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ENDOWED AND NAMED CHAIRS AND
PROFESSORS CATALOG



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FROM THE PROVOST:



Dear U.S. Naval War College Stakeholder,

For over half of the Naval War College's 140-year history, it has consistently demonstrated excellence in joint and maritime education, research, and service by highlighting its most prolific scholars with named professorships. Today, as part of this on-going and evolving tradition, I'm proud to assemble in one place, for the first time, our current list of endowed and named chairs and professors. In the pages that follow, you will learn about 36 faculty members and the figures whose names they honor. You will also read about the contributions these faculty members have made, and are making, to our Navy, Joint Force, and Nation.

We currently have four categories of endowed and named chairs and professors:

- Endowed Chairs
- Named Chairs
- Named Professors (and Scholars)
- Senior Service Representatives & Agency Representatives

What's the difference? First, the Endowed Chairs are responsible for managing a specific financial gift amount from the Naval War College Foundation. The amount gifted to the chair varies from year-to-year based on the market performance of the endowment and the needs of the College. The endowments currently range from \$30,000 to \$75,000 and are used for individual research (theirs and others), and symposia or conference sponsorship. Endowed Chairs are competitively selected internally by NWC leadership, and the gift arrangement is determined externally, by donors via the Foundation. Endowed Chairs report their work annually to the College and the Foundation. Second, a number of Named Chairs were appointed in 2017 to highlight the important work of a set of faculty members with specific areas of expertise, for example, in maritime strategy, technology, ethics, cyber, and women, peace, and security. Although they do not have a direct line to an endowment, each faculty member receives up to \$6,000 from the Naval War College Foundation, primarily to conduct advanced research in their field. Third, the largest category includes Named Professors and Scholars which were created in 2013 to link academic communities of interest with the College and to better inform curriculum development. Each Named Professor or Scholar is eligible for \$3,000 in funding each year for their own professional development. The fourth category embodies a long tradition at the War College of naming its Senior Service Advisors and Agency Representatives after important, well-known figures from their services or agencies. The Naval War College typically sets aside between \$1,500 and \$3,000 in funding each year to support the advisors and representatives in the performance of their duties.

We intend to provide a much richer history of these honorific chairs and so we can have a full appreciation of their origins, contributions, and value - not only their financial worth but also their intellectual significance in advancing the mission of the College, (hat-tip Dr. David Kohlen). In the meantime, I hope you enjoy learning about some of the Navy's most distinguished faculty members and the work they do to educate future leaders, inform today's decision-makers, and engage with Allies and partners. Please reach out to us if you would like to know more about our faculty and the work we do at the U.S. Naval War College. Thank you.

Best Regards,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read 'S. Mariano', written in a cursive style.

Stephen J. Mariano, Ph.D.

Provost

U.S. Naval War College

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ENDOWED CHAIRS

JOHN NICHOLAS BROWN, II CHAIR OF COUNTER-TERRORISM STUDIES



John Nicholas Brown II was a member of the prominent Brown family of Rhode Island who played a significant role in both the Naval War College and the U.S. government. He served as a boatswain in the U.S. Naval Volunteer Reserve Force during World War I. Following demobilization in 1919, he earned multiple degrees from Harvard University and later took over the family business, successfully navigating it through the Great Depression. Brown supported Franklin D. Roosevelt's economic reforms and maritime policies in the 1930s and advised his administration during

the early stages of World War II. He also served on the European front as part of the Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives (MFAA) task force known as the "Monuments Men," his work for which earned him the Legion of Merit (with "V") and a French Legion of Honor. Brown went on to serve in the Historical Section of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under Harry S. Truman and was appointed as Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Air), helping tackle issues inherent with establishment of the Department of Defense. Brown played a key role in establishing the Naval War College Foundation and the Brown Chair at the college.

Dr. Timothy D. Hoyt Strategy and Policy Department

Professor Timothy D. Hoyt presently serves as the Brown Chair, having served as a Professor of Strategy and Policy at the Naval War College for over twenty years. He has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Swarthmore College, double majoring in Political Science and History, with minors in religion and music. He received a Master of Arts degree in International Relations and International Economics, as well as a Ph.D. in International Relations and Strategic Studies from The Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). Hoyt is the author of *Military Industry and Regional Defense Policy: India, Iraq and Israel* (Routledge, 2006). He has also authored more than fifty book chapters, articles in refereed publications, and other works on his chosen field of research focus. Generally,

Professor Hoyt concentrates on issues concerning South Asian security, nuclear proliferation, terrorism, counterinsurgency, strategic theory, the role of middle powers in the international system, coalitions and alliances, and the emerging international security environment.



ENDOWED CHAIRS

CHARLES EDISON INFORMATIONIST CHAIR, ENDOWED BY THE DELL/EGAN MORINO CORPORATION (EMC)



Charles Edison played a crucial role in preparing the U.S. Navy for World War II during his time as Assistant Secretary and Secretary of the Navy under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. A Republican and friend of Roosevelt's, Edison was appointed Assistant Secretary in 1937 and became a key architect of the "two-ocean navy" concept with Rear Admiral Ernest J. King. He supported the expansion of the Navy's communications and intelligence divisions and the re-establishment of the Pacific and Atlantic

Fleets. Edison played an active role in shaping American naval strategy, endorsing recommendations that led to the construction of new battleships, submarines, and aircraft carriers. Edison left the Navy Department to become Governor of New Jersey but continued to advise the Roosevelt Administration on naval matters and highly classified cryptologic research programs. The Egan-Morino Corporation (EMC, now owned by Dell Corporation), seeks to provide fiscal support to projects that would afford opportunities for expanding relationships between technology and senior decision-makers.

CAPT Heath J. Brightman, USNR College of Maritime Operational Warfare

Professor Brightman, a U.S. Navy Reservist captain, has served as the EMC Informationist Chair since 2017. In his most recent active-duty assignment, from April 2023 through March 2024, CAPT Brightman deployed as Major Command Officer In Charge for U.S.-Coordinated Repatriations, Combined Joint Task Force Operation INHERENT RESOLVE (CJTf-OIR) based in Erbil, Iraq and operating forward in Northeast Syria. During his 302 days boots-on-ground, he led his team through ten successful repatriation missions comprising 418 women, children, and foreign terrorist fighters – amounting to nearly 61% of all persons repatriated from Northeast Syria since 2019. Professor Brightman earned his Ed.D. in educational administration and leadership from Seton Hall University. At the Naval War College,



Dr. Professor Brightman seeks to expand the concept of data aggregation and visualization to support senior decision makers by conducting research into effective strategies to mitigate corruption (technological and behavioral). His efforts also included supporting broader academe, international navies, and public and private sector security interests at regional and global levels, particularly those focused on visualizing corruption in the maritime environment.

ENDOWED CHAIRS

JEROME LEVY CHAIR OF ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY AND NATIONAL SECURITY



In honor of U.S. Navy Reserve Captain Jerome E. Levy, the Anna Sobol Levy Foundation endowed the Chair of Economic Geography and National Security in 2002, forming the Naval War College's first Endowed Chair. Inspired by tales of sea power, Levy volunteered for service after Pearl Harbor and served on USS *King* in the Pacific Theater. He later liaised with the Chilean Navy until his discharge in 1946. Recalled during the Korean War, Levy commanded USS *Van Valkenburg* off North Korea and later led the ship on a circumnavigation of the globe. After the war, he had a distinguished business career as president and CEO of Culver Chemical and Masury Young Companies. The Levy Chair draws on his experiences as a naval officer and businessman to

highlight the intersection of geography, economics, and national security. The Levy Chair lecture series is one of many contributions to the field and to the educational programs at the college.

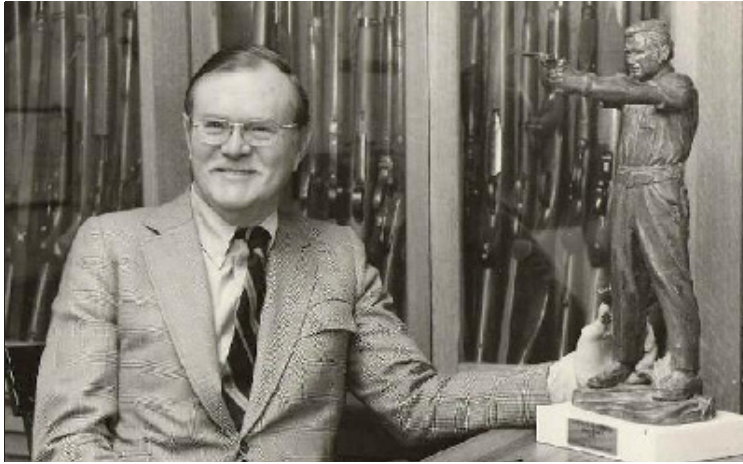
Dr. Curtis Bell International Programs

Curtis Bell has held the Captain Jerome E. Levy Chair of Economic Geography and International Security since April 2025. He also serves as Professor of Maritime Security and Governance in the U.S. Naval War College's International Programs department and Director of the Maritime Security and Governance Staff Course. Professor Bell is an expert on the political stability of developing states, having worked on five continents and published scholarly research on topics as diverse as military coups, quantitative forecasting and early warning systems, environmental security, maritime security, transnational organized crime, civil-military relations in democracies, and political instability in oil-rich states. His interdisciplinary work has been featured in several prominent national and international publications, including the New York Times, Washington Post, and The Economist. Before joining the Naval War College in 2021, Professor Bell worked in a range of roles within and beyond academia. He was as an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, teaching graduate and undergraduate level courses on war and conflict. He also founded a global maritime security research organization and consulted with intergovernmental organizations such as the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Maritime Organization. Like Captain Levy, Professor Bell is an alumnus of the University of Colorado at Boulder, having earned a doctorate in Political Science with specializations in International Relations and Comparative Politics.



