body, professional community, and local Monterey area.

### **Rear Admiral Donald R. Eaton Logistics Award for Outstanding Achievement - Major Joshua Gregory, USMC and Capt Todd Hoyt, USMC**

Award is presented based on academic achievement and contributions to logistics communities as demonstrated by scholastic excellence and thesis/project research.

### **Association of the United States Army, General Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter, Award for Outstanding Army Student - Major Rustin Jessup, USA**

Award is presented to an army student who has maintained an outstanding academic record as exhibited by academic achievement, thesis research, motivation, and community involvement.

### **The Army Acquisition Corps Award for Scholastic Achievement - Major Rustin Jessup, USA and Captain Brandon Pye, USA**

Award is presented to a graduating US Army Acquisition student who has exhibited outstanding academic excellence through academic achievement, thesis research, and leadership potential.

### **Air Force Association Award for Outstanding U.S. Air Force Student - Master Sergeant John Menanno, USAF**

Award is sponsored by the Monterey Chapter of the California Air Force Association and is presented for outstanding service.

### **The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition) Award for Academic Excellence - Master Sergeant John Menanno, USAF**

Award is presented to a military USAF or Department of the Air Force civilian in the Acquisition and Contract Management, Systems Acquisition Management, Contract Management, or Program Management curricula for academic achievement as demonstrated by scholastic excellence and thesis/project research.

### **AFCEA John McReynolds Wozencraft Electrical and Computer Engineering Academic Honor Award - Lieutenant Joel Cincotta, USN**

Award is presented for academic excellence and best demonstrated professional qualities in one of the following programs: Electronics, Intelligence.

### **Naval Postgraduate School Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for International Students - Lieutenant Commander Oscar Garcia, Chilean Navy**

Award is presented to a student who has exhibited outstanding academic achievement, conducted notable thesis research, maintained motivation and a serious interest in the community, and who has interacted well with other students in the interest of international alliance.

### **Naval Postgraduate School Superior Service Award - Lieutenant Commander Carrie Paben, Supply Corps, USN**

Award is presented to a graduating student who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to service while at the Naval Postgraduate School.

### **The Surface Navy Association's Award for Excellence in Surface Warfare Research - Lieutenant Loney Cason III, USN**

Award is presented to a graduating student from any curriculum whose thesis topic and quality of supporting research demonstrate the greatest potential for contribution to the Surface Navy.



**Monterey Kiwanis Club Outstanding International Student Award - Lieutenant Commander Darren Henfield, Royal Bahamas Defence Force**  
Award is presented to an outstanding international students based on academic standing and achievement, and involvement in community affairs.

**Rear Admiral Thomas R. McClellan Award for Academic Excellence in the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy - Lieutenant Commander Theodore Vermeychuk, USN**  
Award is presented based on academic performance, professional commitment, and leadership potential.

**Conrad Scholar Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement in Financial Management - Lieutenant Commander Theodore Vermeychuk, USN**  
Award is presented to an outstanding officer in the Financial Management community who has demonstrated academic excellence, presented a financial management essay for publication, and exhibited the potential for outstanding leadership.

**Naval Supply Systems Command Award for Academic Excellence in Management - Lieutenant Michael Key, USN and Lieutenant Craig Dzewiatkowski, USN**  
Award is presented to an outstanding U.S. Naval Supply Corps officer in Systems Management based on academic achievement, research excellence, and contribution to the professional and civilian community and faculty recommendations.

**Commander Philip A. Murphy-Sweet Memorial Award for Excellence in Acquisition - Lieutenant Commander Christopher Burt, USN**  
Award is presented to a graduating USN, USMC, or DoN civilian student who has demonstrated academic, research, and professional excellence in the Acquisition and Contract Management, Systems Acquisition Management, Contract Management, or Program Management curricula.

**The Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Faculty Outstanding International Student Award - Captain Sadik Dogan, Turkey and Ms. Wan Ying Wong, Singapore**  
Award is presented to an outstanding international graduate based on academic achievement, thesis research, motivation, and community involvement.

**The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition) Award for Academic Excellence - Captain Clinton Walls, USAF**  
Award is presented to a military USAF or Department of the Air Force civilian in the Acquisition and Contract Management, Systems Acquisition Management, Contract Management, or Program Management curricula for academic achievement as demonstrated by scholastic excellence and thesis/project research.

