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# NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

## 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*



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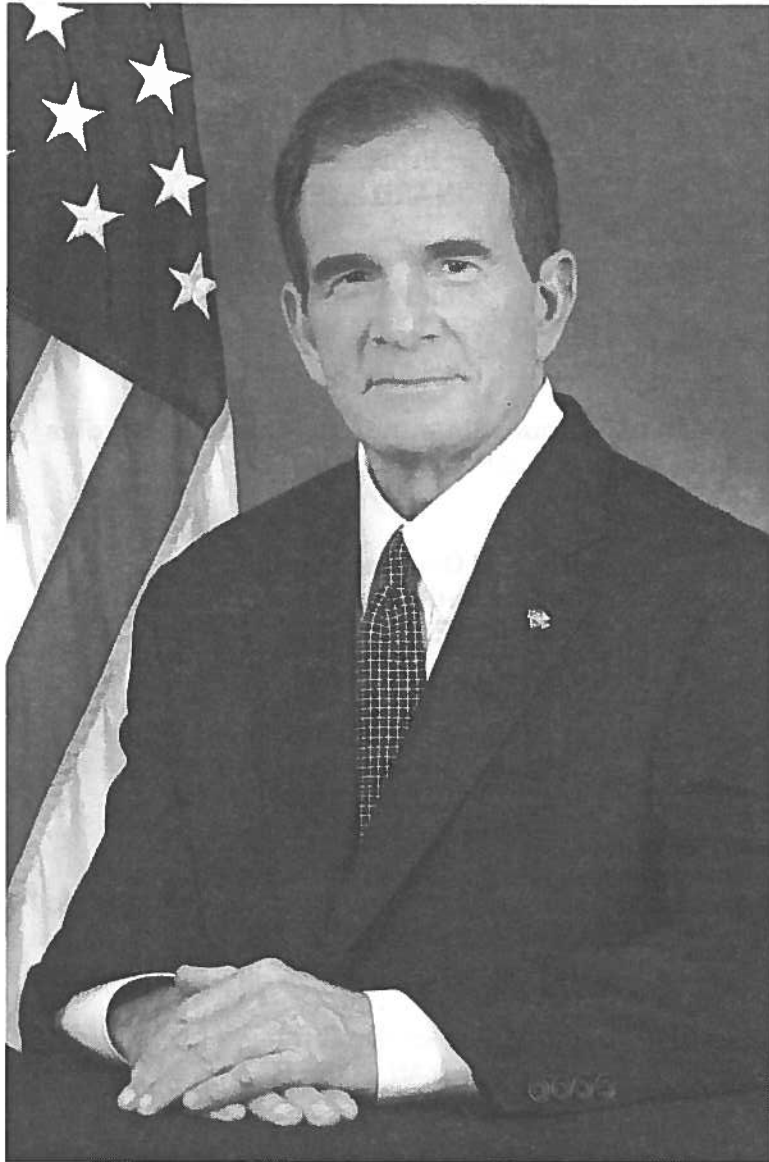
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**Vice Admiral Daniel T. Oliver, USN (Ret.)  
President  
Naval Postgraduate School**

Vice Admiral Daniel T. Oliver USN (Ret.) was appointed by the Secretary of the Navy to be President of the Naval Postgraduate School as of 1 April 2007. Commissioned in 1966 through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Virginia, he became a Naval Aviator and piloted the Navy's P-3 Maritime Patrol Aircraft, specializing in detecting and tracking submarines. He completed eight operational deployments around the world during the Cold War with the Soviet Union, commanding Patrol Squadron Sixteen and Patrol Wing Two. As a Flag Officer, he served as Commander, Fleet Air Forces Mediterranean, and commanded coalition air operations in support of the United Nations' embargo of the former Republic of Yugoslavia.

Vice Admiral Oliver served on the personal staffs of two Chiefs of Naval Operations. In his first Flag assignment as director, Total Forces Training and Education Division, he supervised mobilization of naval reservists called to active duty during Operation Desert Storm. He later served sequentially as director of the OPNAV Assessment Division, Fleet Liaison Division and Programming Division. In these capacities, he was instrumental in shaping a balanced investment program for all Navy resources during the post-Cold War drawdown.