ENDOWED CHAIRS

WILLIAM B. RUGER CHAIR OF NATIONAL SECURITY ECONOMICS



William B. Ruger, inspired by tales of the Wild West and aided by his intuitive prowess with precision machinery, designed his first pistol in high school and later worked on weapon designs during World War II. After the war, he struggled to fund his dream of a perfect pistol until partnering with Alexander Sturm to establish Sturm, Ruger & Company in 1949. Ruger's innovative use of casting and alloys enabled the company to produce reliable, affordable

weapons, surpassing competitors and establishing a lasting quality brand. With his financial success, Ruger was able to support various art and philanthropic endeavors and amassed a significant private sculpture and art collection inspired by his lasting interest in the American Wild West. In conjunction with funding the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Ruger sponsored various philanthropic contributions and, after the impactful 9/11 terrorist attacks, set aside funds for strategic research for the Naval War College, leading to the establishment of the Ruger Chair in 2003.

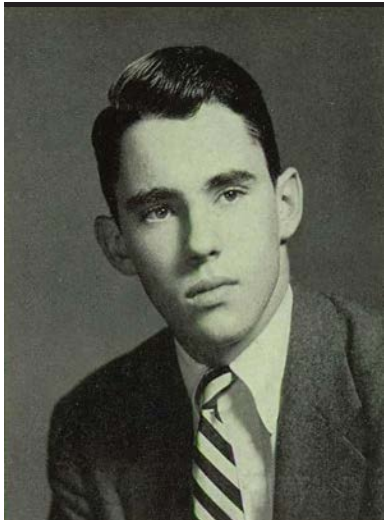
Dr. Peter Dombrowski Strategic and Operational Research Department

As the William B. Ruger Chair in the Center for Naval Warfare Studies, professor Dombrowski focuses on the intersection of theory and practice on the following themes; the defense industrial sector, military-technical innovation, economic dimensions of grand strategy, and, most generally, the political economy of security. Within these categories, Ruger funds are used to: support student research, support faculty research and teaching, put on conferences, workshops and group projects, and support Ruger Chair Research. Professor Dombrowski focuses on persistent challenges inherent with globalization, which he defines as the “flow of goods, services, funds, people, technology, and information across borders characterized by increasing volume and speed.” From his original research as the Ruger Chair, he also recognizes that there exists a “dark side to globalization, which comes from the vulnerabilities of the international system to include terrorism, proliferation, and potential use of weapons of mass destruction, transnational criminal activities, and forced migration.” Professor Dombrowski earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in government and politics from the University of Maryland.



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JOHN A. VAN BEUREN CHAIR OF ASIA-PACIFIC STUDIES



John A. “Archie” van Beuren, inspired at a young age by an interest in architecture and international affairs, studied at Yale and later earned Master’s Degrees from Columbia and the University of Pennsylvania. He entered into the U.S. Army Intelligence Corps in 1954, where he specialized in counterintelligence in an era punctuated by the “Iron Curtain” and the associated rise of the Warsaw Pact under the Soviet Union. After his military service, van Beuren embarked on a highly successful career in private equity and investment management. In 1986, van Beuren established the van Beuren Charitable Foundation with his wife Hope. The foundation supports historic preservation and strategic initiatives at the Naval War College, including the van Beuren Studies in Leadership and Ethics and the van Beuren Chair in Asia-Pacific Studies. Van Beuren’s long-standing advocacy for the Naval War College earned

him the Navy Meritorious Public Service Medal. The van Beuren Chair in Asia-Pacific Studies provides means to help continue the discussion on America’s role, policies, and future strategy in relations to the continental powers of Asia.

Dr. Andrew R. Wilson Strategy and Policy Department

Professor Andrew R. Wilson joined the faculty of the Strategy & Policy Department in 1998, and has served as the van Beuren Chair of Asia-Pacific Studies since 2017. Professor Wilson studied Chinese as an undergraduate and spent much time in China and Taiwan as a student and traveler. He earned his Ph.D. in History and East Asian Languages from Harvard University and taught at both Harvard and at Wellesley College. Professor Wilson has published on topics from the maritime transformations of China’s Ming Dynasty to the PRC’s aircraft carrier program. Professor Wilson speaks widely on topics related to Chinese history, contemporary Chinese politics, and strategic theory. He has represented the Naval War College on six continents and lectured at PME institutions in the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, and across Asia, including India, Pakistan, Malaysia, Indonesia, China, Japan, and Taiwan. A passionate advocate of engagement, he has leveraged the generous support of the van Beuren Chair to send students and faculty on trips throughout the Asia-Pacific and for nearly fifteen years led a Naval War College delegation that met with senior Chinese military officers, diplomats, and policy experts in Beijing.



ENDOWED CHAIRS

CAPTAIN THOMAS C. SASS CHAIR OF MARITIME IRREGULAR WARFARE



Captain Thomas C. Sass served as a U.S. Navy Sea-Air-Land (SEAL) special operator and personally supported the establishment of the T. C. Sass Chair in Maritime Irregular Warfare. The chair enables Operational Planning through recognition of the nexus between national policy and the strategic maneuver of forces to attain clear tactical results. The Chair's mission is to facilitate the interdisciplinary study of challenges presented by irregular warfare and disenfranchised armed organizations, terrorists, guerilla, or other types

of irregular entities on the global stage. Additionally, the T.C. Sass Chair facilitates collaboration between professional military education institutions, civilian academics, and combined and joint service operational forces. The T. C. Sass Chair was established in 2019.

Dr. Michelle Paranzino Strategy and Policy Department

Professor Michelle D. Paranzino is a historian focusing on Cold War Latin America and currently serves as the T.C. Sass Chair of Maritime Irregular Warfare. She earned a B.A. in History at the University of California at Santa Cruz and an M.A. in History at California State University Northridge, where she wrote a thesis about the war on drugs. Part of her thesis was later published as a book chapter on the evolution of the concept of “narcoterrorism.” She earned her Ph.D. in History at the University of Texas at Austin, and is one of a handful of scholars whose publications on Soviet-Latin American relations are based on Russian archival documents. Her work examines Soviet and Cuban support for armed groups in Latin America, and she has published several articles on various case studies such as the 1954 coup in Guatemala, the 1973 coup in Chile, and the 1982 Falklands/Malvinas war. She has also published a book chapter about Ernesto “Che” Guevara as a revolutionary theorist and practitioner of guerrilla warfare. She is the author of *The Cuban Missile Crisis and the Cold War: A Short History with Documents* (Hackett, 2018), and is currently writing a book about Ronald Reagan and the War on Drugs.



ENDOWED CHAIRS

LEIDOS CORPORATION CHAIR OF FUTURE WARFARE STUDIES



The Chair for Future Warfare Studies is sponsored by the Leidos Corporation, a major defense company. The Leidos Corporation's mission is to help leverage science and technology to make the world safer, healthier, and more efficient. Their work is underpinned by digital modernization, full-spectrum

cybersecurity, rapid prototyping and manufacturing, and new artificial intelligence opportunities. Amid a breadth of customers and priorities, equipping the U.S. and its allies for today's great power competition is at the forefront of the corporation's efforts. Leidos Corporation's expertise, and particularly its significant number of military veteran employees, is perfectly suited to meet the challenges of future warfare. The chair sponsors numerous reports for the Department of the Navy, Department of Defense, Naval War College Press publications, and "Lectures of Opportunity" at the Naval War College.

Dr. Sam J. Tangredi, CAPT, USN (Ret) **Strategic and Operational Research Department**

Professor Sam J. Tangredi currently serves as the Leidos Chair for Future Warfare Studies. He covers a broad range of future warfare research activities to include future naval strategy and force design. He is a strategist who looks at emerging technology and new systems and asks the hard questions that technologists don't necessarily state up front, such as: "how does this technology/system support our strategy?"; "how much does it improve current capabilities?"; "what are the life cycle and opportunity costs?"; and "what vulnerabilities does it bring?" During his active-duty naval career, professor Tangredi held command at sea and served numerous tours of duty in the Pentagon, including Head of the Strategy and Concepts Branch of the Chief of Naval Operations Staff (OPNAV). A U.S. Naval Academy and Naval Postgraduate School graduate, he earned his Ph.D. in international relations from the University of Southern California. He has published or edited seven books, the latest being *Algorithms of Armageddon: The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Future Wars*, co-authored with George Galdorisi (Naval Institute Press, 2024).



