



# NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

Commencement  
Ceremony

DECEMBER 17, 2021



“We need leaders of character, leaders that speak the truth and always choose the harder right over the more convenient or expedient wrong. NPS has given you powerful tools, and we are relying on you to use them to make us stronger.”

**Admiral Michael Gilday, USN**  
**Chief of Naval Operations**



“The complexity of the modern battlefield and increasing rate of change requires a highly educated force. While different, education and training are inextricably linked. Education denotes study and intellectual development. Training is primarily learning-by-doing. We will not train without the presence of education; we must not educate without the complementary execution of well-conceived training. As the 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps noted – “any mission undertaken by the Corps will flow directly from our ability both to train and educate every Marine.”

**General David H. Berger, USMC**  
**Commandant of the Marine Corps**



## NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

The Naval Postgraduate School provides an unparalleled learning and research environment. NPS is a place where operationally experienced officers from the joint services, civilians from various defense and homeland security organizations, and international students from nearly 60 countries come together to learn from, and work with, a world-class faculty focused on global security issues vital to our national security strategy.

The institution is responsive to rapidly emerging and ever-changing strategic and tactical requirements. Curricula are rigorously tailored to meet the nation's changing defense needs, while simultaneously maintaining the same high accreditation standards as civilian universities.

An NPS education extends far beyond the Monterey campus, reaching warfighters both at sea and in the field, engineers in defense laboratories, and international participants who are enrolled in distributed learning and professional education programs throughout the globe.

On any given day faculty and student research addresses critical real world requirements relevant to combatant commander and warfighter needs through a unique integration of government agencies, commercial enterprises, other notable research universities and our allies.

An NPS graduate has the intellectual know-how and the practical skills to make the most of today's resources. NPS graduates are the cornerstone for developing tomorrow's defense technologies, systems and programs.

The individual schools are accredited by the Western Association of Schools & Colleges, the Accreditation Board for Engineering & Technology, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business and the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs & Administration. Additionally, The North Atlantic Treaty Organization has recognized NPS as an Alliance-wide Partnership for Peace Education and Training Center.

***...Master your future.***





# FALL QUARTER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

December 17, 2021

King Hall

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## **Provost and Academic Dean**

DR. SCOTT GARTNER

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## **Dean of Students**

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## Vice Admiral Ann Rondeau, USN (Ret.)

President

Naval Postgraduate School

Retired Vice Adm. Ann E. Rondeau was appointed as President, Naval Postgraduate School on January 29, 2019. She brings to the assignment an unparalleled record of leadership and achievement within the military and academia in the areas of education, training, research, executive development, change management, and strategic planning. Prior to her appointment, Adm. Rondeau served as the sixth president of the College of DuPage. Her most recent military position was as the President of the National Defense University, a consortium of five colleges and nine research centers in Washington, DC.

Rondeau has extensive leadership experience in significant military and educational roles. In 1985, she was selected and served as a White House Fellow in the Reagan Administration and went on to serve as the Deputy Commander of the U.S. Transportation Command in Illinois, Pentagon Director/Chief of Staff for the U.S. Navy Staff, Commander of the Navy Personnel Development Command in Virginia, Commander of the Naval Service Training Command at Great Lakes, Ill., Pacific Fleet Staff Chief of Staff in Hawaii, Commanding Officer of Naval Support Activity in Tennessee and other staff and commanding responsibilities with policy, support and student service. Rondeau retired from the U.S. Navy as a three-star admiral in 2012 and was the second woman to have achieved that rank in the Navy. She then served as a partner and later an independent consultant with the IBM Watson group.

Rondeau holds a B.A. from Eisenhower College (NY), an M.A. from Georgetown University (DC) and an Ed.D. from the College of Education at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. She also holds an honorary Doctorate in Public Service from Carthage College (Kenosha, WI) and an honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science (Chicago, IL).

She is a proud member of the Arizona State University Flag Officer Advisory Council, the National Museum of the American Sailor Foundation Board of Directors, the Military Advisory Board (under the aegis of Center for Naval Analysis), the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, the Chicago Regional Growth Corporation Board, Choose DuPage Board of Directors, and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Additionally, Dr. Rondeau serves on the Executive Board of the U.S. Navy “Education for Seapower Study” —a clean-sheet review of naval learning.





## Dr. Scott Gartner

Provost and Academic Dean

Naval Postgraduate School

Dr. Scott Sigmund Gartner is The Provost and Academic Dean of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, where he also serves as Professor of Defense Analysis. He previously held the position of Director of the Penn State School of International Affairs, where he remains a Faculty Affiliate. Gartner's interdisciplinary, multi-method, research focuses on great power conflict, international security, war and politics, counterterrorism, conflict mediation and policy assessment and is both impactful and well cited.

