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CURRENT STRATEGY FORUM 2019

“The Agile Navy: Maximizing Maritime Power in the Information Age”

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

BACKGROUND:

The Current Strategy Forum for 2019 will be held on Tuesday, 11 June 2019 and Wednesday, 12 June 2019. The theme/focus will be “The Agile Navy: Maximizing Maritime Power in the Information Age”.

This Forum, which builds upon the research conducted through a series of workshops and conferences over the past 24-months, will consider issues related to the resurgence of “Great Power Competition” between peer and near-peer competitors around the globe and the role that maritime power will play in achieving success. Sponsored by the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations, this event will bring over 500 invited guests, faculty members and students to the College’s Newport, RI campus to spend two days taking a detailed look at the role that the U.S. Navy must play in an era of global competition. Implications on force structure and operating concepts will be identified and discussed.

AGENDA:

Tuesday, June 11 (Civilian: Business Attire / Military: Service Khaki or Service Equivalent)

- 8:00 a.m. Registration & Refreshments – Spruance Lobby
- 8:30 Welcome Remarks – Spruance Auditorium
 - Rear Admiral Jeffrey A. Harley, U.S. Navy, President, *U.S. Naval War College*
- 8:45 Discussion of Goals and Desired Outcomes
 - Dr. Harlan K. Ullman, *U.S. Naval War College*
- 9:00 Panel 1: *How Do We Define Success in the Great Power Global Competition?*
 - Moderator:
 - Admiral Scott H. Swift, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
 - Panelists:
 - Mr. Elbridge A. Colby, *Center for a New American Security*
 - Dr. Anthony H. Cordesman, *Center for Strategic and International Studies*
 - Dr. Nikolas K. Gvosdev, *U.S. Naval War College*
 - Dr. James R. Holmes, *U.S. Naval War College*
- 10:15 Break
- 10:45 Panel #1 Extended Q&A
- 11:30 Lunch – Officers’ Club, Naval Station Newport (or on own)

- 1:00 p.m. Panel #2: *What is the Role of Naval Power in Great Power Competition?*
 - Moderator:

Vice Admiral Frank C. Pandolfe, U.S. Navy (Ret.), *Pan Global Strategies*
 - Panelists:

Dr. Janine A. Davidson, *Metropolitan State University of Denver*

Prof. James R. FitzSimonds, *U.S. Naval War College*

Dr. Kathleen H. Hicks, *Center for Strategic and International Studies*

Dr. Thomas G. Mahnken, *Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments*
- 2:15 Break
- 2:45 Panel #2: Expanded Q&A
- 3:30 Adjourn Day One

Wednesday, June 12 (Civilian: Business Attire / Military: Service Khaki or Service Equivalent)

- 7:30 a.m. Refreshments – Spruance Lobby
- 8:00 Recap of Day One's Discussions – Spruance Auditorium
 - Rear Admiral Christopher J. Parry CBE PhD, *Merl House*
- 8:15 Panel #3: *Strategic Concepts for Consideration: Containment and Engagement (Porcupine Defense, Mobile Maritime Barrier, Hyper War, etc.)*
 - Moderator:

Mr. Robbie R. Harris, *Lockheed Martin*
 - Panelists:

Vice Admiral Michael T. Franken, U.S. Navy (Ret.), *Chartwell Strategic Advisors, LLC*

Dr. T.X. Hammes, *National Defense University*

Dr. Harlan K. Ullman, *U.S. Naval War College*
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 Keynote Address
 - Admiral John M. Richardson, U.S. Navy, *Chief of Naval Operations*
- 11:00 Panel 4: *View from the Boardroom: Adapting the Defense Industrial Base for the Information Age (How to Sustain Success)*
 - Moderator:

The Honorable Dov S. Zakheim, CNA
 - Panelists:

Admiral Cecil D. Haney, U.S. Navy (Ret.), *General Dynamics*

Mr. Roger A. Krone, *Leidos*

Mr. Glenn Miller, *Lockheed Martin*

Mr. Clement Michael Petters, *Huntington Ingalls Industries*
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch – Officers' Club, Naval Station Newport (or on own)
- 2:00 Return of Great Power Competition
 - The Honorable Robert O. Work, *TeamWork LLC*
- 3:00 Closing Panel: *A Naval Vision for Maximizing Maritime Power in the Information Age*
 - Moderator:

The Honorable Thomas B. Modly, *Under Secretary of the Navy*

General Gary L. Thomas, U.S. Marine Corps, *Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps*

- Panelists:

Admiral Scott H. Swift, U.S. Navy (Ret.)

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- 4:00 Closing Remarks
 - Rear Admiral Jeffrey A. Harley, U.S. Navy, President, *U.S. Naval War College*
- 4:15 Current Strategy Forum Adjourns