NAMED CHAIRS

REAR ADMIRAL GRACE M. HOPPER CHAIR OF CYBER SECURITY STUDIES



Grace Murray Hopper was a trailblazing figure in both the U.S. Navy and the field of computer science. She played a pivotal role in developing UNIVAC I, the first commercial electronic computer, and authored the very first computer manual. Hopper pioneered computer programming, designed the first compiler, and endearingly coined the term “computer bug” after a real moth was found in a malfunctioning machine. Beginning with her service in Women Accepted to Voluntary Emergency Service (WAVES), Hopper’s storied naval career spanned decades. After briefly retiring in 1966, she was recalled to active duty to help navalize COBOL into a high-level computer language widely used across the service. Promoted to Rear Admiral in 1985, she again retired in 1986. Extending beyond her many technical achievements, she also inspired and mentored countless individuals, and in 2016, she was

posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The RDML Grace Hopper Chair of Cyber Security was established in 2018.

Dr. Chris C. Demchak, LTC, USA (Ret) Strategic and Operational Research Department

Professor Chris C. Demchak serves as the Grace Hopper Chair of Cyber Security in recognition of her prior and continuing research, teaching, organizing, and outreach contributions in the area of cyber security, emerging technologies, and strategic operational studies. She has masters degrees in engineering and economics, and a Ph.D. focused on comparative complex systems (political science) from the University of California, Berkeley. For the Hopper Chair, Professor Demchak’s body of work includes over fifty publications including two edited special editions of journals and a forthcoming edited volume on navies and cyber warfare. She averages 14 speaking attendances a year at conferences, hosts a strategic cyber conference on average every 1.5 years, and teaches a cyber elective that spans from the basics of the internet through artificial intelligence (AI) and cybered conflict. She is currently focused on the implications of cyber’s offspring in AI and other advanced technologies for the U.S. Navy and the Nation. Professor Demchak credits the Hopper Chair in all of her efforts and continues to impact the fields of national security and cyberspace, drawing inspiration from Grace Hopper’s legacy.



NAMED CHAIRS

AMBASSADOR SWANEE HUNT CHAIR OF WOMEN PEACE AND SECURITY (WPS) STUDIES



Ambassador Swanee Hunt, a champion for women's rights and global peace, has made significant contributions to international relations. Her efforts earned her several honorary degrees and awards, including induction into the National Women's Hall of Fame. As U.S. Ambassador to Austria during the Balkan wars, she played a crucial role in negotiating peace and advocating for women's involvement in peace processes. Her work in founding the Women and Public Policy Program at Harvard and Inclusive Security highlights her commitment to empowering women and their role in peacebuilding. Her research and writings, including the books *This Was Not Our War* and *Rwandan Women Rising*, shed light on women's experiences in conflict and their potential as agents of change. The naming of the Women, Peace, and Security Chair at the Naval War College in her honor reflects the institution's commitment to exploring the intersection of gender, security, and international relations.

Dr. Saira Yamin

Women, Peace, and Security Department

Professor Saira Yamin serves as the Ambassador Swanee Hunt Women, Peace, and Security Chair. She earned her M.Sc. and Ph.D. in conflict analysis and resolution from the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University, Virginia. She joined the Naval War College in 2022 to lead WPS mainstreaming efforts through education, research, and outreach. WPS priorities are highlighted in Naval War College's Strategic Plan 2022-2027 in alignment with the U.S. Government and DoD policy framework. Professor Yamin organizes an annual Symposium attended by students, faculty, and representatives from WPS communities of interest and U.S. partner nations. She serves on the Editorial Boards of the *Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs*, and the *Journal of International Peace and Stability*, National University of Sciences and Technology, Islamabad. Her research on issues related to international peace and conflict, global governance, democratic transitions, and gendered security is widely published. She is the editor of a forthcoming volume titled *Women, Peace, and Security: Rethinking Global Security in a Changing World* (Naval War College Press, 2024) and the author of a book titled *Stability Through Economic Cooperation in a Nuclear Environment* (2005, Manohar, New Delhi).



NAMED CHAIRS

CHAIR OF WOMEN OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND DIPLOMACY



The U.S. Foreign Service, a part of the U.S. State Department, is the lead U.S. foreign affairs agency. The objectives of the U.S. Foreign Service are to build alliances, counter adversaries, promote democracy, solve global challenges, promote peace, support prosperity, and protect American citizens while advancing the interests of the United States abroad. In recognition of the important role these objectives play in concert with the objectives of the U.S. military, and to honor the service of the

many distinguished female career Foreign Service Officers, the Naval War College established the Chair for Women in National Security and Diplomacy in 2017. The Naval War College explores Diplomacy in Maritime Environments (DIME) as part of the Theater Security Decision Making and National Security Decision Making courses, and there is a rich history of Foreign Service Officers teaching at the college.

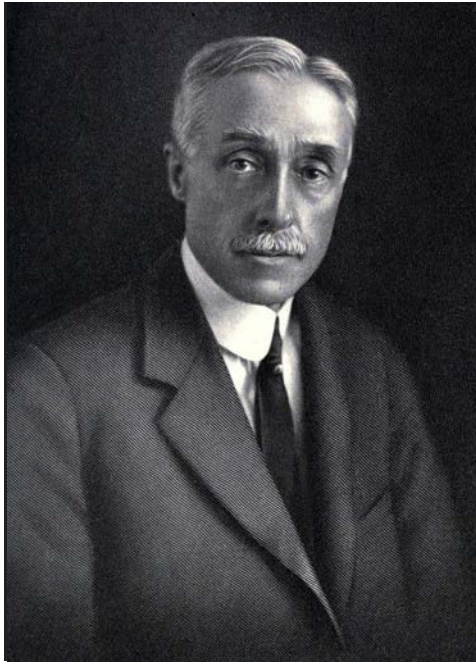
Dr. Mary Thompson-Jones National Security Affairs Department

Professor Mary Thompson-Jones currently serves as the Women in National Security and Diplomacy Chair. Professor Thompson-Jones retired from the U.S. Foreign Service with the rank of Minister-Counselor. She earned her Ed.D. in higher education management from the University of Pennsylvania. As a sub course director at the Naval War College, she led eighteen faculty members in teaching and curriculum development for a core course, for which she was honored with a Meritorious Civilian Service medal in 2023. Her teaching activities include designing the elective, “Imagining the Arctic,” a class she has taught for three years. She has spoken at the World Affairs Council in Central Illinois, Rhode Island Army National Guard, Naval War College Foundation, Pritzker Military Museum, the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Occidental College, Clark University, at the first Ted Stevens North American Arctic Security Workshop Series in Nuuk, Greenland, Charles University, Prague, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, and at Newport Arctic Scholars events in Newport, Bergen, and Copenhagen. She authored numerous publications including *To the Secretary, America’s Foreign Policy Disconnect* (Norton, 2016) and *America in the Arctic: Foreign Policy in a Melting Domain* (Columbia University Press) 2025.



NAMED CHAIRS

ELMER A. SPERRY CHAIR OF UNMANNED AND ROBOTIC SYSTEMS



The Chair of Unmanned and Robotic Systems is named in recognition of Elmer A. Sperry's contributions to the U.S. Navy in engineering and scientific development prior to and during World War II. Often hailed as the "father of modern navigation technology," Sperry developed the gyrocompass and many other inventions that revolutionized maritime navigation. His innovations encompassed a wide range of technologies that transformed warfare and transportation. His work with torpedo guidance, ship stabilization, and aircraft automation significantly enhanced the capabilities of the U.S. Navy, proving particularly impactful during World Wars I and II. By the time of his death in 1930, Sperry held more than 400 patents. The Elmer A. Sperry Chair of Unmanned and Robotic Systems at the Naval War College recognizes the enduring impact of Sperry's inventions on naval operations and underscores the importance of technological innovation in maintaining naval superiority.

John E. Jackson, CAPT, USN (Ret) College of Distance Education

Professor John E. Jackson currently serves as the Elmer A. Sperry Chair. He teaches in the area of national security affairs as a professor within the Naval War College's College of Distance Education, and he also serves as Program Manager for the Chief of Naval Operations Professional Reading Program. He co-moderated one of the College's most popular elective courses entitled "Unmanned Systems and Conflict in the 21st Century." In March 2010, he was called to testify before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on National Security regarding this course and the attitude of military officers toward evolving technology. He retired from active duty in the U.S. Navy at the rank of captain after 27 years of service in the logistics and graduate education fields. In December 2018, his book *One Nation, Under Drones* was published by the U.S. Naval Institute. His lecture repertoire is expansive, and in November 2019, he was the only American to participate as a discussant at an international conference entitled "The Ethics and Law of Artificial Intelligence" sponsored by the Leonardo Foundation in Rome, Italy.