Gartner's publications include *Costly Calculations: A Theory of War, Casualties, and Politics*, *Strategic Assessment in War*, *International Conflict Mediation: New Approaches and Findings* and *The Historical Statistics of the United States*, in addition to articles in top journals in political science, sociology, international affairs, national security, history, military intelligence, public policy, international negotiations, and communications. His honors include the Jefferson award for the best government resource, the RUSA Outstanding Reference Award, Booklist Editor's Choice Award, Library Journal Best Reference Award, History News Network Book of the Month, and the American Political Science Association's best policy thesis award. He is past president of the International Studies Association (West) and served as a Senior Advisor for the Net Assessment of Violent Non-State Actors for a U.S. intelligence agency.

Gartner's research has been funded by the National Science Foundation, the National Security Agency, The National Counter Terrorism Center, the Folke Bernadotte Academy, the Department of Defense, the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, and the Sloan foundation. Gartner's op-ed columns have been published in *The Huffington Post*, *USA Today*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Baltimore Sun*, and many other outlets. He holds a PhD. and MA in Political Science from the University of Michigan, and BA in History and MA in International Relations from the University of Chicago.



## Lieutenant General (Retired) Eric P. Wendt

NATO Special Operations (2019–2021)

Lieutenant General (Retired) Eric Wendt retired on 01 March 2021 after 34 and half years of active duty commissioned service in the United States Army. He spent four and a half years in the Light Infantry, and 30 years in Special Forces “The Green Berets,” including 13 years of command at tactical, operational and strategic levels. Wendt served in 56 different countries during his career, and his service included 55 months of combat deployments in multiple locations around the globe, including multiple combat deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Wendt served as an active duty Army officer since graduating as the top ROTC cadet / George C. Marshall award winner from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1986. After completing Airborne and Ranger training (graduating as the Officer Leadership Graduate at Ranger School), he was assigned to Ft. Ord, California and the 7th Infantry Division (Light), where he served as a rifle platoon leader, company executive officer and scout platoon leader. He then attended the Special Forces Assessment and Selection Course and was selected, and went on to earn his Green Beret as Distinguished Honor Graduate of the Special Forces Qualification Course in 1991. He subsequently served in Special Forces for 30 years and as of his retirement date was the longest continuously serving Special Forces-branched Green Beret of any rank in the entire Army still on active duty, a distinction known as “The Old Grey Fox.” Wendt also retired as a three-star / lieutenant general, which as of his retirement date was the highest rank achieved by any career-long Special Forces-branched Green Beret since the creation of the Special Forces (AKA “The Green Berets”) in 1952.

In addition to a few staff jobs, he commanded at every level of Special Forces and Special Operations from captain to lieutenant general. Before becoming a General Officer, he commanded at the ODA, Company, Battalion, and Group levels. He also served as the Team Chief for the Pacific Situation Assessment Team (PSAT) in Indonesia immediately following 9/11, and as the Team Chief on other overseas Special Operations taskings. Wendt also served on Humanitarian Demining missions in Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. Wendt also served as the Principal Military Assistant to Secretaries of Defense Robert Gates and Leon Panetta.

As a General Officer, after serving for a year as the sole deputy commanding general (for both operations and support) for the 13,500 troops from a 17-country multi-national region in Afghanistan, he commanded the Sub-Unified Theater Special Operations Command (TSOC) Special Operations Command-Korea (SOCK-OR). Wendt next commanded the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (USA-JFKSWCS), Fort Bragg, North Carolina, followed by service as the chief of staff of the United States Pacific Command (USPACOM). Next, in his first three-star job, Wendt served as the U.S. Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority, leading an eight-country coalition, reporting directly to the US Secretary of State, and serving throughout Jordan, Qatar, Egypt, Israel, the West Bank and other Middle East locations for two years. In his final assignment, Wendt commanded the NATO Special Operations Headquarters, Mons, Belgium from 2019-2021, overseeing 27,600 special operators from 30 countries of NATO.

Wendt received his master’s degree from the Naval Postgraduate School in what is today the Defense Analysis program. He later completed a yearlong academic fellowship at the Naval Postgraduate School. He was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus of the Naval Postgraduate School in 2018. He speaks Arabic and Korean. His awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Army Distinguished Service Medal (two awards), the Bronze Star Medal (three awards), the Humanitarian Service Medal (2 awards), the U.S. Department of State Superior Honor Award, the German Gold Cross of Honor (earned during combat service in Afghanistan), the Philippines Presidential Unit Citation (for service in Operation Enduring Freedom-Philippines), the Republic of Korea President’s Cheon Su Medal, and the Thai and Korean Master Parachutist Badges. LTG Wendt was also awarded the US Air Assault Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Special Forces Tab, the Expert Infantryman Badge, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.



