



THE UNITED STATES NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

# GRADUATION PROGRAM



NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

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# VIRTUAL GRADUATION PROGRAM

**Ceremonial Music** ..... Navy Band Northeast

**National Anthem** ..... Musician Second Class Rachel Vennel, U.S. Navy  
Vocalist, Navy Band Northeast

**Invocation** ..... Commander Robert S. Nelson, U.S. Navy  
Chaplain, Naval Leadership and Ethics Center

**Welcome** ..... Rear Admiral Shoshana S. Chatfield, U.S. Navy  
President, U.S. Naval War College

**Commencement Address** ..... General Mark A. Milley, U.S. Army  
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

**Charge to Graduates** ..... Rear Admiral Shoshana S. Chatfield, U.S. Navy  
President, U.S. Naval War College

**Presentation of Graduates**

**Service Songs** ..... Navy Band Northeast

**Benediction** ..... Commander Robert S. Nelson, U.S. Navy  
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## **GENERAL MARK A. MILLEY**

### **CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF**

General Mark A. Milley is the 20th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the nation's highest-ranking military officer, and the principal military advisor to the President, Secretary of Defense, and National Security Council.

Prior to becoming Chairman on October 1, 2019, General Milley served as the 39th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army.

A native of Massachusetts, General Milley graduated from Princeton University in 1980, where he received his commission from Army ROTC.

General Milley has had multiple command and staff positions in eight divisions and Special Forces throughout the last 39 years to include command of the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, 2nd Infantry Division; the 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division; Deputy Commanding General, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); Commanding General, 10th Mountain Division; Commanding General, III Corps; and Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces Command.

While serving as the Commanding General, III Corps, General Milley deployed as the Commanding General, International Security Assistance Force Joint Command and Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Forces Afghanistan. General Milley's joint assignments also include the Joint Staff operations directorate and as a Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense.

General Milley's operational deployments include the Multi-National Force and Observers, Sinai, Egypt; Operation JUST CAUSE, Panama; Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY, Haiti; Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR, Bosnia-Herzegovina; Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq; and three tours during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan. He also deployed to Somalia and Colombia.

In addition to his bachelor's degree in political science from Princeton University, General Milley has a master's degree in international relations from Columbia University and one from the U.S. Naval War College in national security and strategic studies. He is also a graduate of the MIT Seminar XXI National Security Studies Program.

General Milley and his wife, Hollyanne, have been married for more than 34 years and have two children.



**REAR ADMIRAL SHOSHANA S. CHATFIELD**  
**PRESIDENT, U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE**

Rear Admiral Shoshana S. Chatfield is the fifty-seventh President of the U.S. Naval War College and a career naval helicopter pilot. A native of Garden Grove, California, she graduated from Boston University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and French Language and Literature. She received her commission through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps in 1988 and earned her wings of gold in 1989. Chatfield was awarded the Navy's Political/Military Scholarship and attended the

Kennedy School of Government, receiving a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University in 1997. In 2009, the University of San Diego conferred upon her a doctorate of education in leadership studies.

Operationally, she flew the SH-3, CH-46D and MH-60S and deployed in helicopter detachments to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf supporting carrier strike group and amphibious ready group operations.

Ashore, she participated in the Joint Staff/OSD Internship Program, augmenting the Joint Staff, Plans and Policy (J-5) Directorate, Central & Eastern European Branch and served as assistant professor of political science at the United States Air Force Academy from 2001–2004.

Chatfield commanded at the squadron and type wing level and additionally commanded a joint provincial reconstruction team in Farah Province, Afghanistan. Most recently, Chatfield commanded Joint Region Marianas from January 2017 to August 2019.



**DR. LEWIS M. DUNCAN**  
**PROVOST, U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE**

Lewis M. Duncan currently serves as provost of the U.S. Naval War College, the preeminent advanced military education school in the world. As provost, Dr. Duncan serves as the College's chief operating officer, overseeing the continuum of professional military education programs, residential and online, as well as operational administration of the institution.

Dr. Duncan is internationally recognized as an accomplished research scientist in experimental space physics and radio physics, and as a leading scholar in study of the societal and ethical implications of emerging technologies.

Additionally, he serves on the Board of Directors of the Center for the Advancement of Science in Space, responsible for management of the U.S. National Laboratory of the International Space Station.

Previously, Dr. Duncan served for ten years as president of Rollins College. He also served as dean of the Thayer School of Engineering and professor of engineering sciences at Dartmouth College.

Dr. Duncan received his B.A. (1973) in physics and mathematics, M.A. (1976) and Ph.D. (1977) in space physics, all from Rice University. Among his past honors, he received the Alan Berman Award from U.S. Naval Research Laboratory and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Tau Beta Pi, and Phi Kappa Phi.



**DR. PHIL HAUN**  
**DEAN OF ACADEMICS, U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE**

Phil Haun has been the Dean of Academics and a Professor at the U.S. Naval War College since 2016. He previously served in the U.S. Air Force as an officer and A-10 pilot with combat tours in Iraq, Bosnia, Kosovo, and Afghanistan. His last assignment was as Commander of AFROTC at Yale University. Phil's military education includes National Security Fellow at the JFK School of Government, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Air Command and Staff College, and USAF Weapons

School. His areas of scholarly and professional expertise are coercion, deterrence, air power theory, strategy, international relations, and security studies. Phil holds a Ph.D. in Political Science/International Relations from MIT, a master's degree in Economics from Vanderbilt, and a bachelor's degree in Engineering Studies from Harvard. He taught Economics at the Air Force Academy, Strategy and Policy at the U.S. Naval War College, and Military History and Grand Strategy at Yale University. For the past decade he has been a research affiliate with MIT's Security Studies Program. His books include *Lectures of the Air Corps Tactical School and American Strategic Bombing in World War II* (UP Kentucky, 2019), *Coercion, Survival, and War: Why Weak States Resist the United States* (Stanford UP, 2015), and *A-10s over Kosovo* (Air University Press, 2003). His latest article with the *Journal of Strategic Studies* is "Peacetime military innovation through inter-service cooperation: The unique case of the U.S. Air Force and Battlefield Air Interdiction."

**“[The War College] is a place of original research on all questions relating to war and to statesmanship connected with war, or the prevention of war.”**

**—Admiral Stephen B. Luce**



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**Major Edward Bachar**, U.S. Army, CNCS November 2020, “Operational Planning for Conflict Termination”

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## HISTORY OF THE U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Founded in Newport, Rhode Island on October 6, 1884, the U.S. Naval War College is the oldest war college in the world. Commodore Stephen B. Luce was the first President and organized the War College as a place to study the highest aspects of the military profession, defining it as “a place of original research on all questions relating to war and to statesmanship connected with war, or the prevention of war.” These foundations were built upon by Captain Alfred Thayer Mahan, second President of the College, who had originally been selected by Luce to initiate the course in Naval History. Of all the men who were to influence the institution in its early years, none was to have a more profound impact. Mahan’s views deeply affected such leaders as Henry Cabot Lodge and Theodore Roosevelt and through them and others helped shape the United States’ destiny at the turn of the century. Mahan’s Naval War College lectures, published as *The Influence of Sea Power Upon History, 1660–1783* (1890), gained him worldwide acclaim and first established the U.S. Naval War College as an internationally respected institution. Other early faculty members made pioneering contributions to hallmark areas of enduring interest for the College. Among them were Charles Stockton, who drafted the first international law code for naval warfare in 1898, and William McCarty Little, who developed the art of naval war gaming between 1886 and 1914.

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