NAMED CHAIRS

VICE ADMIRAL JAMES B. STOCKDALE CHAIR OF PROFESSIONAL MILITARY ETHICS



James Bond Stockdale left an enduring legacy in the U.S. Navy and the nation as a true American hero. As a prisoner of war in Vietnam, Stockdale's unwavering commitment to his fellow prisoners and his refusal to compromise his principles showcased his resilience, leadership, and moral courage. He was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1976, and his example served as the basis for future military training. Known as an exceptional military thinker, Stockdale served as a special advisor to President Ronald Reagan and his remarkable career greatly influenced the future of American sea power. James Stockdale collaborated with his wife, Sibyl, to write, *In Love and War: The Story of a Family's Ordeal and Sacrifice During the Vietnam War* (Harper and Row, 1984). Their work remains among the most remarkable histories of naval family experiences. Since its creation in 2003, the

VADM James B. Stockdale Chair in Professional Military Ethics at the Naval War College honors his contributions and provides a platform for exploring the ethical dimensions of military leadership and decision making.

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NAMED CHAIRS

REAR ADMIRAL JOSEPH C. WYLIE CHAIR OF MARITIME STRATEGY



The J. C. Wylie Chair of Maritime Strategy was established in 2018. The Chair honors the legacy of Rear Admiral Joseph C. “Bill” Wylie. Admiral Wylie earned a Silver Star for gallantry at the naval battle of Guadalcanal. Later, he designed and wrote the doctrine for the U.S. Navy surface fleet’s first Combat Information Centers. He is best known as the author of the seminal treatise on strategic theory, *Military Strategy: A General Theory of Power Control*—a work that remains assigned reading at Naval War College to this day. He graduated from the Naval War College, returned to the faculty to oversee the predecessor to today’s Advanced Strategy Program, served as Naval War College Chief of Staff, and commanded Naval Station Newport and the First Naval District in Boston. Wylie is interred at Trinity Cemetery in Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

Dr. James Holmes Strategy and Policy Department

Professor James R. Holmes currently serves as the Joseph C. Wylie Chair. He was the top graduate in his class at the Naval War College, earning the Naval War College Foundation Award. He was designated the A. Eiken Hohenberg Scholar at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, where he earned his Ph.D. There, he specialized in international security studies, public international law, international negotiations and mediation, and U.S. diplomatic history. He is the author of hundreds of published works, most notably *Red Star over the Pacific* and *A Brief Guide to Maritime Strategy*, both of which have been featured on the Chief of Naval Operations Professional Reading List. A former U.S. Navy surface warfare officer, he served as an engineering and weapons officer on board the battleship USS *Wisconsin* and subsequently directed a course on damage control and auxiliary engineering systems at the Surface Warfare Officers Command, Newport. He was the last gunnery officer to fire a battleship’s big guns in anger.



NAMED PROFESSORS

MAJOR GENERAL CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT PROFESSOR OF AIR POWER THEORY



The Claire Lee Chennault Professor of Air Power Theory is named in honor of the American military aviator best known for his leadership of the “Flying Tigers” in China during World War II. Among the early innovators of aviation, Chennault earned his reputation as an original thinker during service as an instructor at the U.S. Army Air Corps Tactical School during the 1930s, where he advocated tactical air power and the utility of pursuit aircraft. Chennault won the respect of many American naval officers for advocating a unified concept of strategy by articulating the differences between the functions of tactical air forces ashore and those operating primarily at sea. His significant role in supporting operations at sea and ashore

remains a model by which contemporary leaders may frame future strategy on the global stage of the twenty-first century.

Dr. Phil M. Haun, Col., USAF (Ret) Strategic and Operational Research Department

Professor Phil Haun serves as the current Claire Lee Chennault Professor. He is a retired A-10 “Warthog” pilot, who earned distinction as the U.S. Air Force’s outstanding tactician for combat action over Kosovo in 1999. He is a graduate of the USAF Weapons School and the School of Advanced Air and Space Power Studies. Col Haun served for five years as the senior air force advisor to the President of the Naval War College where he held the named professorship in air power studies. He later served as the Professor of Aerospace Studies at Yale University before retiring and returning to the Naval War College, where he served as the Dean of Academics from 2016 to 2023. In the 2023 to 2024 academic year, he served as a visiting scholar at the Dickey Center for International Understanding at Dartmouth College and as a visiting professor at MIT’s Security Studies Program. Currently Haun is a professor in the Strategic & Operational Research Department and inaugural director of the NWC Deterrence Studies Institute. Professor Haun earned his Ph.D. in international relations from MIT. His research and educational interests include air power, deterrence, and coercion. He created and taught two Naval War College elective courses on the foundations of air power and modern air power theory and a graduate course at MIT on Coercion & Deterrence. His books related to air power include *A-10s Over Kosovo* (Air University Press, 2003), *Lectures of the Air Corps Tactical School* and *American Strategic Bombing in World War II* (Kentucky, 2019), *Air Power in the Age of Primacy: Air Warfare Since the Cold War* (Cambridge, 2021), and *Tactical Air Power and the Vietnam War: Explaining Effectiveness in Modern Air Warfare* (Cambridge, 2024).



NAMED PROFESSORS

ADMIRAL WILLIAM J. CROWE, JR. PROFESSOR OF NATIONAL SECURITY

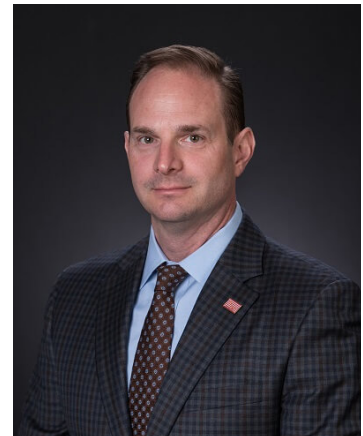


The National Security Professorship is named in honor of the former Admiral William J. Crowe, Jr., who served as Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command (CINPAC), Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS), and U.S. Ambassador to the Court of St. James in London. Capitalizing on his robust education and fleet experience, Admiral Crowe built strong diplomatic bridges between U.S. allies and its adversaries. Notably, Admiral Crowe established a relationship with his Soviet counterpart that led to an agreement to prevent accidental armed conflict between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. Following his successful military career, Admiral Crowe capitalized on his personal relationships and expertise in his role of Ambassador, helping to define the course for multinational alliances into the twenty-first century. The named professorship recognizes Admiral Crowe's commitment to improving military-to-military relations and the essential

nature of U.S. national security that relies on allies and partners.

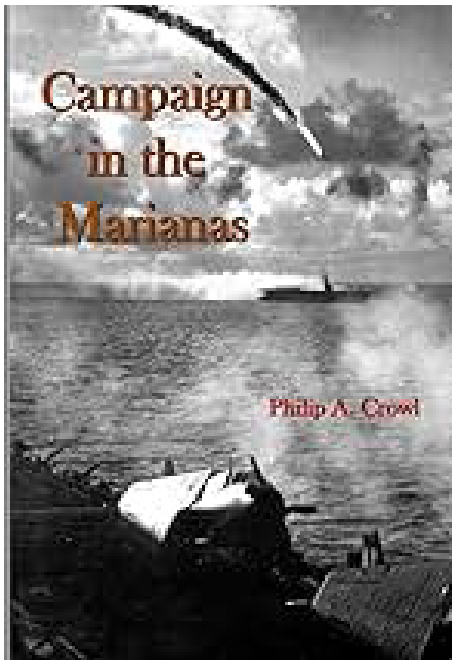
Dr. Derek S. Reveron, CAPT, USN (Ret) National Security Affairs Department

Dr. Derek Reveron is a retired Navy Captain, who brings 33 years of active and reserve military service experience to the Crowe Professorship. In the Navy, Dr. Reveron served four tours as a commanding officer leading analytic units in support of operations in the Middle East, Europe, Asia, and Latin America, crisis management in the Pentagon's National Military Command Center, and as a special advisor in Afghanistan. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Reveron came to the Naval War College in 2004 as a professor of national security affairs and has served as Department Chair since 2018. He oversees all aspects of teaching international security, regional studies, and foreign policy analysis. Dr. Reveron's area of academic expertise is strategy development, security cooperation, and cybersecurity. His published works include the edited *America's Viceroys: The Military and U.S. Foreign Policy*, *Exporting Security: International Engagement, Security Cooperation, and the Changing Face of the U.S. Military*, and the co-authored *U.S. Foreign Policy and Defense Strategy: The Evolution of an Incidental Superpower*. He also served on the Rhode Island Cybersecurity Commission, produced several technology and policy reports in support of G7 summits that addressed cybersecurity, and published three books on cyberspace and national security.



NAMED PROFESSORS

PHILIP A. CROWL PROFESSOR OF COMPARATIVE STRATEGY



excel in the study of comparative strategy.