## PLATFORM PARTY

### *First Row (left to right)*

**Colonel Shawn McCamish**

**USAF**

Senior United States Air Force Representative

**Lieutenant Colonel Peter Nesbitt**

**USA**

Senior United States Army Representative

**Colonel Randolph Pugh**

**USMC**

Senior United States Marine Corps  
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**USN**

Dean of Students

### *Second Row (left to right)*

**Dr. You-Chu Shen**

Representing the Director of the Department of  
Defense Management

**Dr. James Moltz**

Dean of the Graduate School of International  
and Defense Studies

**Dr. Ron Giachetti**

Dean of the Graduate School of Engineering  
and Applied Sciences

**Dr. Dan Boger**

Representing the Dean of the Graduate School  
of Operational and Information Sciences

**Rear Admiral Jerry Ellis**

**USN (Ret.)**

Chair of the Undersea Warfare Academic  
Group

**Mr. Danial Pick**

Director, International Graduate Programs

**Lieutenant Commander Matthew Fore**

**USN**

Command Chaplain

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>Processional</b>	Audio Visual
<b>Grand Marshal</b>	Dr. Bob Mortlock
<b>Platform Marshal</b>	Dr. Rene Rendon
<b>Military Marshal</b>	Lieutenant Colonel Emmaline Hill, USMC
<b>Master of Ceremonies</b>	Captain Brandon Bryan, USN
<b>National Anthem</b>	Audio Visual
<b>Introduction of Speaker</b>	Vice Admiral Ann Rondeau, USN (Ret.)
<b>Address to Graduates</b>	Lieutenant General Eric P. Wendt, USA (Ret.)
<b>Presentation of Candidates</b>	Dr. Scott Gartner
<b>Announcement of Degrees</b>	Captain Brandon Bryan, USN
<b>Recessional</b>	Audio Visual

### NOTES:

1. Graduation can be viewed via the internet.  
The link for this broadcast is: <https://nps.edu/graduation>.
2. Photos will be available for download on the internet next week on the Public Affairs or Current Students web page: <http://my.nps.edu/web/guest/graduation-photography>.

## GRADUATION AWARDS

### **Monterey Peninsula Council of the Navy League LCDR Tom Winant Highest Academic Achievement Award – CDR Matthew Sevier, USN**

This award is presented to a graduating United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, or National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration student, who has maintained an outstanding academic record as exhibited by academic achievement, thesis research, motivation, and community involvement.

### **Captain David S. Bill, Jr., Leadership Award – CDR Matthew Sevier, USN**

Award acknowledges faculty or student officers who have demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities. This recognition is intended to support the school's mission of promoting combat readiness.

### **The Space Systems Engineering Award for Academic Excellence – CDR Matthew Sevier, USN**

This award is presented to an Army student who has maintained an outstanding academic record.

### **Naval Postgraduate School Superior Service Award – Maj Christopher DarConte, USAF**

This award is based on superior contributions to the student body, professional community, and local Monterey area.

### **Association of the United States Army, General Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter, Award for Outstanding Army Student – MAJ Kevin A. Butler, USA**

This award is presented to an army student who has maintained an outstanding academic record as exhibited by academic achievement, thesis research, motivation, and community involvement.

### **Air Force Association Award for Outstanding U.S. Air Force Student – Lt Col Regan F. Lyon, USAF**

This award is based on outstanding service and is sponsored by the Monterey Chapter of the California Air Force Association.

### **The Pat Tillman Leadership Award – Lt Col Regan F. Lyon, USAF**

This award is presented to acknowledge student officers who have distinguished themselves in Security Affairs in Department of Defense Analysis.

### **Marine Corps Association Superior Service Award for Outstanding U.S. Marine Student – Maj David Richey, USMC**

This award is presented to an outstanding student based on quality point rating, thesis, curricular, and extracurricular activities.

### **The Louis D. Liskin Award for Academic Excellence – Capt Mitch Mickley, USAF and Maj Jordan Reid, USMC**

This award is presented to a Master of Business Administration student based on academic excellence, personal excellence, and contributions to the quality of the educational program, to fellow officers, and to the community



**Conrad Scholar Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement in Financial Management – CDR Marty Burns, USN and LT Patrick Eberhart, USN**

This award is presented to an outstanding officer in the Financial Management community who has demonstrated academic excellence, presented a financial management essay for publication, and exhibited the potential for outstanding leadership while attending the Naval Postgraduate School.

