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Historical Highlights

History of Experience Tours at NPS

Several NPS students went on experience tours this quarter, continuing a practice established just prior to WWI, when NPS was co-located with the Naval Academy at Annapolis.



Early experience tours varied in length and were not required in all programs. Ordnance engineering students had the most rigorous schedule, spending their first four months in the postgraduate school's classrooms, then more than a year studying at the Naval Proving Ground, Naval Gun Factory, a steel plant, Bausch & Lomb and Sperry Gyroscope.

This month, combat systems students will spend a fast-paced week at Aegis headquarters and Aegis test, development and modernization sites while Navy, Marine Corps and Army students in operations research are visiting their program sponsors for three weeks. Capt. Jeff Hyink, chair of applied systems analysis, noted that the OR experience tour is a long-standing part of the curriculum that often opens doors for operationally-relevant thesis research.

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