The Philip A. Crowl Professorship in Comparative Strategy is named in honor of the first chairman of the Strategy and Policy Department. Crowl served as a U.S. naval officer in World War II, seeing action at Leyte Gulf and Okinawa. Having joined the reserve force after the war, he led a distinguished career as a historian and academic. As a historian for the U.S. Army, Crowl contributed to several volumes of its official history of the Pacific War. In addition, he published widely on topics of military history and strategy including the chapter on Alfred T. Mahan in the 1986 edition of *The Makers of Modern Strategy*. Actively recruited to the Naval War College for his exceptional historical and leadership expertise, Crowl joined in 1972 and immediately assumed the Chair of the Department of Strategy. The wisdom of his vision and the strength of his leadership set a powerful foundation for the Strategy and Policy Department. Today, nearly a half a century after Crowl served as Chairman, the department continues to

Dr. Kevin D. McCranie Strategy and Policy Department

Professor Kevin D. McCranie assumed the Philip A. Crowl Professorship in Comparative Strategy in 2018. Professor McCranie first taught for the College of Distance Education, joining the resident faculty in 2007 where he taught in the Strategy and Policy Department and later served as Chair of the Department from 2020 to 2022. He earned his Ph.D. in history from Florida State University. Professor McCranie has published widely on the Wars of the French Revolution and Napoleon, including his first book: *Admiral Lord Keith and the Naval War against Napoleon* (2006). His recent publications more specifically focused on comparative strategic theory including his latest book, *Mahan, Corbett, and the Foundations of Naval Strategic Thought* (2022). That volume serves as a theoretical comparative biography of Alfred T. Mahan and Julian S. Corbett. Professor McCranie consistently incorporates his research on naval strategy and warfare into the curriculum discussing the importance of controlling the maritime commons and how navies contribute to the attainment of political objectives.



NAMED PROFESSORS

VICE ADMIRAL ROBERT S. HARWARD PROFESSOR OF NAVAL SPECIAL OPERATIONS



The Harward Professorship of Special Operations was first established in 1995, although it was originally named in honor of Major General William J. Donovan, U.S. Army. Donovan served in both World Wars and was a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Donovan distinguished himself as the head of the Office of Strategic Services, the precursor to the Central Intelligence Agency. In 2013, the Naval Special Operations Professorship was renamed in honor of Vice Admiral Robert S. Harward. Harward, a career Naval Special Warfare Officer, served from 1975 to 2013, and saw numerous combat deployments that supported operations from the Gulf War through both Iraq and Afghanistan. The Professor of Naval Special Operations teaches the annual SOF Elective (EL-507B), and additionally, serves as the senior SOF advisor to the Naval War College faculty and staff.

CAPT John Porado, USN Joint Military Operations Department

CAPT John Porado assumed the Harward Professorship in 2022. He is a career Naval Special Warfare Officer, receiving his Naval Commission upon graduation from Fordham University. Throughout his career, CAPT Porado held command positions across the Naval Special Warfare community to include Command of SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team ONE. Prior to joining the Naval War College, CAPT Porado served on the Joint Staff as the Middle East Division Chief for the Special Operations and Counter Terrorism Directorate, J37. As the Harward Professor, CAPT Porado is responsible for the development of special operations curricula, and to teach core and special operations related course material; this is done through the yearly execution of the Naval War College SOF Elective that encompasses engagements across the Special Operations Command, the Joint Staff, the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, and with representatives and members of both the HASC and SASC. CAPT Porado also serves as a liaison between the President of the Naval War College and USSOCOM (and subordinate commands).



NAMED PROFESSORS

ERNEST J. KING PROFESSOR OF MARITIME HISTORY



The Ernest J. King Professorship is named in honor of one of the most storied admirals in U.S. naval history. Admiral King, one of only four U.S. Navy fleet admirals, played an integral role in leading the navy during World War II. The King professorship in Maritime History was established as the first in a series of similar positions at the Naval War College after the funding arrived through the publication of *Fleet Admiral King: A Naval Record*. This named professorship enabled the President of the Naval War College to augment the capabilities of the college with temporary appointments for subject matter experts in specific areas of technical and academic focus. In 1952, reserve Lieutenant Commander John H. Kemble, Ph.D. reported as the first formally designated King Professor. As the first named professorship of the Naval War College, the King Professorship remains among the most prestigious such positions to this day.

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NAMED PROFESSORS

TRACY BARRETT KITTREDGE SCHOLAR OF WAR STUDIES AND MARITIME HISTORY



Tracy Barrett Kittredge commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps, University of California, in 1912 and served on the staff of the U.S. naval commander in Europe in both World Wars. Throughout the interwar years, Captain Kittredge belonged to a large number of charitable international organizations. He served as Director, and later Secretary General, of the League of Red Cross Societies in Paris and as a member of the League of Nations International Labor Organization Commission. Captain Kittredge joined the staff of Admiral Harold R. Stark in London in 1942 and following the war, served as a senior member of the historical section of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He was the author of *Certain Naval Lessons of the Great War* and *U.S. British Naval Cooperation, 1900-1945*. He retired from naval service in 1955. Captain Kittredge's awards include the Victory Medal for overseas service, a Bronze Star, a Letter of Commendation from the Secretary of the Navy, the French Recognition Medal, the Belgian Order of the Crown, and the

Polish Order of Polonia Restituta.

Dr. David Kohnen

John B. Hattendorf Center for Maritime Historical Research

Professor Kohnen serves as the Captain Tracy Barrett Kittredge Professor of War Studies and Maritime History. He earned his Ph.D. with the Laughton Professor of Naval History in the War Studies Department at the University of London, King's College London. He subsequently served as the founding director of the John B. Hattendorf Center for Maritime Historical Research and as executive director of the Naval War College Museum. In his published works, Kohnen focuses upon the history of the British Empire and its influence upon American sea power. His publications include *King's Navy: Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King and the Rise of American Sea Power, 1897-1947* (Atglen, Pennsylvania: Schiffer Publishing, 2024.)



NAMED PROFESSORS

VICE ADMIRAL EMORY S. LAND PROFESSOR OF LOGISTICS AND SUSTAINMENT / MARITIME ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVE



Admiral Emory S. Land graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1902 and went on to become a pivotal figure in many technological developments of the U.S. Navy. In particular, he played a crucial role in the transition from coal fired to oil fueled ships. Often joining forces with fellow admirals William D. Leahy and Ernest J. King to advance the future design of the future two-ocean navy, Land ultimately chose to retire in order to accept a civil service appointment as the Chair of the Merchant Marine Commission in 1937. His efforts to construct fleet type submarines and aircraft carriers during the 1930s and his development of the “Fleet Train” concept for logistical sustainment shaped the fleet’s capabilities pre-World War II. Called back to active service, he oversaw the construction of nearly 7,000 warships between 1941 and 1945, and his leadership was

instrumental in ensuring Allied victory. His memoir, *Winning the War with Ships*, provides valuable insights into the wartime shipbuilding effort and his leadership style. His innovative spirit and dedication to service continue to inspire naval officers and historians alike.

Susan L. Dunlap, RDML, USMS (Ret) Joint Military Operations Department

Rear Admiral Susan Dunlap, USMS (Ret.), joined the Naval War College in 2023, after more than ten years as the Deputy Superintendent of the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA). She served for nearly 28 years in the United States Navy, serving first in the Combat Logistics Force before switching to amphibious ships after the Combat Exclusion Law was rescinded in 1996. In her final tour in the Navy, she ran the renowned Africa Partnership Station program, working with joint, interagency, and multinational partners to improve the capabilities of African navies. She is a graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College, earning master’s degrees from both institutions. She served as the Merchant Marine Academy’s acting Superintendent on numerous occasions, including a six-month stint while waiting for the Maritime Administration (MARAD) to hire and onboard a new Superintendent. While working at the Merchant Marine Academy, she oversaw multiple programs and projects including renovations of 1943-era buildings and campus security upgrades. Rear Admiral Dunlap currently serves as the MARAD Emory S. Land Chair of Merchant Marine Affairs in the Joint Military Operations Department.



NAMED PROFESSORS

COLONEL HOWARD S. LEVIE PROFESSOR OF OPERATIONAL LAW



The Howard S. Levie Professor of Operational Law is named for Colonel Howard S. Levie, who served as a U.S. Army judge advocate during World War II and the Korean War. He provided legal reviews of Japanese war crimes trials and was the principal draftsman for the Korean War Armistice. After retiring from the U.S. Army in 1963, Professor Levie joined the faculty at Saint Louis University School of Law where he went on to become one of the world's leading scholars on international law and the law of armed conflict, publishing

some 20 books and over 80 articles. Among the books he authored are *Prisoners of War in International Armed Conflict*, *The Code of International Armed Conflict*, and *Terrorism in War: The Law of War Crimes*. He also served for many years as an adjunct professor at the Naval War College, as well as the Charles H. Stockton Professor of International Law. In 1994, the establishment of the Levie Professorship acknowledged his enormous contribution to the college.