**Naval Sea Systems Command Award in Naval/Mechanical Engineering - Lieutenant Timothy Ponschok, USN**  
Award is presented in recognition of distinguished academic achievement in the Naval/Mechanical Engineering Program.

**Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Combat Systems - Lieutenant Michael Price, USN**  
Award is presented in recognition of distinguished scholastic achievement in Combat Systems Engineering. Selection is based on academic achievement, research excellence, and leadership potential.

**The Space Systems Engineering Award for Academic Excellence - Lieutenant Commander Ernesto Villalba, USN**  
Award is presented to an outstanding student based on quality point rating, thesis, curricular, and extra curricular activities.

**Astronaut Michael J. Smith, CAPT, USN, and Astronaut William C, McCool, CDR, USN Astronautics Award - Lieutenant Brian C. Fields, USN**  
Award is presented to an outstanding graduate of the Space Systems curricula based on overall academic excellence, applicable extra-curricular activities, and career potential.

**The Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Regional Security Studies - Lieutenant Kyle Kendall, USN**  
Award is presented to a graduating U.S. military or civilian student in the Department of National Security Affairs for the outstanding thesis in regional security studies based on the quality of the thesis.

**Meyer Award for Outstanding Student in Systems Engineering (Distance Learning)- Paul A. Bourgeois and Alyson E. Ledder**  
Award is presented to an outstanding Department of Defense graduate of each Distance Learning Systems Engineering degree program who has demonstrated superior academic performance.

**The Curtis H. "Butch" Straub Achievement Award - Mr. Steven Polunsky, Texas A&M Transportation Institute**  
Award is presented to the student in each graduating cohort whose leadership, integrity, vision and intellectual courage best honor the man who, in founding Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS), demonstrated his commitment to the development of the discipline of homeland security, to public service, and to risk and change as the cornerstones of both. Nominations are put forward by the students in the cohort, and the winner selected from those nominees by the faculty.

**The Philip Zimbardo Award - Lieutenant Patrice Hubbard, St Petersburg Police Department, Florida**  
Award is presented to the student in each graduating cohort who best embodies Zimbardo's example of combined scientific and applied excellence. Candidates for the award are nominated, and the recipient chosen, by a CHDS faculty awards committee.

**Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Award in Electronic Systems Engineering - Lieutenant Owen Brooks, USN**  
Award is presented for distinguished academic achievement in the advanced Electronic Systems Engineering program.

## FACULTY/STAFF AWARDS

**Carl E. and Jesse W. Menneken Annual Faculty Award for Excellence in Scientific Research –**

**Professor Clay Moltz, National Security Affairs**

**Associate Professor Nicholas Dew, Graduate School of Business and Public Policy**

**Assistant Professor Timothy Chung, Systems Engineering**

Award is presented to a Naval Postgraduate School faculty member who has exhibited outstanding research efforts in science and engineering.

**The Lieutenant Commander David L. Williams Outstanding Professor Award –  
Mr. Tim Doorey**

Award is presented to the faculty member of the School of International Graduate Studies who has demonstrated the greatest dedication and therefore had the greatest impact on learning and intellectual growth of students, in residence and abroad.

**The Louis D. Liskin Award for Teaching Excellence in the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy - Dr. Latika Hartmann, Graduate School of Business and Public Policy**

Award is presented to a faculty member, selected by popular vote from resident students in any of the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy curricula.

**The Military Officers Association of America Joint Service Warfare Award -  
Major Karen Landale, USAF**

Award is presented to NPS military faculty member(s) who have contributed most significantly to the study, implementation, and spirit of the joint-service warfare

**First Command Military Leadership Award - Major Karen Landale, USAF**

Award is presented to an active duty military faculty or staff members at the Naval Postgraduate School, who, in the opinion of the next two graduating classes, contributed the most to the professional and military success of the graduates during their assignment at the Naval Postgraduate School.

**Meyer Award for Teaching Excellence in Systems Engineering (Distance Learning) -  
Donald S. Muehlbach Jr., PhD and Gregory Miller**

Award is presented to an outstanding faculty member of each Distance Learning Systems Engineering degree program who is recognized by the students for teaching excellence and/or exceptional contributions to the students' overall learning experience.