In September 1996, Vice Admiral Oliver became the Chief of Naval Personnel and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower and Personnel. He was the primary advocate for Sailors, both officer and enlisted, from recruitment through retirement. In this position, he formulated and instituted personnel policies that guided the Navy through a critical transition from a post-Cold War drawdown to a steady state force.

After retiring from active duty in February 2000, he was active in the private sector as a senior executive and board member of a number of companies and civic organizations, mostly involved with government contracting in the Information Technology sector.

Vice Admiral Oliver holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree from the University of Virginia where he also served as an associate professor of Naval Science. Vice Admiral Oliver is a graduate of the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program and was a White House Fellow.



**Dr. Leonard A. Ferrari**  
**Provost**  
**Navy Postgraduate School**

Dr. Leonard A. Ferrari was appointed Provost of the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in July 2006. Since becoming Provost, Dr. Ferrari has spearheaded a new Strategic Plan initiative, proposed new collaborative efforts with regional research and education institutions and launched new efforts to make campus academic and business processes more effective.

Prior to becoming the Provost, Dr. Ferrari was the Dean of Research at NPS with responsibility for oversight of research, grants and contracts, the research activities of the Modeling, Virtual Environments, & Simulations Institute (MOVES), the Cebrowski and Meyer Institutes, policy issues and supervision of sponsored programs, oversight of the NPS Research Initiation Program (RIP) and the development of new research relationships and programs with federal, state and civilian organizations. Under his leadership, sponsored programs grew at a rate of nearly 25% per year. Dr. Ferrari played a lead role in the development of industry and relations with the UC system and several universities in the Washington Capital Region (WCR) as well as strengthened programs and collaborations with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories.

Dr. Ferrari has published approximately 100 research articles in electrical engineering and has spent thirty years in academic faculty positions in addition to more than ten years in industrial research and development positions. He was Department Head of the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and later Vice Provost for Special Initiatives and Executive Director of the Institute for Information Technology at Virginia Tech. Prior to that time, he was a faculty member at the University of California, Irvine and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies for the School of Engineering. Dr. Ferrari also has more than ten years of experience in private industry with Bell & Howell and the Polaroid Corporation.

He holds a B.S.E.E. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an M.S.E.E. from Northeastern University. His Ph.D. degree is from the University of California, Irvine with research work in spatially varying digital filters.

Dr. Ferrari's research is in the areas of signal and image processing, medical imaging systems, computer graphics and multi-media systems. His most recent research is in the area of spline computations for computer graphics and data compression, where he has produced extremely efficient computational procedures. He recently created the 2-5-2 spline, a mathematical basis function suitable for all spline applications that has superior properties and computational advantages over conventional B-splines. Dr. Ferrari and his colleagues have used the new spline algorithms and concepts in the development of low power circuits for high quality computer graphics and data compression in multimedia systems.



**Vice Admiral Mark E. Ferguson, III  
Chief of Naval Personnel,  
Deputy Chief of Naval Operations  
(Manpower, Personnel, Training & Education)**

Vice Admiral Ferguson assumed duties as the Navy's 55th Chief of Naval Personnel on April 16, 2008. Serving concurrently as the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training & Education), he is responsible for the planning and programming of all manpower, personnel, training and education resources, budgeting for Navy personnel, developing systems to manage total force manpower, personnel training and education resources, and the assignment of all Navy personnel.

Vice Admiral Ferguson's previous Flag Officer assignments include Chief of Legislative Affairs and Assistant Commander for Distribution (PERS-4) at the Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tenn.

A surface warfare officer, Vice Admiral Ferguson graduated with distinction from the United States Naval Academy with the class of 1978. Admiral Ferguson holds a master's degree in computer science from the Naval Postgraduate School. He completed a National Security Fellowship at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College.

## PLATFORM PARTY

### Front Row (left to right)

**Lieutenant Commander Tom Statler**  
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Foreign Language Center

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Sciences

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

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Processional .....Naval Postgraduate School Audio Visual**

**Grand Marshal..... Associate Professor Bill Gates**

**Faculty Marshal.....Professor Craig Rasmussen**

**Faculty Marshal.....Professor Sherif Michael**

**Military Marshal..... Lieutenant Colonel Carl Oros**

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

**\*National Anthem.....Naval Postgraduate School Audio Visual**

**\*Invocation ..... Lieutenant Commander Tom Statler**

**Introduction of Speaker..... President Daniel T. Oliver**

**Address to Graduates ..... Vice Admiral Mark E. Ferguson, III, Chief of Naval  
Personnel, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations  
(Manpower, Personnel, Training & Education)**