Professor Raul Pedrozo CAPT, JAGC, USN (Ret) Stockton Center for International Law

Professor Pedrozo serves as the current Levie Professor. Professor Pedrozo retired from the Navy after 34 years, after which he joined the Naval War College and served as a professor of international law from 2009 to 2014. He left the college to serve as the Deputy General Counsel at the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency from 2014 to 2018 and then Principal Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command from 2018 to 2020. In August 2020, Professor Pedrozo returned to the Naval War College and assumed his current position as the Howard S. Levie Professor of Operational Law. Professor Pedrozo specializes in the law of naval warfare, international maritime law, law of armed conflict, emerging and disruptive technologies, US-China relations, law of the sea, operational law, marine environmental law, counter-terrorism operations, arms control, fisheries law, and territorial disputes. He is the author of six books, ten book chapters, six edited volumes of International Law Studies, and over 90 scholarly articles.



NAMED PROFESSORS

REAR ADMIRAL STEPHEN B. LUCE PROFESSOR OF NAVAL STRATEGY

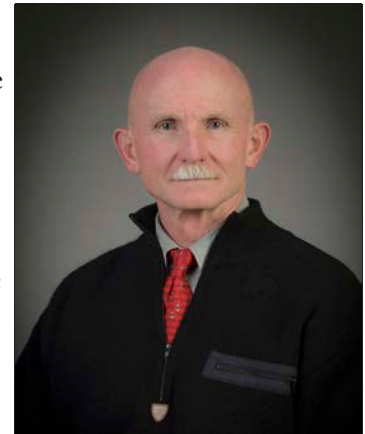


The Stephen Bleecker Luce Professor of Naval Strategy was established in 2013. After a laudable naval career during the Civil War, Luce came to believe that historical regularities and principles of strategy in naval warfare could be studied, distilled, and taught to naval officers, enabling them to become more effective professionals. Through his vision and perseverance against considerable opposition within the U.S. Navy, the Naval War College was established at Newport, Rhode Island in 1884, and Luce became its first president. Although Luce himself was not an important scholar and writer, establishing the college created a welcoming place where others could come together to study and teach naval warfare. One of Luce's first acts as president was to bring Alfred Thayer Mahan to the college as faculty to lecture on naval strategy. Mahan's lectures were subsequently published as a series of widely hailed books addressing the influence of sea power upon history, which made

Mahan the leading naval strategist of the time and influential in naval thinking to the present date.

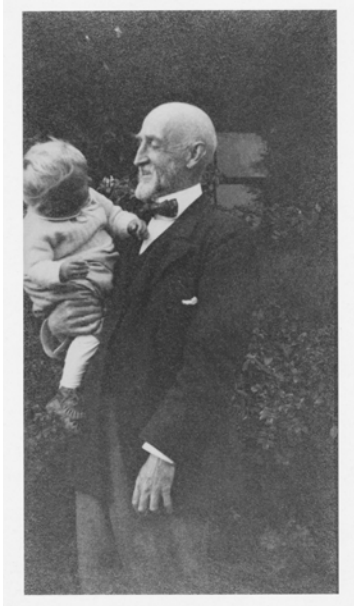
Dr. Donald Chisholm Joint Military Operations Department

Professor Donald Chisholm earned his A.B., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees in political science at the University of California. Prior to joining the faculty of the Joint Military Operations Department (JMO) in 2000, he taught at several public research universities. While in JMO, he created lectures on "The Naval Way of War," "Failed States," "The Range of Military Operations," "The Strategic Background of the Battle of Leyte Gulf," "Problem Solving and Military Decision Making," and "The Strategic Background of the Philippines Campaign." He was responsible for that portion of the JMO curriculum addressing Contemporary Operations and Environments. He is presently developing a case study for JMO at the theater strategic level to support study of operational art. His research addresses informal organization, error and reliability in organizations, institutional development, the U.S. Navy's officer personnel system, Korean War amphibious operations, war planning, insurgency, and irregular warfare. His current research considers the successful campaign to destroy Japanese transportation during the Pacific War and its strategic consequences for the outcome of that war.



NAMED PROFESSORS

CAPTAIN ALFRED THAYER MAHAN PROFESSOR OF SEA POWER AND GRAND STRATEGY



Named in honor of the second President of the Naval War College, the Alfred Thayer Mahan Professor of Sea Power and Grand Strategy acknowledges one of the most distinguished U.S. naval careers. Mahan graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and served in the Navy during the Civil War. Brought to the Naval War College by its founder Stephen B. Luce, Mahan served as a professor of grand strategy and sea power. Mahan is most famous for his book *The Influence of Sea Power Upon History*, which began as his student lectures at the college. Published in 1890, his work examined the contest among the great warring states of Europe for naval mastery of the international system during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Mahan's history became an instant classic and garnered him celebrity status as the world's leading authority on warfare at sea and naval strategy. A prolific author, Mahan published twenty books and 137 articles over his lifetime. Mahan would serve as President of the American Historical Association, and he received honorary degrees from the universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, Yale, and Columbia.

Dr. John Maurer Strategy and Policy Department

Professor John H. Maurer is a Distinguished University Professor and currently serves as the Alfred Thayer Mahan Professor of Sea Power and Grand Strategy. He is a graduate of Yale College and earned a M.A.L.D. and Ph.D. in international relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He is the author or editor of books examining the outbreak of the First World War, military interventions in the developing world, naval competitions, arms control between the two world wars, a study on Winston Churchill and British grand strategy, and the great-power contest in Asia and the Pacific that led to Pearl Harbor. He is the author of the chapter "Alfred Thayer Mahan and Strategies of Sea Power" in *The New Makers of Modern Strategy*. He served on the Secretary of the Navy John Lehman's special advisory committee on naval history. In recognition of his contribution to professional military education, he received the U.S. Navy's Meritorious Civilian Service Award and Superior Civilian Service Award.



NAMED PROFESSORS

GENERAL WILLIAM E. ODOM PROFESSOR OF RUSSIAN STUDIES



The William E. Odom Professorship in Russian Studies is named in honor of LTG William E. Odom. Commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army on graduation from West Point in 1954, he served until 1988, ending his career as Director of the National Security Agency. Exemplifying the idea of a practitioner-scholar, Odom earned a Ph.D. in Soviet politics at Columbia, served on the faculty at West Point, and after retirement, taught at Yale University. He was the author of a large number of important works, most notably the prize-winning *The Collapse of the Soviet Military* (1988). The William E. Odom Professorship in Russian Studies honors his legacy by fostering research and teaching on Russian affairs at the Naval War College. By examining the historical, political, and military dimensions of Russia's role in global affairs, the professorship contributes

to a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities posed by Russia in the 21st century.

Dr. David Stone Strategy and Policy Department

Professor David R. Stone, who was a student of Odom's at Yale, currently serves as the Odom Professor at the Naval War College. Stone joined the Strategy and Policy Department in 2015 and served as department chair from 2018 to 2020 and again from 2022 to 2023. He received his Ph.D. in Russian history from Yale University in 1997. Specializing in Russian and Soviet military history, he published several books and dozens of articles and chapters on Russian foreign and defense policy. He presented his work to the broader public in two video lectures series for the Great Courses. His current research projects include a strategic history of the Russo-Japanese War as well as a study of the role of Russian revolutionary Leon Trotsky in the creation and growth of the Soviet military. Professor Stone assists the college's Russian Maritime Studies Institute in its research, outreach, and briefings to flag officers. He speaks to numerous professional audiences in the Department of Defense and broader policy communities in contemporary Russia.



NAMED PROFESSORS

SECRETARY COLIN POWELL PROFESSOR OF JOINT MILITARY OPERATIONS (JMO)



The Joint Military Operations Professorship at the Naval War College honors the career army officer Colin L. Powell and plays a crucial role in advancing Joint Professional Military Education (JPME). General Powell's distinguished career spanned from 1958 to 1993, encompassing combat deployments that supported operations from Vietnam through the Gulf War. His exemplary service was marked by his leadership in various military and diplomatic roles, each underscoring the importance of joint operations and strategic thinking. Upon retirement, General Powell served as the U.S. Secretary of State from 2001 to 2005. His emphasis on effective communication, coordination, and cooperation among the services had a lasting impact on U.S. military strategy. By fostering collaboration and understanding between the different services, the Powell JMO Professorship

helps to ensure the U.S. military is well-prepared to address complex challenges in a joint operational environment. Recognizing Powell's lifetime of service in civil-military affairs, the Powell Professor of Joint Military Operations was established in 2018.

CAPT John Porado, USN Joint Military Operations Department

CAPT John Porado assumed the Powell Joint Military Operations Professorship in 2022. CAPT Porado is a career Naval Special Warfare (NSW) Officer, receiving his Naval Commission upon graduation from Fordham University. He earned his M.A. at the Naval War College. Throughout his career, CAPT Porado held command positions across the NSW community to include Command of SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team ONE. Prior to joining the Naval War College, CAPT Porado served on the Joint Staff as the Middle East Division Chief for the Special Operations and Counter Terrorism Directorate, J37. As the Powell Professor, CAPT Porado is responsible for the coordination and delivery of the Joint Warfare curriculum into the Naval War College program. In this capacity, CAPT Porado serves as a direct liaison and representative of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, maintaining all joint issues and doctrine affecting the combatant commands, while supporting the college efforts to keep faculty and students apprised of matters pertaining to the development and execution of joint initiatives at the Joint Staff.



