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GRADUATION CEREMONY



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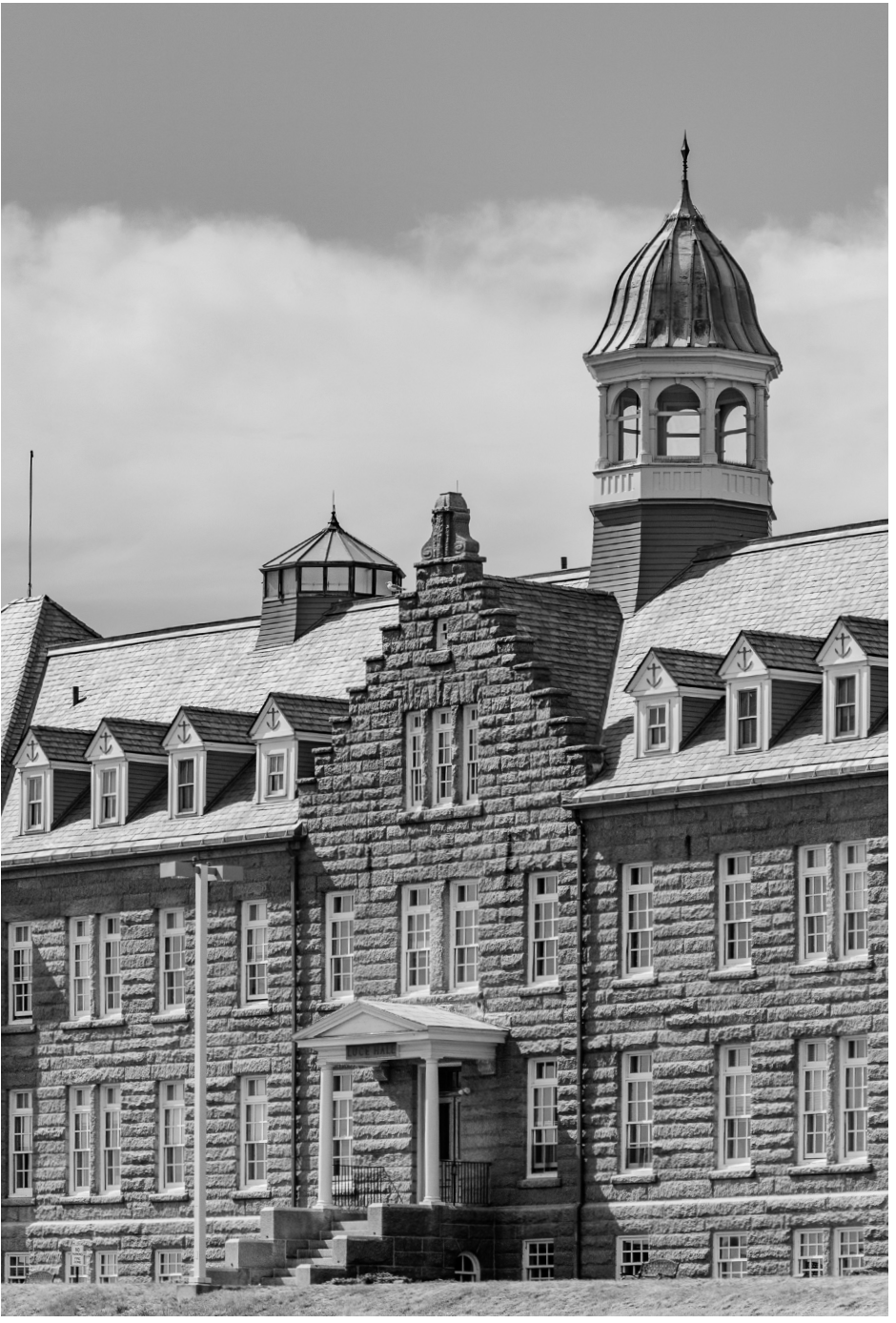


HISTORY OF THE U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

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.

Functioning continuously since 1884, except for brief periods during the Spanish-American War and World War I, the War College numbers among its graduates such distinguished naval officers as Admirals Sims, Spruance, King, Nimitz, and Halsey, in addition to many others who today are holding prominent positions.

The work begun more than one hundred years ago by Luce and Mahan continues today. As graduates well know, the curriculum is both demanding and rewarding. For the military professional, the unique education provided by the Naval War College is unrivaled. In recognition of the academic rigor and educational excellence of its program, the U.S. Naval War College has been accredited since 1991 by first the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and now the New England Commission of Higher Education to award a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. In 2015 this accreditation was expanded to award two degrees. Graduating students in the senior level course now receive a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies while graduating students in the intermediate course receive a Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies.