**Presentation of Candidates .....Provost Leonard Ferrari**

**Announcement of Degrees .....Captain K. M. Hobbs**

**\*Benediction..... Lieutenant Commander Tom Statler**

**Recessional.....Naval Postgraduate School Audio Visual**

**Notes: 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.**

**A cake cutting ceremony will be conducted at the reception 15 minutes after  
completion of graduation.**

**\*The audience will stand.**

**The audience is requested to hold their applause until the last graduate has  
crossed the stage.**

**As a courtesy, for those of you with young children, we have set up a family  
friendly room which is located in Spanagel 101A with streaming video of the  
graduation and some refreshments. The ushers in the back of the auditorium  
can give you directions to the family friendly room.**

**DECEMBER 2008  
GRADUATION AWARDS**

**Monterey Council Navy League Award for Highest Academic Achievement -  
LCDR Joseph A. Cascio, USN**

Is presented to a graduating USN, USMC, USCG, or NOAA student who has maintained an outstanding academic record as exhibited by academic achievement, thesis research, motivation, and community involvement.

**Astronaut Michael J. Smith, CAPT, USN, and Astronaut William C, McCool, CDR,  
USN Astronautics Award - LCDR Joseph A. Cascio, USN**

Is presented to an outstanding graduate of the Space Systems Engineering or Space Systems Operations curricula. The award is made on the basis of the student's academic excellence, including thesis, and career potential.

**Naval Postgraduate School Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for  
Department of Defense Student – Maj Edward Blakiston, USMC**

Is presented to a Department of Defense student who has maintained an outstanding academic record as exhibited by academic achievement, thesis research, motivation, and community involvement.

**Department of the Navy Award for Academic Excellence in Financial  
Management - Maj Edward Blakiston, USMC**

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.

**Naval Postgraduate School Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for  
International Students - CPT Lior Harari, Israeli Army**

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 -  
Capt Jeremiah Kirschman, USAF**

Is presented to a graduating student who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to service while at NPS on the basis of superior contributions to the student body, professional community, and local Monterey area.

**Marine Corps Association Superior Service Award for Outstanding U.S. Marine  
Student - Maj Bryan J. Forney, USMC**

Is presented to a USMC student who has maintained an outstanding academic record as exhibited by academic achievement, thesis research, motivation, and community involvement.

**Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Combat Systems -  
Maj Bryan J. Forney, USMC**

Is presented in recognition of distinguished scholastic achievement in Combat Systems Engineering. Selection is based on academic achievement, research excellence, and leadership potential.

**Association of the United States Army, General Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter,  
Award for Outstanding Army Student - MAJ Peter J. Twedell, USA**

Is presented to a USA student who has maintained an outstanding academic record as exhibited by academic achievement, thesis research, motivation, and community involvement.

**The Pat Tillman Leadership Award – MAJ Peter J. Twedell, USA**

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

**The Outstanding United States Air Force Graduate Award, Department of  
National Security Affairs - Maj James Hackbarth, USAF**

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

**Captain David S. Bill, Jr., Leadership Award - Maj James Hackbarth, USAF**

Is presented to acknowledge faculty or student officers who have demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities. This recognition is intended to support the school's mission of promoting combat readiness.

**The Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Business and Public Policy -  
LT Brooke Zimmerman, USN**

Is presented to a graduating student based on exceptional academic ability.

**The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition) Award for Academic  
Excellence – Capt Katrina Curtis, USAF**

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.

**CDR Philip A. Murphy-Sweet Memorial Award for Excellence in Acquisition -  
LCDR Michele LaPorte, USN**

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 Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Regional Security Studies -  
LT Jeffrey D. Betz, USN**

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, evaluated in terms of its overall scholarly achievement, or outstanding service to the Armed Forces or the Department of Defense.



**The Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Faculty Outstanding International Student Award - MAJ Boon Kwan, Singapore Navy and MAJ Irene Tan, Singapore Army**

Is presented to an outstanding international graduate based on academic achievement, thesis research, motivation, and community involvement.

**The Hans Jones Award for Excellence in Thesis Research in Special Operations and Irregular Warfare or Security, Stabilization, Transition and Reconstruction – LT Mark “Clint” Burke, USN and MAJ Eric Self, USA**

Is presented on the basis of the quality of the thesis in which its primary and substantive focus is in intelligence, irregular warfare, special operations, combating terrorism, counterinsurgency, SSTR or homeland defense.