## GRADUATES

*(D) - Students recommended for With Distinction*

*(T) - Student recognized for an Outstanding Thesis*

*(J) - Students receiving their Joint Professional Military Education*

*(E) - USMC Students completing Expeditionary Warfare School*

*(C) - Students completing Command and Staff College*

*\* - Students graduating in absentia*

### Doctor of Philosophy in Astronautical Engineering

Wenschel Lan, Civilian, Naval Postgraduate School

### Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

CDR Christopher Adrian Martino, USN

### Doctor of Philosophy in Physical Oceanography

LCDR Erick Lee Edwards, USN

### Doctor of Philosophy in Systems Engineering

(J)CDR Jorge Garcia, USN

### Doctor of Philosophy in Security Studies

CDR Brian Olavin, USN

### Doctor of Philosophy in Modeling, Virtual Environments & Simulation

\*LTC Sang M. Sok, USA

### Master of Arts in Security Studies (Middle East, South Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa)

MAJ Jason Belknap, USA

MAJ Jean-Jacques Louis, USA

(D,T)LTC Chaudhry Saeed Ullah, Pakistan Army

\*Capt Benjamin Beaumon Baker, USMC

LCDR Joel Millwee, USN

(J)LT Dave Nicolas, USN

Maj Charles Barton, USAF

Maj Brandon Brown, USAF

Maj Tara Brewer Hasbrouck, USAF

Maj Michael LeBrun, USAF

Maj Brian Raffa, USAF

Maj Jonathan Schiferl, USAF

Capt John Steiner, USAF

Mr. Ibrahim Bushara Baher Musa, Civilian, Defense Language Institute

**Master of Arts in Security Studies (Far East, Southeast Asia, the Pacific)**

CPT Linhak Jung, Republic of Korean Army  
CPT Donggun Lee, Republic of Korean Army  
\*Capt Theodore Thomas Ehlert, USMC  
\*Capt Alex Woodward, USMC  
LCDR Adam Bean, USN  
\*(D,J)LCDR Joshua Andrew Chisholm, USN  
LCDR David Kiser, USN  
(J)LT Scott Richards Jr., USN  
Capt Jamie Ellis, USAF  
(D,T)LTC Dean Tan Wah Kheng, Republic of Singapore Air Force  
Maj Jun Hyeok Son, Republic of Korean Air Force

**Master of Arts in Security Studies (Western Hemisphere)**

(J)LT Carlos Carballo, USN  
(J)LT Dan Hildenbrand, USN

**Master of Arts in Security Studies (Europe and Eurasia)**

MAJ Andrew Raymond, USA  
(T,C)LTC GS Grégoire Monnet, Swiss Armed Forces Joint Staff  
\*(J)LT Kyle Oliver Kendall, USN  
(J)LT Matthew Glenn Martinez, USN  
(J)LT Ian Overcash, USN  
(D)Capt Seth Neville, USAF  
Capt Jeffrey Paquette, USAF

**Master of Arts in Security Studies (Civil-Military Relations)**

CPT Randy James Beck, USA  
LTC Athapattu Mudalige Chaminda P. Wijyaratne, Sri Lanka Army

**Master of Arts in Security Studies (Stabilization and Reconstruction)**

LTC Jackson Pang, Republic of Singapore Navy

**Master of Arts in Security Studies (Strategic Studies)**

LTC Aamir Hussain Khan, Pakistan Army  
COL Abdullah Khuliyf A. Alanazi, Saudi Arabian National Guard  
(J)LT Kenneth Barkovich, USN  
(J)LT James Eric Beaty, USN  
LCDR Aminuddin Albek, Indonesian Navy

**Master of Arts in Security Studies (Homeland Security and Defense)**

LT Zachary Boguslawski, USN  
(T)Maj Mark Chang, USAF  
Capt Joshua Frizzell, USAF