GRADUATION PROGRAM

Ceremonial Music.....Navy Band Northeast

Master of Ceremonies.....Captain Brian D. Doherty, U.S. Navy
Dean of Students, U.S. Naval War College

National Anthem.....Navy Band Northeast

Invocation.....Captain Paul S. Tremblay, CHC, U.S. Navy
Command Chaplain, U.S. Naval War College

Commencement Address.....Dr. John H. Maurer
Strategy and Policy Department

Recognition of Honor Graduates

Presentation of Graduates

Charge to Graduates.....Rear Admiral Darryl L. Walker, U.S. Navy
President, U.S. Naval War College

Benediction.....Captain Paul S. Tremblay, CHC, U.S. Navy
Command Chaplain, U.S. Naval War College



REAR ADMIRAL DARRYL L. WALKER PRESIDENT, U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Rear Adm. Darryl “D-Day” Walker is the fifty-ninth President of the U.S. Naval War College and a career naval aviator. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1985 as an Air Traffic Controller and graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics. Walker received his commission in the U.S. Navy through the Naval Aviation Officer Candidate School and was designated a naval flight officer in 1992. He graduated from the Naval War College in 2002 with a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies. Prior to the Naval War College, Walker

served as Deputy Commander of Joint Force Headquarters–Cyber (Navy), U.S. 10th Fleet.



DR. JOHN H. MAURER
STRATEGY AND POLICY DEPARTMENT

Dr. John H. Maurer serves as the Alfred Thayer Mahan Professor of Sea Power and Grand Strategy at the Naval War College. At the College, he also holds the title of Distinguished University Professor and served for eight years as Chair of the Strategy and Policy Department. In addition to teaching the College's core strategy courses, he teaches in the elective program a course on Winston Churchill and the history of the two world wars as well as in the advanced strategy program. He is a graduate of Yale College and holds a MALD and PhD 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 rivalries and 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. Before coming to the Naval War College, he held the positions of research fellow and executive editor of *Orbis: A Journal of World Affairs* at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. At the request of Secretary of the Navy John Lehman, he served on a special advisory committee on naval history. In recognition of his contribution to professional military education, he has received the U.S. Navy's Meritorious Civilian Service Award and Superior Civilian Service Award.



DR. STEPHEN J. MARIANO
PROVOST, U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Dr. Stephen J. Mariano most recently served as the deputy commandant and dean of the NATO Defense College, in Rome, Italy. He also served on the faculties of the School of International Service at American University, National Defense University, the Royal Military College of Canada, and the U.S. Military Academy. He holds a B.A. in mathematics and economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara, an M.A. in national security affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School, and a Ph.D. in war studies from the Royal Military College of Canada.



**DR. DOYLE HODGES
DEAN OF ACADEMICS
U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE**

Dr. Doyle Hodges is a national security scholar with expertise in civil-military relations, the Indo-Pacific, and defense and maritime strategy. From May 2019 to April 2023, he was the inaugural executive editor of the *Texas National Security Review*, an interdisciplinary peer-reviewed academic journal, and a senior editor at *War on the Rocks*. A retired naval officer, he served for 21 years, retiring at the rank of Commander. He served in a variety of assignments at sea and ashore, including command of USS *Safeguard* (ARS 50) and USS *Ross* (DDG 71). He is a

1992 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, where he majored in Political Science. He holds Master's degrees from the University of Maryland (Government and Politics), the U.S. Naval War College (National Security Affairs), and Princeton University (Public and International Affairs). He earned a PhD from Princeton's School of Public and International Affairs. He has taught at the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Naval War College, George Mason University, and Princeton University. His work has been published in the *Texas National Security Review*, *War on the Rocks*, *Lawfare*, and the U.S. Naval Institute *Proceedings*.

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—Admiral Stephen B. Luce



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nations or among navies is friends”

ADMIRAL ARLEIGH BURKE, USN 1960

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The motto of the Naval War College is

“Victory through Sea Power.”

The trident rising from the water symbolizes mastery of naval activities—its three tines are evocative of naval warfare on sea, air, and land. The pilot wheel atop the shield alludes to the mission of the college—education in naval warfare. The wheel’s eight spokes symbolize honor, duty, leadership, command, strategy, tactics, logistics, and weapons. The laurel wreath represents achievement of the mission.