JAMES D. NORDHILL

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015-Present US Naval War College

Newport, RI

Professor, US Naval War College, College of Maritime Operational Warfare.

- Maritime Operational Planning Course (MOPC), Faculty 2015-Present
 - Course of Action Analysis (Wargaming) Module Lead.
 - Time Constrained Planning Module Lead.
 - Operation Assessment Area of Emphasis Lead
 - Command and Control Area of Emphasis Lead
 - Design Methodology Module Associate
 - Military Capability Sessions Administrator
- Executive Level Education, Adjunct Faculty, 2015-Present
 - Adjunct Professor, Executive Level Operational Level of War Course (ELOC), Operation Assessment Module.
 - Combined Force Maritime Component Commander Course, Operation Assessment: Pacific Fleet Sep 2023, Naval Forces Europe Nov 2023 (Remote)
 - Flag Tailored Education, Operation Assessment
- International Maritime Staff Operators Course (I MSOC), Adjunct Faculty 2017-Present
 - Operation Assessment Introduction and Practical
 - Operation Assessment Review and Assessment Plan Development
- Maritime Headquarters Staff Course, Adjunct Faculty 2022-2024
 - Movement and Maneuver (Recorded Lecture)
- Elective 664 African maritime Safety and Security, Co-Faculty, Winter 2023
 - Introduction to Maritime Related Threats and Challenges, and the Mediterranean and East Atlantic Maritime Sector
 - Strategic and Cooperative Approaches to Maritime Africa
 - Planning Maritime Stability Operations
 - Capstone Practical Table-top Exercise
- USNWC Humanitarian Response Program, Adjunct Faculty 2015 2019
 - Harvard Humanitarian Initiative Field Simulation, Design and Operation

- Assessment, 2016-1018
- Rim of the Pacific Exercise, Planning and Assessment mentor, Control Cell 2016, 2018
- USNWC Assist and Assess Team, Fleet Engagement Team Member
 - US Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT), Assessment, Faculty Development Jun 2016, C5F Reserve Detachment Training Jun 2018, Request for Assistance Jul 2019.
 - US Pacific Fleet: HRP Support to RIMPAC Jul 2016, MOC Certification Sep 2016, HRP support to RIMPAC 2018, MOC Training Team Assist Visit Jun 2021. CPF Combined Reserve Detachment Training Feb 2023, Jul 2023, Jan 2024, Oct 2024, Feb 2025.
 - US Naval Forces Europe/Africa, US Sixth Fleet. Training and Assist Visit focusing on Operation Assessment, Planning, and Senior Leader Engagement. Jan 2025
 - US Seventh Fleet: MOC Certification 2022.
 - US Naval Forces Southern Command: Remote training UNITAS Aug 2021.
 - US Fleet Cyber Command: Reserve Detachment Training Feb 2019, May 2019.
 - US Fleet Forces Command: Training and Assist Aug 2016.
 - Naval Education and Training Security Assistance Field Activity, International Anti-Terrorism/Anti-Piracy Class, Feb 2020.

2011-2014 Contractor, Network and Simulation Technologies Newport, RI Instructor, Control Cell, US Naval War College, Maritime Staff Operators Course.

Writing: Contributions to Doctrine

- NWP 5-01 Navy Planning. Lead author Chapter 7 Transition, Appendix H Operation Assessment. Co-author Appendix A Planning in a Time-constrained Environment. May 2021
- JP 5-0 Joint Planning. Contributor chapter VI Operation Assessment 2017, Dec 2020.
- JP 3-32 Joint Maritime Operations. Contributor chapter IV, Section A. Maritime Planning Process, Dec 2023.
- Air Land Sean Application Center, NTTP 5-01.3. Operation Assessment. Contributor. Feb 2020, Revision Contributor and Lead Author for Navy Assessment Practices Nov 2024 – Jun 2025.
- MOC Manual (USFF/CPF/NNE-A M3500.42). Contributor, Operation Assessment. Jan 24, Sep 24.
- Maritime Component Commander Guidebook. Lead author, Operation Assessment. Aug 2023
- Operational Planning Team Leader's Guidebook. Maritime Operational Planner's Course. Lead Author Chapter 6 COA Analysis (Wargaming). January 2025.

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Professional Affiliations and Memberships

- Military Operations Research Society
- US Naval Institute
- US Naval War College Foundation

Awards

US Naval War College Civilian Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching. Academic Year 2024.

Military Career

2011 US Naval War College Joint Military Operations Faculty

Newport, RI

2010 United States Forces Iraq, J5 Directorate

Baghdad, Iraq

Senior Planner, J5 Forward

2007-2009 Navy Operational Support Center Commanding Officer

Newport, RI

2005-2006 Helicopter Wing Reserve

North Island, CA; Balad, Iraq

HCS 5 Detachment Officer in Charge (OIC), HCS Program Manager

2003-2005 Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron THREE

North Island, CA

Executive Officer, Squadron Augment Unit OIC, SWTI

1999-2003 Helicopter Combat Support Special Squadron FIVE North Island, CA Mission Commander, SWTI, Detachment OIC, Maintenance Officer, Operations Officer.

1998-1999 USS Tarawa, LHA 1 Assistant Air Officer (Mini-Boss)

San Diego, CA

1995-1998 Training Air Wing FIVE

Milton, FL

TH57 Program Manager/Evaluator, Flight Instructor

1992-1995 Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 46

Mayport, FL

Detachment OIC, Detachment Operations Officer

1990-1991 Training Air Wing FIVE

Milton, FL

Flight Student

1989 Aviation Officer Candidate School

Pensacola, FL

Aviation Officer Candidate

EDUCATION

1989 Chapman University Orange, CA

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Naval Postgraduate School Executive Masters of Business Administration San Diego/Monterey, CA

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2007 Naval War College Master of Arts in National Security Affairs and Strategic Studies Joint Professional Military Education Phase I and II Newport, RI

SECURITY CLEARANCE

Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmentalized Information

REFERENCES

Available upon request.