**Master of Arts in Security Studies (Homeland Security and Defense)**

Major John Nitka, New York Army National Guard, Albany, New York  
Commander Timothy List, United States Coast Guard, Washington, D.C.  
Major Thomas A. Banker, Washington Air National Guard, Camp Murray, Washington  
Ms. Nabeela Barbari, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.  
Ms. T. Michele Caliva, Upstate New York Poison Center, Syracuse, New York  
Chief Patrol Agent Gloria I. Chavez, U.S. Border Patrol, Spokane, Washington  
Captain James Cook, Amtrak Police, Washington, D.C.  
Mr. Randy Cotten, Transportation Security Administration, Washington, D.C.  
Section Chief Josh Davies, Santa Clara County  
Emergency Medical Services Agency, California  
Captain Jerry L. Davis, Virginia State Police, Wytheville, Virginia  
Chief Maggie A. DeBoard, Herndon Police Department, Virginia  
Deputy Chief Steven Dubay, Colorado Springs Fire Department, Colorado  
Ms. Vicky Furnish, Kern County Environmental Health Department, California  
Chief Scott E. Goldstein, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, Maryland  
Lieutenant Patrice N. Hubbard, St. Petersburg Police Department, Florida  
Ms. Karrie Jefferson, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.  
Mr. Michael Karau, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.  
Mr. Robert C. King III, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.  
Captain Chris Milburn, Long Beach Fire Department, California  
Mr. Craig J. Mohar, Sacramento Police Department, California  
Captain John A. Payne, City of Bremerton Fire Department, Washington  
Mr. Steven Polunsky, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Austin, Texas  
Mr. Stephen Ridge, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.  
Mr. Michael E. Russas, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency  
Captain Antonio Sajor, Jr., Stockton Police Department, California  
(T)Captain Eric Saylor, Sacramento City Fire Department, California  
Sergeant Mike Schofield, Kansas City Police Department, Missouri  
Lieutenant Michael Sedam, California Highway Patrol, Sacramento, California  
Deputy Chief Brent D. Swearingen, Valley Regional Fire Authority, Auburn, Washington  
Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. Thomas, Florida Highway Patrol, Tallahassee, Florida  
Senior Special Agent Shawn P. Tupper, U.S.  
Department of Homeland Security, Houston, Texas

**Master of Arts in Security Studies (Combating Terrorism: Policy and Strategy)**

LTC Malik Naseem Abbas, Pakistan Army  
LTC Agha Khurram Raza Khan, Pakistan Army  
LTC Nilantha Premaratne, Sri Lanka Army  
Maj Africano Abasa, Uganda People's Defence Force  
Col Henry Isoke, Uganda People's Defence Force  
LTCDR Darren Henfield, Royal Bahamas Defence Force  
Col Peterson Fernando, Sri Lanka Air Force  
Capt Ulas Yildiz, Turkish Gendarmerie  
(D)Mr. Santiago Arca Henón, Uruguayan Civilian

**Master of Science in Electrical Engineering**

\*(J)LT Owen Brooks, USN  
(J)LT Forrest Bush, USN  
(J)LT Joel Cincotta, USN  
\*LCDR Ryan Haag, USN  
LT Rerkngamsanga Pornrer, Thailand Navy  
LT Marcos Chi Lim Siu, Brazilian Navy  
\*Mr. Danny M. Lang, Raytheon

**Master of Engineering (Electrical Engineering)**

\*Mr. Zachary Ankuda,  
\*Mr. Paul Scott Cheney, Department of Defense  
\*Mr. Lalith Karunaratne, Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division, Point Mugu  
\*Mr. Stephen Lewis, Department of Defense  
\*Mr. Humberto Lopez, Naval Sea Systems Command  
\*Ms. Patricia Seward, Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division  
\*Mr. Ali Ghara, Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division  
\*Mr. Jared Fife, Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division  
Mr. Shane Eisenbraun, Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division  
\*Mr. Daniel Lee Robinson, Naval Air Systems Command  
\*Mr. Charles E. Rodgers, Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division, Pax River  
Mr. Dieter Erich Weik, Naval Air Systems Command  
\*Mr. Keith Ng Yuen, Naval Air Systems Command

**Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering**

2LT Samuel Lowell, USA  
(J)LT Matthew Hays, USN  
LT Carolyn Mai, USN  
\*(D,T,J)LT Timothy Ponshock, USN

**Master of Science in Astronautical Engineering**

(J)LT Rachel Barton, USN  
(J)LT Brian Fields, USN  
LT Christopher Flores, USN  
(J)LCDR Jarrod Ozereko, USN  
LCDR Ernesto Villalba, USN  
Mr. Ryan McArdle, Civilian, Naval Postgraduate School

**Master of Science in Engineering Science (Aerospace Engineering)**

\*Lt Col Rory Feely, USMC  
\*LCDR Sean Finner, USN  
\*LT John Neubert, USN

**Master of Science in Systems Engineering**

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