**Naval Intelligence Foundation, Admiral B.R. Inman Award for Outstanding Performance in The Field Of Intelligence – LT Jeff Molineux, USN**

Is presented to an officer graduate in any curriculum who has advanced the awareness and knowledge of the Naval Intelligence community through the professional, academic, and community achievement.

**The Northrop Grumman Student Award for Excellence in Systems Engineering and Analysis – LT Bobby Rowden, USN**

Is presented in June and December to recognize the student(s), who in the opinion of the Systems Engineering and Analysis faculty have distinguished themselves by scholastic excellence, their contributions to the system engineering capstone project, and overall leadership.

**Meyer Award for Outstanding Student in Systems Engineering (Integrated Projects) - LT Richard Jimenez, USN and LT Julio Nilsson, USN**

Is presented to an outstanding Department of Defense graduate of the Meyer Institute's Systems Engineering (Integrated Projects) degree program that has demonstrated superior academic performance.

**The School of International Graduate Studies Outstanding International Student Award - LTJG Ioannis Kizanis, Hellenic Navy**

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

**Air Force Association Award for Outstanding U.S. Air Force Student - Capt Ryan Schiffner, USAF**

Is sponsored by the Monterey Chapter of the California Air Force Association and is presented for outstanding service based on community service, leadership, military bearing, and academic achievement.

**Meyer Award for Outstanding Student in Systems Engineering (Distance Learning) - Mr. Preston R. Graham, Ms. Bonita Rose Davia, and Mr. John Paul Schofield III**

Is presented to an outstanding Department of Defense graduate of each Distance Learning Systems Engineering degree program who has demonstrated superior academic performance.

**The Zimbaro Award for Graduates of Master in Arts National Security Studies (Homeland Defense and Security) Department of National Security Affairs - Mr. Gregg Golden**

Is presented to the Center for Homeland Defense and Security student whose performance in the Masters program best embodies the highest levels of academic achievement and outstanding leadership. Candidates for the award may be nominated, and the recipient chosen, by a CHDS faculty awards committee.

**The Curtis H. “Butch” Straub Achievement Award – Ms. Christina Bell**

Is presented to a graduating CHDS student with an exemplarily academic and citizenship record while in the CHDS Master's Degree program. The award winner will be a student who has excellent grades, who has written an outstanding thesis, and who has helped the most in providing leadership and energy for the CHDS MA program.

**The Surface Navy Association's Award for Excellence In Surface Warfare Research – LT Brandon M. Booher, USN and LT Derek S. Waisanen, USN**

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.

**Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Award - MAJ Danny Ho Kah Wei, Republic of Singapore Air Force**

Is presented for academic excellence and best demonstrated professional qualities in one of the following programs: Electronics, Intelligence, Command, Control and Communications.

**Military Operations Research Society Stephen A. Tisdale Graduate Research Award - Capt Cher Howe Ong, Singapore Army**

Is presented in recognition of outstanding achievement in graduate research directed toward improving military force utilization. The primary award criterion is research which leads to demonstration of or potential for increased operating effectiveness of currently available or near term assets.

**Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper Computer Science Award - Mr. Chaun Lian Koh, Singapore Defence Science and Technology Agency**

Is presented in recognition of excellence in Computer Science to the outstanding graduate who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, thesis quality and leadership ability.

**Commander George L. Phillips Modeling, Virtual Environments, and Simulation Award – Mr. Kim Soo Ong, Singapore Defence Science and Technology Agency**

Is presented to the outstanding graduate in MOVES who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, thesis quality and leadership ability.

**Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Award in Electronic Systems Engineering - LTJG Leonidas Drakopoulos, Hellenic Navy**

Is presented for distinguished academic achievement in the advanced Electronic Systems Engineering program.

**Naval Sea Systems Command Award in Naval/Mechanical Engineering -  
LT Jeremiah Cheatum, USN**

Is presented in recognition of distinguished academic achievement in the Naval/Mechanical Engineering Program. The criteria for the award includes demonstrated academic excellence measured by marks attained contents of thesis, and demonstrated leadership potential in Naval/Mechanical Engineering.