**Department of the Navy Award for Academic Excellence in Financial Management – LT Patrick Eberhart, USN and Capt Spencer Morris, USMC**

This award is presented to Financial Management students who demonstrate overall academic performance, academic excellence in financial management courses, high leadership potential, future ability to contribute to professional, academic, and public forums while meeting the highest standards of stewardship of the National Trust and thesis excellence.

**Astronaut Michael J. Smith, and Astronaut William C, McCool, Astronautics Award – LCDR Kyle Decker, USN**

This award is presented to an outstanding graduate of the Space Systems curricula based on overall academic excellence, applicable extra-curricular activities, and career potential.

**CDR Philip A. Murphy-Sweet Memorial Award for Excellence in Acquisition – LCDR Michael Wiesman, USN**

This award is presented to a graduating USN, USMC, or Department of the Navy civilian student who has demonstrated academic research, and professional excellence in the Acquisition and Contract Management, Systems Acquisition Management, Contract Management, or Program Management curricula.

**The Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Regional Security Studies – Maj Barbara Denise Vayda, USAF**

This award is presented to the graduating U.S. military or civilian student in the Department of National Security Affairs for the outstanding thesis in regional security studies based on the quality of the thesis, evaluated in terms of its overall scholarly achievement, or outstanding service to the Armed Forces or the Department of Defense.

**The Outstanding United States Air Force Graduate Award, Department of National Security Affairs – Major Barbara Denise Vayda, USAF**

This award is presented to an officer for overall scholarly achievement.

**The International Student Award for Excellence in Regional or Security Studies – Major Mijung Chu, Republic of Korea Air Force and Major Galih Kusumayuda, Indonesian Air Force**

This award is presented to an international military officer or civilian student for academic performance evaluated in terms of overall scholarly achievement.

**The Surface Navy Association's Award for Excellence in Surface Warfare Research – LT Monica Lavris, USN**

This award is presented to a graduating student from any curriculum whose thesis topic and quality of supporting research demonstrate the greatest potential for contribution to the Surface Navy

**Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Systems Engineering –  
LT Edward A. Anuat USN**

This award is presented in recognition of distinguished scholastic achievement in Systems Engineering.

**The Jack J. Jensen Meteorology and Oceanography Award – LCDR Michael Becker, USN**

This award is presented to a U.S. or international student who has produced a thesis with notable academic rigor that has potential to provide new operational capabilities or techniques to the Meteorology and Oceanography Community

**Military Operations Research Society Stephen A. Tisdale Graduate Research Award –  
ENS Carissa Baldwin, USN**

This award is presented in recognition of outstanding achievement in graduate research directed toward improving military force utilization. The primary award criterion is research which leads to demonstration of or potential for increased operating effectiveness of currently available or near-term assets.

**Chief of Naval Operations Award for Excellence in Operations Research –  
ENS Braedon Mead, USN**

This award is presented to a Navy or Marine Corps graduate based on academic achievement, experience tour performance, thesis work, and demonstration of those qualities, indicative of an outstanding military officer.

**Naval Supply Systems Command Award for Academic Excellence Management –  
LCDR Samuel Adjei, USN**

This award is presented to an outstanding U.S. Naval Supply Corps officer in Systems Management at the Naval Postgraduate School. The award is made based on academic achievement, research excellence, and contribution to the professional and civilian community and faculty recommendations.

**The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition) Award for Academic Excellence –  
Capt Lee Whitworth, USAF**

This award is presented to a military United States Air Force or Department of the Air Force civilian in the Acquisition and Contract Management, Systems Acquisition Management, Contract Management, or Program Management curricula for academic achievement as demonstrated by scholastic excellence and thesis research.

**Distinguished Professor Kenneth J. Euske Dean's Medal for Innovative Contribution to National Defense, and the Graduate School of Defense Management –  
Capt Matthew Marshall, USAF**

This award is presented to a graduating student, or a team of up to four members, whose thesis or project is considered by the Awards Board and the Dean to present an innovative “potential” significant contribution to a National Defense issue or create a new competitive advantage.

**RADM Donald R. Eaton Logistics Award for Outstanding Achievement –  
Maj Keith Rudolf, USMC**

This award is presented to a graduate of Material Logistics Management, Supply Chain Management or Transportation Management curricula for academic achievement and contributions to logistics communities as demonstrated by scholastic excellence and thesis project research.

**Foreign Area Officer Association Award for Excellence in International Affairs – Major David James Butler, USAF**

The award is presented to recognize the student, who in the opinion of the National Security Affairs Department faculty have distinguished themselves by outstanding thesis or major paper in international affairs, based on the quality of the research and overall scholarly achievement.

