

Did you know?



- 1950's**
- **1951:** RADM Ernest Herrmann officially moves NPS to Monterey from Annapolis.
- **1952:** Classes begin at NPS with keynote speeches from Secretary of the Navy Dan Kimball and Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz.
- **1955:** ADM Arleigh Burke becomes Chief of Naval Operations, the first NPS alumnus to achieve this post.
- **1956:** The first woman officer student arrives at NPS.
- **1958:** Seymour Cray installs the CDC 1064 computer serial #1 at NPS.
- **1959:** The Office of Naval Research established a funded research program for NPS and sponsors its first projects.



- **1960's**
- **1960:** LT Wayne E. Meyer graduates and would go on to pioneer the AEGIS combat system.
- **1964:** The Aeronautics dept. opens the Turbopropulsion Laboratory near the Monterey Airport.
- **1965:** The Defense Resources Management Education Center is established and remains to this day offering short courses for officers of all services and around the world.



- **1970's**
- **1974:** Dr. Kildall builds Control Program/Microcomputer, the first standard operating system for microcomputers. His system allows a student to read and write from a disk. It will sell more than 250 million copies.
- **1978:** NPS student LCDR Martin Dundics research expedites the incorporation of micro-computer units in modern ship propulsion control systems.



- **1980's**
- **1982:** ADM James Watkins becomes the second NPS alumnus to hold the post of Chief of Naval Operations from '82-'86. His maritime strategy will help bring an end to the Cold War.
- **1987:** The Center for Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Research is established to advance pioneering research and Naval applications.



- **1990's**
- **1991:** NPS student LCDR Hearing's classified thesis becomes Challenge Athena, a secure communications network that also enables the first two-way imaging communications to aircraft carriers.
- **1996:** NPS alumna Patricia Tracey becomes the first woman promoted to the rank of vice admiral
- **1998:** Vice President Al Gore convenes the National Ocean Conference at King Hall during the international Year of the Ocean.



- **2000's**
- **2004:** NPS information technology experts already in Thailand rush to support Asian tsunami relief efforts by setting up wireless network communications.
- **2007:** ADM Michael Mullen nominated as the Chairman, Joint Chief of Staff, first NPS alumnus to achieve this position.



- **2010's**
- **2011:** Operation Neptune Spear neutralizes Osama Bin Laden. ADM William McRaven used what he learned at NPS in the planning and execution of that mission. His NPS thesis would later be published as a book: "Spec Ops: Case Studies in Special Operations Warfare."
- **2019:** After 10 years of development by NPS faculty and students, NPSAT-1 was launched aboard a SpaceX rocket to investigate space weather and the flight demonstration of space technologies.



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