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From the Mezzanine

Chief of Staff's Bio

NPS Welcomes 23rd Superintendent

Story by Journalist 2nd Class Anthony Reese

"It's a great day for NPS," said retiring Superintendent Rear Adm. David R. Ellison after almost three and half years of leading and developing the Naval Postgraduate School into the Navy's corporate university. "A graduate will take the helm."



Rear Adm. Patrick W. Dunne became the 23rd superintendent of NPS while Ellison spoke fondly of the transition of command to a graduate of the school. Many distinguished guests and NPS faculty and staff observed the ceremony as Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Michael G. Mullen said it is about the character of the people in the organization that makes the organization great.

"What goes on at this school is amazing, what a valuable place. This organization will forever change the way in which the Navy operates, trains, educates, and does business.

"You will enjoy the fruits as well as the challenges of the postgraduate school left for you," said the vice chief of naval operations to Dunne. "This is a crown jewel, we need to take care of it." Regarding NPS, Mullen went on to talk about the challenges of the way the Navy sees education and training today.

"The bar continually needs to be raised," said Mullen. "We need to keep educating, keep reaching out, keep building bridges, and keep making education a priority."

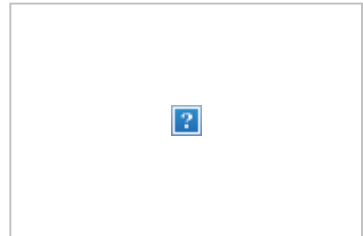
Dunne notes that the value of his education is backed by his experience as an operator, and that is what he will attribute to his role of leading NPS.

He graduated from NPS with a Master of Science degree in mathematics in just one year following his graduation from the Naval Academy in 1972.

Dunne was excited, he said, to get out into the fleet in a submarine. During the course of his career, he did tours on three submarines and had two commands, USS Baltimore (SSN 704), and USS Frank Cable (AS 40).

Selected for flag rank in 2001, his initial flag assignment was U.S. Pacific Command representative Guam and commander U.S. Naval Forces Marianas.

"We have a mission to accomplish here at the Naval Postgraduate School," said Dunne. "I will bring together my experiences both before as a student, and now as a flag officer to accomplish that goal - I'm ready for the challenges."



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The World Public Radio Interview

Attacks against US forces continue, but the US military in Iraq said today that it's turning the corner in the fight against the country's insurgents. To assess the current situation, host Tony Kahn speaks with a military defense analyst, retired Army Colonel Hy Rothstein.

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Instead of children playing in the yards and cars rolling through the streets, the Hayes Park military community in has been transformed in recent weeks into a demolition site with bulldozers tearing down homes. [more...](#)

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The Monterey Herald

With the new year comes the shadow of yesteryear. The Monterey Peninsula faces the possibility of another high-stakes battle to retain its military installations just as it did a decade ago. The Peninsula isn't alone. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld aims to cut U.S. military base capacity by 25 percent, which could mean closing 100 of the country's 425 military facilities. [more...](#)



