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Dr. Douglas A. Hensler, who began his tenure as 14th provost of the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) this week, was introduced to regional media during a press conference, June 5. Hensler joins NPS following five years as dean of the W. Frank Barton School of Business at Wichita State University, and a lengthy career in both academia and industry.

"Dr. Hensler's background and management experience will without a doubt contribute significantly to NPS' effectiveness, as together, we continue to pursue our educational mission," noted NPS Interim President Rear Adm. Jan E. Tighe. "I'm sure that Doug and Janie Hensler will find that NPS is not only a great place to work, but a great place to live."

Hensler hit the ground running with a packed schedule of meetings and briefs during his first few days on campus, but noted he has been eager to get started since accepting the position in April.

"I have been looking forward to this day for some time," Hensler said. "The Naval Postgraduate School has an outstanding academic reputation, and in combination with its mission for the Navy and Department of Defense, the university truly is a critical asset for our national security. Serving as provost for this institution is an honor for me professionally, and a wonderful opportunity for my family."

NPS' new chief academic officer highlighted several unique aspects of the institution that helped support his decision to accept the challenge.

"The work done by NPS faculty, past and present, speaks for itself," he noted. "The Naval Postgraduate School is the nation's premiere defense-focused graduate institution because of the work done by its dedicated faculty. Their commitment to the education of our nation's finest is evident in the caliber of our distinguished graduates and their outstanding contributions to our nation."

"Our students are not just beginning their careers, they are mid-career professionals whose academic work here translates into immediate gains in their respective fields, and to the advancement of our nation," he continued. "It is a profound honor to serve beside them."

As Hensler wrapped-up his comments to the gathered media, he stressed the importance of strong leadership in guiding the institution forward.

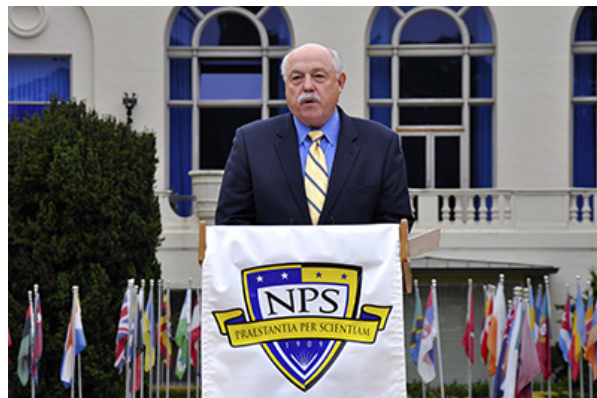
"I understand the challenges before me and recognize that there is a great team in place to help with my transition. I want to especially recognize Admiral Tighe's contributions during the short period of time she has been here, as well as that of Acting Provost Dr. Doug Moses," he said.

"Under Admiral Tighe's leadership, the way ahead for NPS looks bright," Hensler continued. "She and her team have laid a solid foundation that will no doubt ensure that NPS is postured for continued and future success."

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus selected Hensler for the position of university provost in mid-April following a diligent search and review process.

"For more than a century, the Naval Postgraduate School has provided high-quality, relevant and unique advanced education and research opportunities," Mabus noted in a statement announcing Hensler's selection. "I appreciate Admiral Tighe's leadership during this time of transition and welcome Dr. Hensler as we begin the next chapter in this storied institution's history."

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Dr. Douglas A. Hensler addresses regional media during a press conference announcing the beginning of his tenure as provost, June 5. Hensler will serve as the Naval Postgraduate School's 14th chief academic officer following a lengthy career in both academia and industry.