NAMED PROFESSORS

WILLIAM LEDYARD RODGERS PROFESSOR OF NAVAL HISTORY



The William Ledyard Rodgers Professor of Naval History is named in honor of the thirteenth President of the Naval War College. Vice Admiral William Ledyard Rodgers led the College from 1911 through 1913. During his tenure, the College issued its first diplomas. Following a distinguished naval career, Admiral Rodgers became known as a military and naval historian. His most famous works are two volumes on naval history from antiquity through the Renaissance: *Greek and Roman Naval Warfare: A Study of Strategy, Tactics, and Ship Design from Salamis (480 B.C.) to Actium (31 B.C.)* published in 1937 and *Naval Warfare Under Oars, 4th to 16th Centuries: A Study of Strategy, Tactics and Ship Design* which was published in 1939.

Dr. Michael F. Pavković Strategy and Policy Department

Professor Michael F. Pavković came to the Naval War College in 2005 as a member of the Strategy and Policy Department and served as Chair of the Department from 2013 to 2018. He received a B.A. in History and Classics from The Pennsylvania State University and earned his Ph.D. in History from the University of Hawaii committee at Mānoa. He is currently the Senior Historian in the John B. Hattendorf Center for Maritime Historical Research. Professor Pavković's area of specialization is ancient history, particularly the military history of the Greco-Roman world. His current research project is a study of sea power and warfare at sea from second millennium B.C. where states developed the first navies through the end of the Roman Empire and its control of the Mediterranean.

Professor Pavković delivered lectures on sea power during the Peloponnesian War in the courses offered by the Strategy and Policy Department. He taught electives on Thucydides and the Peloponnesian War and on leadership during the Roman Republic. In both of these courses, he incorporated his research on naval strategy and warfare into the curriculum discussing the importance of control of the maritime commons, changing naval technology, and the character of war at sea.



NAMED PROFESSORS

ADMIRAL FORREST SHERMAN PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC DIPLOMACY



Forrest Percival Sherman served in two world wars, played a vital role in crafting U.S. mobilization plans during the interwar period, and worked with Admiral Nimitz to develop critical military operations in the Pacific during World War II. Commanding the aircraft carrier USS *Wasp* during the Guadalcanal Campaign, Sherman received a Purple Heart for the wounds he suffered during the attack that eventually sank that warship in 1942. Sherman was among those on board the USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay when Japan formally surrendered. As Chief of Naval Operations, Sherman's leadership guided the Navy through the "Revolt of the Admirals" crisis during the early Cold War period. Admiral Sherman's diplomatic acumen guided the development of an agreement that endorsed the creation of the Department of Defense and became the basis

of the National Security Act of 1947. His support of these historic reforms helped steer the Navy's recovery from this contentious period. In light of Sherman's storied career, the U.S. Navy named the Forrest Sherman-class destroyers and the Naval Air Station Pensacola airfield in his honor.

Dr. Marc Genest Strategy and Policy Department

As the Forrest Sherman Professor of Public Diplomacy, Professor Marc Genest focuses on public outreach and accepts numerous speaking engagements from private and public groups. Genest earned his Ph.D. from Georgetown University in International Politics. He was the Founding Co-Director of the Naval War College Center on Irregular Warfare & Armed Groups. Genest served two tours as a civilian advisor in Afghanistan and received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service from the Army for outstanding work as a Special Advisor to the Commander of Task Force MOUNTAIN WARRIOR. He is the author of numerous books and articles on international relations, strategic communication, American foreign policy and public opinion. He is also a frequent guest on local, regional, and national media outlets, commenting on breaking national security issues.



NAMED PROFESSORS

ADMIRAL CHARLES H. STOCKTON PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW



The Stockton Professorship of International Maritime Law was established in 1951. In 1967, the Secretary of the Navy officially designated the position as the Charles H. Stockton Professorship of International Law in honor of Rear Admiral Charles Herbert Stockton. Charles H. Stockton was the U.S. Navy's first uniformed expert in international law. In 1891, he became President of the Naval War College and supervised construction of its first purpose-built building, Luce Hall. In 1893, he handed the completed building over to its returning president,

Alfred Thayer Mahan, and became the college's lecturer in International Law. After commanding the gunboat Yorktown on the Asiatic Station, he returned to become President of the Naval War College for a second time from 1898 to 1900. He remained at the college until 1901 to write the *Law of Naval Warfare*. Stockton also commanded the battleship USS *Kentucky* from 1901 to 1903 and served as U.S. naval attaché in London from 1903 to 1905. From 1910 to 1918 Stockton also served as President of The George Washington University.

Dr. James Kraska Stockton Center for International Law

The Stockton Professorship in International Maritime Law is held by Professor James Kraska, J.D., LL.M., S.J.D. Kraska is also Department Chair of the Stockton Center for International Law and Visiting Professor of Law and John Harvey Gregory Lecturer on World Organization at Harvard Law School, where he teaches a large and popular course on International Law of the Sea. Professor Kraska's research, teaching, and engagement focuses on the interaction between international law and military operations, especially in the law of the sea and the law of naval warfare. He lectures throughout the world and previously served as a visiting professor of law in India, the United Kingdom, and the Philippines. Kraska produced numerous scholarly articles and authored or edited more than a dozen books, including most recently with Oxford University Press, Routledge and Cambridge University Press. He also led production of the tri-service *Commander's Handbook on the Law of Naval Operations*, which is official doctrine for the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and U.S. Coast Guard.



NAMED PROFESSORS

ADMIRAL RICHMOND KELLY TURNER PROFESSOR OF OPERATIONAL ART



Admiral Richmond Kelly Turner was a highly influential figure in the development of U.S. naval strategy and amphibious warfare. He participated in the amphibious operations at Veracruz in 1914 and then specialized in developing naval tactics for surface support operations for naval expeditionary forces ashore. Turner served on the Naval War College staff between 1932 and 1938, and subsequently helped develop American concepts of joint amphibious doctrine. His contributions to the planning and execution of major amphibious operations in the Pacific Theater during World War II were instrumental in Allied victory. Following the war, Turner earned permanent four-star rank in retired status as Chair of the Military Committee to the United Nations. In this role, Turner strived to develop the vision of a multinational maritime peacekeeping force under the flag of the United Nations.

Turner's emphasis on joint operations, innovation, and the integration of naval, air, and land forces left a lasting impact on naval strategy and doctrine.

Dr. Milan Vego

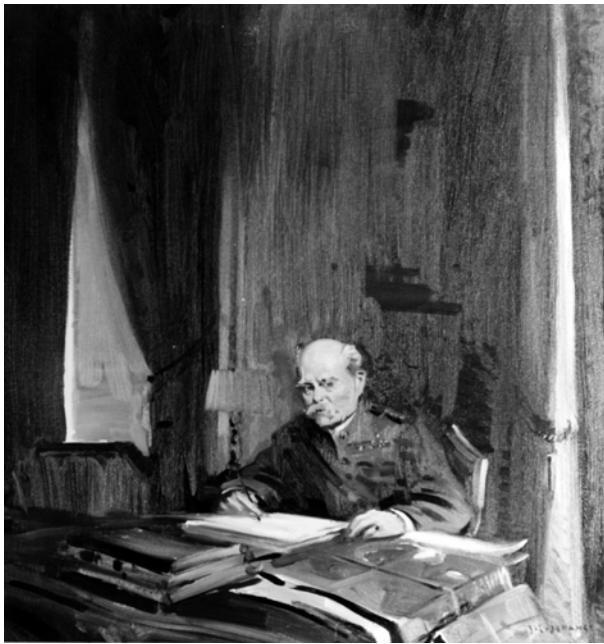
Joint Military Operation Department

Dr. Milan Vego was named as the first R.K. Turner Professor of Operational Art in 2013 in recognition for his scholarly work and teaching operational art. He served for 12 years as a line officer in the former Yugoslav Navy and for 3 1/2 years as 2nd Mate (Deck) in the former West German merchant marine. He obtained political asylum in the United States in 1976. Dr. Vego earned his Ph.D. in Modern European History at George Washington University in 1981. He earned his Master Mariner's license in 1973. Prior to joining the JMO Department, Naval War College in August 1991, Dr. Vego was an adjunct professor at the former Defense Intelligence College in Washington, D.C. where he taught East European Studies and Soviet Naval Operational Art. For his long service to the institution, Dr. Vego was designated as University Professor in 2017. His achievements as a scholar and naval thinker are shown in his 15 books (including two books on naval tactics, two books on operational art, and seven books on maritime operational warfare) and numerous articles and essays published in professional journals. Dr. Vego's latest books are *Operational Art. Theory and Practice* (to be published by Taylor & Francis Group, Rutledge in March 2025), and *Tactics of Naval Combat Arms* (to be published by the Naval Institute Press in Fall 2025).