**The Space Systems Engineering Award for Academic Excellence -  
Capt Margaret Sullivan, USAF**

Is presented to an outstanding Space Systems Engineering student. The award is made on the basis of the student's academic excellence, including thesis, and career potential.

**Rear Admiral Thomas R. McClellan Award for Academic Excellence in the  
Graduate School of Business and Public Policy --  
LCDR James Moonier, USN**

Is presented based upon academic performance, professional commitment, and leadership potential.

**Naval Supply Systems Command Award for Academic Excellence in  
Management - LCDR Brian Johnson, USN**

Is presented to an outstanding U.S. Naval Supply Corps officer in Systems Management at the Naval Postgraduate School. The award is made on the basis of academic achievement, research excellence, and contribution to the professional and civilian community and faculty recommendations.

**Conrad Scholar Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement in Financial  
Management - LCDR Michael Borrelli, USN**

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 while attending the Naval Postgraduate School.

**The Army Acquisition Corps Award for Scholastic Achievement --  
Major Anthony Gibbs, USA**

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

**American Society of Military Comptrollers Award for Excellence in Research  
(Graduate Level) - LT Javier Figueroa, USN**

Is presented to an outstanding graduate of the Financial Management curriculum. This award is based on the student's contributions to the field of financial management through innovative research and thesis quality.

**Conrad Scholar Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement in Financial  
Management - LT Javier Figueroa, USN**

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 while attending the Naval Postgraduate School.

**The Rear Admiral Donald R. Eaton Logistics Award for Outstanding  
Achievement - MAJ Mark McGovern, USA**

Is presented to a student who has demonstrated academic, research and professional excellence in the Acquisition and Contract Management, Systems Acquisition Management, Contract Management, or Program Management Curricula.

**Faculty/Staff Awards**

**First Command Military Leadership Award --  
CAPT Kathryn M. Hobbs, USN**

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.

**The Military Officers Association of America Joint Service Warfare Award --  
Lt Col Karl D. Pfeiffer, USAF**

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

**Carl E. and Jesse W. Menneken Annual Faculty Award for Excellence in  
Scientific Research - Associate Professor Christopher M. Brophy**

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

**The Northrop Grumman Faculty Award for Excellence in Systems Engineering  
and Analysis -- Associate Professor Cliff Whitcomb**

Is presented to recognize the faculty member, who in the opinion of the students have distinguished themselves by excellence in their instruction, contributions to the system engineering capstone project, and leadership

**The Louis D. Liskin Award for Teaching Excellence in the Graduate School of  
Business and Public Policy - Associate Professor Bill Gates**

Is presented if warranted to a member of the faculty in the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy at the June and December graduations. The faculty member is selected by popular vote from resident students in any of the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy curricula.

**The Lieutenant Commander David L. Williams Outstanding Professor Award --  
Lecturer Paul Shemella**

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 Northrop Grumman Faculty Award for Excellence in Systems Engineering  
and Analysis -- Senior Lecturer Doyle C. Daughtry**

Is presented to recognize the faculty member, who in the opinion of the students have distinguished themselves by excellence in their instruction, contributions to the system engineering capstone project, and leadership.

**Meyer Award for Teaching Excellence in Systems Engineering (Distance Learning) – Professor Mark R. Stevens**

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.

**Meyer Award for Teaching Excellence in Systems Engineering (Integrated Projects) – Professor Ronald Fricker**

Is presented to an outstanding faculty member of the Meyer Institute's Systems Engineering (Integrated Project) degree program that is recognized by the students for teaching excellence and/or exceptional contributions to the students' overall learning experience.

**GRADUATES**

**Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering**

CDR Kao, Chi-Han, Taiwan Navy

**Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering**

\*Mr. Frank A. Leban, Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock Division

**Doctor of Philosophy in Software Engineering**

LT Kadir Alpaslan Demir, Turkish Navy  
Capt Albert Olumide Olagbemiro, USAFR

**Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science**

CDR Alan Bruce Shaffer, USN

**Doctor of Philosophy in Operations Research**

COL Andy Hernandez, USA

**Electrical Engineer**

LTJG Leonidas Drakopoulos, Hellenic Navy  
LTJG Georgios Tsivgoulis, Hellenic Navy

