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**General John Gordon  
1970 physics graduate**

President George W. Bush announced yesterday his intention to appoint NPS alumnus Gen. John Gordon to be Assistant to the President and Homeland Security Advisor.

Gordon is currently Deputy Assistant to the President, National Director and Deputy National Security Advisor for Combating Terrorism. Previously, he served as Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration and Under Secretary for Nuclear Security at the Department of Energy. Prior to this, Gordon served as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

A retired four-star general, Gordon previously served as Special Assistant to the Air Force Chief of Staff for strategic planning. During the George H. W. Bush administration, he was Senior Director for Defense Policy on the National Security Council, and has served as Director of Operations at Air Force Space Command. He also worked as a long-range planner at Strategic Air Command and served with the U.S. State Department.

Gordon earned a master's degree in physics from NPS in 1970. In a graduation speech delivered at the university two years ago, he told students, "I am at a point in my career when I can look back and appreciate the role that my experiences here at NPS played in helping me grow personally and professionally and enabled me to pursue many diverse avenues. My degree prepared me for a variety of jobs, from a research associate at Sandia National Laboratories to the National Security Council (including) a number of high-level (Air Force) staff positions that called for a solid technical and management background."

In a statement released by the White House, Pres. Bush said: "Gen. Gordon has spent his entire career in dedicated service to his country. He is a proven leader of the highest caliber, and I am honored to have him serve as my Homeland Security Advisor."

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