

Rear Admiral John A. Baldwin, Jr.

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Before taking up his role as President, Naval War College, John A. Baldwin, Jr., had served in the Office of the Secretary of the Navy as Deputy Director of the Office of Program Appraisal and Director of the Systems Analysis Division in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. From 1982 to 1986, Baldwin served in the Pacific as Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group 3 and commander of the USS *Kitty Hawk* Battle Group during a deployment to the western Pacific and Indian Oceans. In October 1984, he reported to the Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans. Coming to the Naval War College as its forty-fourth president Rear Admiral Baldwin initiated the process that eventually led to the accreditation of the College for the granting of master's degrees that would occur officially in 1991. He also established an Institute for Strategic Studies to facilitate the accreditation process and to serve as a device to secure and retain quality faculty, and he successfully effected the restoration of the College Library after a tragic fire, which did substantial damage in the area. After leaving the Naval War College, he served as Director of the Strategic Plans and Policy Division (J-5) on the Joint Staff, responsible to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the strategic direction of the armed forces. Baldwin's last assignment was as President of the National Defense University.