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

CPT Jason Criss Howk, USA

CPT Patrick G. Miller, USA

MAJ Hüseyin Seslikaya, Turkish Army

MAJ Timothy Stewart, USA

◆LT Charles Balka, USN

◆LT Alan Brechbill, USN

◆LT Jessica Elise Cleary, USN

◆LCDR Gregory Alan Francioch, USN

◆LCDR Jeffrey Johnson, USN

◆LT Gedion Teklegiorgis, USN

\*Capt Zdravko Belic, USAF

\*Capt Kristopher Ronald Long, USAF

1<sup>st</sup> LT Erhan Özdemir, Turkish Air Force

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

Maj Park, Kisung, Republic of Korea Army

> \*◆LT Jeffrey David Betz, USN

◆LT Megan Granger, USN

\*◆LT Thomas S. Price, USN

\*◆LT Young Hong, USN

LT Kwak, Geun Ho, Republic of Korea Navy

◆LT Donald L. Shrader, USN

\*Maj Michael Steven Bucher, USAF

\*Capt Elizabeth Megan Himber, USAF

MAJ Kim, Ju Hyun, Republic of Korea Air Force

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

- ◆LCDR Roberto J. Atha, USN
- ◆LCDR Zachary A. Beehner, USN
- ◆LT Jason R. Horning, USN

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

- CPT Kevin E. Toms, USA
- ◆LT David B. Clark, USN
- LTJG Ioannis Kizanis, Hellenic Navy
- ◆LT Derek W. Young, USN
- 1<sup>st</sup>LT Ali Güngör Işıklar, Turkish Air Force
- 1<sup>st</sup>LT Abdi Pehlivan, Turkish Air Force

**Master of Arts in Security Studies (Defense Decision-Making)**

- CPT Christopher Nunn, USA
- Maj Allison Agar, USAF
- Maj Brendan C. Bartlett, USAF
- ◆Maj Kenneth D. Bourland, USAF
- Maj Donald Raymon Brunk, USAF
- Maj Antonio Castillo, USAF
- Maj Jeffrey De Joannis, USAF
- \*◆Maj William S. Denham, USAF
- Maj Kelly S. Easler, USAF
- Maj Marc E. Galler, USAF
- Maj Timothy A. Goodroe, USAF
- Maj Gabriel James Griess, USAF
- \*Maj James Richard Hackbarth, USAF
- Maj Kelly Herd, USAF
- Maj Darin P. Humiston, USAF
- Maj Joseph David Kays, USAF
- Maj Michael Kensick, USAF
- Maj Miles Laurent Mathieu, USAF
- Maj Regan McClurkin, USAF
- Maj Brian A. McCullough, USAF
- Maj Frederick Anthony Mena, USAF
- Maj Brian M. Miller, USAF
- Maj Gregory E. Nowak, USAF
- Maj Duke Pope, USAF
- 1<sup>st</sup>LT H. Ertan Poyraz, Turkish Air Force
- Maj Terri L. Raines, USAF
- ◆Maj Richard J. Roberts, USAF
- \*Maj Brian R. Shaffer, USAF
- Maj Shane Steinke, USAF
- \*◆Maj Harmen Visser, USAF
- \*Maj Scott Andrew Weston, USAF
- Maj Timothy William Wilcox, USAF
- Maj Wayne L. Wisneski, USAF
- Maj John Allen Yocum, USAF

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

- CPT James Andrew Dahl, USA
- Maj Vida V. Beard, USAF
- Maj Joseph W. Browning, USAF
- \*➤◆Maj Jason J. Cockrum, USAF
- Maj Daniel C. Furleigh, USAF
- Maj Steven Brent Gibson, USAF
- LtCol Bryan M. Gillespie, USAF
- Maj Matthew Eugene McQuinn, USAF
- Maj Robert G. Moose, USAF
- Maj Nathan L. Owendoff, USAF
- ◆Maj Mark Reents, USAF
- Maj Martin F. Rudy, USAF
- Maj Allen Thibeaux, USAF
- ◆Maj Jacob Trigler, USAF
- Maj Tracy L. West, USAF