SENIOR SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES AND AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

GENERAL TASKER H. BLISS PROFESSOR OF LAND WARFARE / U.S. ARMY SENIOR SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE



General Tasker Howard Bliss was a prominent American military officer who graduated from the US Military Academy in 1875. He went on to teach French and artillery tactics at West Point, and later taught at the Artillery School at Fort Monroe and the Naval War College. Following distinguished combat service during the Spanish-American War and promotion to brigadier general, Bliss served as the President of the Army War College from 1903 to 1905 and again from 1909 to 1910. In 1915 he was promoted to major general, and he served as Chief of Staff of the Army from 1917 to 1918. Bliss was a skilled strategist and diplomat whose contributions strengthened the American military heading into World War I, and his legacy continues to influence military strategy and leadership.

COL Mathew P. Nischwitz, USA U.S. Army Senior Service Representative and Military Professor Strategy and Policy Department

COL Nischwitz is a distinguished military graduate from Indiana University and earned Master of Arts degrees from Columbia University and the U.S. Naval War College. He was commissioned as an Armor Officer in December 2001 and transitioned to the Transportation Corps in 2005. He commanded at the battalion level in the Bastogne Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and served in various joint and Army staff positions including the Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve, U.S. Army Transportation School, 17th Field Artillery Brigade and U.S. Military Academy. He joined the U.S. Naval War College in 2020 and is currently a member of the Strategy and Policy Department.



SENIOR SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES AND AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH PROFESSOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE / SENIOR CIA REPRESENTATIVE



The George H. W. Bush Professor of National Intelligence was created in 1999 in conjunction with the Naval War College's Memorandum of Agreement with the Central Intelligence Agency to sponsor a fulltime CIA Representative to the faculty. George H. W. Bush was a U.S. Navy aviator during World War II where flew 58 missions, completed 128 carrier landings, recorded 1228 hours of flight time, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. George H. W. Bush served as; member of the U.S. House of Representatives from

1967 to 1971, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations from 1971 to 1973, Chair, Republican National Committee from 1973 to 1974, Director of Central Intelligence from 1976 to 1977, Vice President of the United States from 1981 to 1989, and President of the United States from 1989 to 1993.

Dr. Joseph T. Swiecki

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Professor Joseph T. Swiecki currently serves as the Director of the CIA's Representative to the Naval War College and the George H. W. Bush Professor of National Intelligence. He teaches policy analysis in the National Security Affairs Department and electives on intelligence. In more than 29 years of U.S. military and government service he has held senior positions in Washington D.C. and the foreign field. In his career he has worked closely with the National Security Council, Congress, and other governmental agencies on the creation and implementation of critical U.S. government initiatives. Dr. Swiecki has a PhD from George Mason University in Public Policy, a Master's Degree from Georgetown University in Public Policy, and a Bachelor of Science from the United States Military Academy.



SENIOR SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES AND AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

GENERAL GEORGE C. KENNEY PROFESSOR OF AIR AND SPACE WARFARE / U.S. AIR FORCE SENIOR SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE



General George C. Kenney was a pivotal figure in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II. As the commander of Allied Air Forces in the Southwest Pacific Area, he played a crucial role in defeating the Japanese in the Pacific theater. Kenney's innovative strategies, aggressive tactics, and effective leadership were instrumental in turning the tide of the war in the Pacific. His campaigns in New Guinea and the Philippines demonstrated the effectiveness of airpower in supporting ground operations and neutralizing enemy forces. Kenney's legacy continues to inspire military leaders and historians alike, showcasing the

importance of airpower in modern warfare.

Col Elizabeth Hanson, USAF

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Col. Hanson is a command pilot with over 3,600 flight hours, primarily in the C-17A and KC-46A, including 578 combat hours. Most recently she was the Commander, 305th Air Mobility Wing, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ. She served in a variety of operational and staff positions including Vice Commander, 521 Air Mobility Operations Wing, Ramstein Air Base, Germany; Division Chief, Strategy Joint Staff Directorate for Logistics (JS/J4); Commander, 517 Airlift Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK; and Headquarters Air Force A3/5 and A9. She is also a DARPA Fellow, C-17 Weapons School Graduate and Instructor, and earned degrees from the National Defense University's Eisenhower School for National Resources, Central Michigan University, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



SENIOR SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES AND AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

ADMIRAL ROBERT J. PAPP, JR., USCG (RET.) PROFESSOR OF MARITIME SECURITY / U.S. COAST GUARD SENIOR SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE



Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., USCG (Ret.) was a career cutterman, having served in six Coast Guard Cutters, commanding four of them: RED BEECH, PAPA W, FORWARD and the training barque EAGLE. He is a 1975 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Additionally, he holds a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and a Master of Science in Management from Salve Regina College. As a flag officer, Admiral Papp served as the 24th Commandant of the Coast Guard, as Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area, as the Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard and Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Headquarters, as Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District and as Director of Reserve and Training. Papp most recently serves as the State Department's Special Representative for the Arctic, leading the effort to advance U.S. interests in the Arctic Region.

CAPT John M. McTamney, USCG U.S. Coast Guard Senior Service Representative and Military Professor Joint Military Operations Department

CAPT John McTamney serves as the Senior Service Representative for the U.S. Coast Guard and a Joint Military Operations instructor at the Naval War College. He recently completed a tour as Commodore of CTG 55.1/USCG Patrol Forces Southwest Asia as part of U.S. 5th Fleet, Naval Forces Central Command in Bahrain. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, an MBA from Florida Atlantic University and an M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. A career cutterman, he also served as a Nautical science instructor and staff department head at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.



SENIOR SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES AND AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

GENERAL HOLLAND M. SMITH PROFESSOR OF MARINE EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE / USMC SENIOR SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

Photo # USMC A352009 General Holland M. Smith, USMC, (Ret.), 1955



General Holland M. Smith, often called the father of modern U.S. amphibious warfare, was a pivotal figure in the Pacific Theater during World War II. A highly skilled strategist and tactician, Smith played a key role in developing and executing amphibious assault techniques that proved decisive in the war against Japan. He commanded the V Amphibious Corps, leading successful landings in the Gilbert Islands, Marshall Islands, and the Mariana Islands, including the crucial battles of Tarawa, Kwajalein, Saipan, and Tinian. Smith's innovative approach to amphibious warfare and his ability to coordinate complex operations between naval, air, and ground forces were instrumental in the eventual Allied victory in the Pacific.

Col Zachary T. Schmidt, USMC

U.S. Marine Corps Senior Service Representative and Military Professor National Security Affairs Department

Col. Schmidt is a military professor in the National Security Affairs Department. He was commissioned in 1997 through the Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Class program. He served over 25 years as an adjutant and manpower planner with experience ranging from the battalion level to Headquarters, Marine Corps to include three operational deployments to Afghanistan. As a lieutenant colonel, he commanded a Marine Corps Embassy Security Guard Region. Col. Schmidt is a graduate of Marine Corps Command and Staff College (Distance), Air War College (Distance), and he earned his B.S. at the University of Kansas and his M.A. at the Naval War College. He most recently served at HQMC in the Manpower and Reserve Affairs Department.



SENIOR SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES AND AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

ADMIRAL RAYMOND A. SPRUANCE PROFESSOR OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS / SPECIAL ADVISOR, STATE DEPARTMENT



Admiral Raymond A. Spruance was a highly respected U.S. naval officer who played a crucial role in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He commanded Task Force 58, the powerful carrier task force that decisively defeated the Japanese Navy in the Battle of Midway and the Battle of the Philippine Sea. Spruance's calm demeanor and strategic thinking were instrumental in these victories. Later, as Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet, he oversaw the final stages of the war, including the invasion of Okinawa and the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. His leadership and tactical brilliance contributed significantly to the Allied victory in the Pacific.

Dr. Robert P. Waller National Security Affairs Department

Professor Waller is the current Raymond A. Spruance Professor of National Security and Foreign Affairs at the Naval War College and the Senior State Department Faculty Advisor at the college. A career member of the Senior Foreign Service with the rank of Minister-Counselor, he most recently served as Political Minister Counselor at U.S. Embassy Rome (2022-2025). Previously, he was the U.S. Consul General in Erbil (2020-2021) and Dubai (2012-2015). In Washington, he served as Director of the Department of State's Office of Iraq Affairs (2018-2020) and as Director for Israeli, Palestinian and Jordanian Affairs at the National Security Council (2011-2012). His other overseas assignments include Geneva, Paris, Baghdad, Jerusalem, FSI Tunis, and Jeddah. In 2010 he received the State Department's James Clement Dunn Award for Excellence in mid-career officers. Dr. Waller holds a DPhil in Mediterranean Studies from King's College, University of London, and a BA in Near Eastern Studies from Brigham Young University. His languages are Arabic, French, Spanish and Italian.





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