

CHINA'S EVOLVING SURFACE FLEET

1-2 MAY 2013

U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Program of Events

Wednesday, 1 May (Civilian-business / Military-Summer Whites or service equivalent)

7:30 a.m. Transportation to U.S. Naval War College from Hotel Viking

7:45 Registration and Light Refreshments/Coffee – McCarty Little Hall (MLH) Café

8:30 Welcoming Remarks

Rear Admiral John N. Christenson, U.S. Navy, President, U.S. Naval War College

China Maritime Studies Institute Update

Professor Peter Dutton, Director, China Maritime Studies Institute, U.S. Naval War College

9:00 **Opening Address**

Evolving Roles, Missions, and Functions of the PLAN Surface Fleet

Mr. Jesse L. Karotkin, Senior Intelligence Officer for China, Office of Naval Intelligence

Moderator: Captain James Malloy, U.S. Navy, Assistant Deputy Director, Strategic Plans & Policy (J5), Politico-Military Affairs, Asia

10:00 **Break**

10:15 Panel 1: China's Evolving Naval Surface Capacity

- Paper: China's Evolving Major Surface Combatants
 Mrs. Kristen A. Gunness, Adjunct Fellow for China Affairs, RAND Corporation
- Paper: China's Advancing Amphibious Force and Missile Craft
 Mr. Dennis J. Blasko, Asian Analyst, China Security Affairs Group, Center for Naval Analyses
- Paper: Arming the PLAN Surface Fleet
 Rear Admiral Michael A. McDevitt, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Senior Fellow, Strategic Studies, Center for Naval Analyses
- ◆ Paper: Defending the Surface Fleet

Mr. Daniel J. Kostecka, Senior China Analyst, Office of Naval Intelligence

Moderator: Mr. Abraham M. Denmark, Vice President for Political & Security Affairs, National Bureau of Asian Research

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:30 Panel 2: Organizing and Controlling China's Surface Fleet

◆ Paper: PLAN Doctrinal Developments

Dr. Nan Li, Associate Professor, China Maritime Studies Institute, U.S. Naval War College

◆ Paper: PLAN Personnel Education and Training

Mr. Kenneth W. Allen, Senior China Analyst, Defense Group Inc.

Mr. Morgan Clemens, Research Associate, Defense Group Inc.

◆ Paper: PLAN Shipboard Organization

Mr. Jay R. Rodgers, Senior China Analyst, Office of Naval Intelligence

◆ Paper: PLAN Exercises, Training and Operational Proficiency

Mr. Terry Kolb, Senior China Analyst, Office of Naval Intelligence

Moderator: Mr. Timothy R. Heath, PACOM China Strategic Focus Group

4:00 Conference Address

What Surface Fleet Developments Suggest about China's Maritime Strategy

Dr. Bernard D. Cole, Professor of Maritime Strategy, National War College

Moderator: Commander Jonathan G. Odom, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, OSD-Global Strategic Affairs

5:00 Closing Remarks for the Day

5:15	Transportation available to Hotel Viking
6:00	No-Host Cocktail Hour – Officers' Club, Naval Station Newport
7:00	Conference Dinner – Officers' Club Ball Room Keynote Address Mr. David F. Helvey, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia
9:00	Trolley departs Officers' Club for Hotel Viking
Thurso	lay, 2 May (Civilian-business /Military-Summer Whites or service equivalent)
7:30	a.m. Transportation to U.S. Naval War College from Hotel Viking
7:45	Light Refreshments/Coffee – MLH Café
8:30	 Conference Addresses: International Views of China's Evolving Surface Fleet Vice Admiral Yoji Koda, Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (Ret.), Former Chief of JMSDF Admiral Sureesh Mehta, Indian Navy (Ret.), Former Chief of Naval Staff Dr. Lee Willett, Head, Naval Desk and Editor, Jane's Navy International, IHS Jane's, United Kingdom Moderator: Dr. James Holmes, Strategy & Policy Department, U.S. Naval War College
10:00	Break
10:15	 Panel 3: Developments in China's Surface Fleet Support Paper: Logistical and Maintenance Support for the Surface Fleet Commander Dale C. Rielage, U.S. Navy, Special Assistant to CNO's Navy Asia Pacific Advisory Group Paper: Space-Based Support for the Surface Fleet Mr. Russell Hsiao, Senior Research Fellow, Project 2049 Institute Paper: Roles and Missions of the PLAN's Auxiliary Support Vessels Mr. Alexandre Sheldon-Duplaix, Senior China Researcher, Ecole Supérieure de Guerre Moderator: Mr. Joshua Hickey, Senior China Analyst, Office of Naval Intelligence
12:30	p.m. Lunch
1:45	 Panel 4: The Aircraft Carrier as a New Surface Fleet Element Paper: The Liaoning and China's Evolving Aircraft Carrier Program Dr. Andrew S. Erickson, Associate Professor, China Maritime Studies Institute, U.S. Naval War Colleg Paper: Integrating China's Aircraft Carrier: Potential Roles for China's Aircraft Carriers Mr. Eric Pedersen, Deputy Senior Intel Officer for China, Office of Naval Intelligence Paper: Hurdles to Operational Effectiveness for the PLAN's Aircraft Carriers Professor Robert C. (Barney) Rubel, Dean, Center for Naval Warfare Studies, U.S. Naval War College Moderator: Mr. Paul S. Giarra, President, Global Strategies & Transformation
3:15	Concluding Address Implications for the U.S. Navy of China's Evolving Surface Fleet Mr. James H. Baker, Principal Deputy Director, Strategic Plans and Policy (J5) Moderator: Professor Peter Dutton, Director, China Maritime Studies Institute, U.S. Naval War College

Transportation departs for airport or Hotel Viking

4:00