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

- LT Matthew Dooris, U.S. Coast Guard
- LCDR Brian Hill, U.S. Coast Guard
- Ms. Christina Bell, Executive Secretariat, CBP, DHS
- Ms. Stephanie Blum, Attorney-Advisor, TSA, DHS
- Ms. Karen Burke, Federal Security Director, TSA, DHS
- Ms. Wendy Cameron, Syndromic Surveillance, Georgia Division of Public Health
- Mr. Andrew Colsky, Director, Sensitive Security Information Office, TSA, DHS
- Assistant Chief Joseph Fernandez, City of Miami Fire Rescue
- Mr. Gregg Golden, Senior Counsel, TSA, DHS
- Ms. Bobbie Johnson, Application Support Center Manager, USCIS, DHS
- Mr. Lorenzo Jones, Emergency Management Officer, City of Scottsdale, Arizona
- Mr. Jonathan Lines, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, ICE, DHS
- Mr. Robert Mahoney, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
- Mr. Craig Mastapeter, Chief, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, DHS
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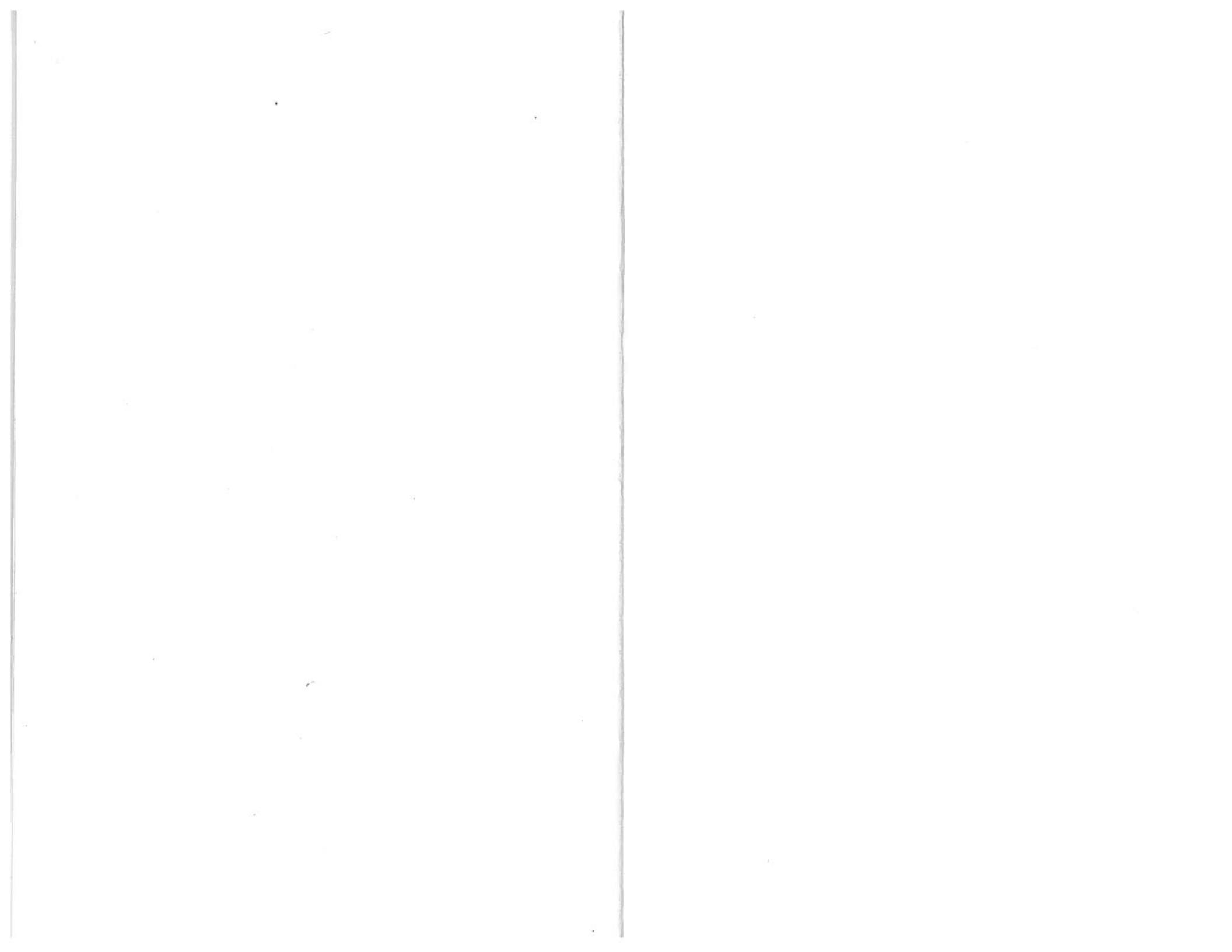
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