**Naval Intelligence Foundation, Admiral Bobby Ray Inman Award for Outstanding Performance in the Field of Intelligence – LT Michael Canavati, USN**

This award is presented to an officer graduate in any curriculum who has advanced the awareness and knowledge of Naval Intelligence and assisted in development of related knowledge

**Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Combat Systems – LT Rochelle Clark, USN**

This award is presented in recognition of distinguished scholastic achievement in Combat Systems Engineering. Selection is based on academic achievement, research excellence, and leadership potential.

**The Graduate School of Defense Management Faculty Outstanding International Student Award – LTC Tuomas Pernu, Finnish Army**

This award is presented to an outstanding international graduate based on academic achievement, thesis research, motivation, and community involvement.

**The Curtis H. “Butch” Straub Achievement Award – Ms. Alana Tornello, NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene.**

This award is presented to a graduating CHDS student with an exemplarily academic and citizenship record while in the CHDS Master's Degree program. The award winner will be a student who has excellent grades, who has written an outstanding thesis, and who has helped the most in providing leadership and energy for the CHDS MA program.

**Meyer Award for Outstanding Student in Systems Engineering (Distance Learning) – CDR Zachary N. Capacete, USN and Ms. Lauren L. Reichert, Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Division**

This award is presented to an outstanding Department of Defense graduate of each Distance Learning Systems Engineering degree program who has demonstrated superior academic performance.

**Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Combat Systems – LT Rochelle Clark, USN**

This award is presented to a Naval Postgraduate School faculty member who has exhibited outstanding research efforts in science and engineering.



## FACULTY AWARDS

### **The Military Officers Association of America Joint Service Warfare Award – Major Daniel Finkenstadt, USAF**

This award is presented to NPS military faculty member(s) who have contributed most significantly to the study, implementation, and spirit of joint-service warfare

### **The First Command Military Leadership Award – Professor Paul Lester, Department of Defense Management**

This award is presented to an active duty, military faculty, or staff member at the Naval Postgraduate School, who, in the opinion of the next two graduating classes, contributed the most to the professional and military success of the graduates during their assignment at the Naval Postgraduate School.

### **Carl E. and Jesse W. Menneken Annual Faculty Award for Excellence in Scientific Research – Associate Professor Di Zhang, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (for highly meritorious research)**

### **Professor Marcello Romano, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (for significant and sustained contributions)**

This award is presented to a Naval Postgraduate School faculty member who has exhibited outstanding research efforts in science and engineering.

### **The Richard W. Hamming Teaching Award – Dr. David Alderson, Department of Operations Research**

This award is presented to a faculty member whose contribution to student learning is demonstrated both in and out of the classroom through excellence in instruction and thesis advising.

### **The Lieutenant Commander David L. Williams Outstanding Professor Award – Dr. Shannon Brown, Center of Homeland Defense and Security**

This award is presented to the faculty member in Graduate School of International and Defense Studies who has demonstrated the greatest dedication and therefore had the greatest impact on learning and intellectual growth of students, in residence and abroad.

### **The Louis D. Liskin Award for Teaching Excellence in the Graduate School of Defense Management – Dr. Erik Helzer, Department of Defense Management**

This award is presented if warranted to a member of the faculty by popular vote from resident students in any of the Department of Defense Management curricula.

### **Meyer Award for Teaching Excellence in Systems Engineering (Distance Learning) – Mark M. Rhoades, Department of Systems Engineering**

This award is presented to an outstanding faculty member of each Distance Learning Systems Engineering degree program who is recognized by the students for teaching excellence and/or exceptional contributions to the students' overall learning experience.

- (D) - Students recognized for "With Distinction"  
(T) - Students recognized for an "Outstanding Thesis"  
(J) - Students receiving their Joint Professional Military Education  
(M) - Rear Admiral Wayne E. Meyer Scholar  
\* Students graduating in absentia

### **Doctor of Philosophy in Systems Engineering**

\*Mr. Cuong Ton, Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division

### **Doctor of Philosophy in Information Sciences**

Paul Ronald Shigley

### **Astronautical Engineer**

(D,T,J)Maj David T. Richey, USMC  
LT James Dillon Summerlin, USN  
(D,T)LT Daniel Takashi Watanabe, USN

### **Master of Science in Astronautical Engineering**

(J)LCDR Kyle W. Decker, USN  
(J)LT Mitchell A. Kempisty, USN  
\*(J)LT Brooks T.N. Lane, USN  
LT Garrett R. Patrick, USN  
LCDR Timothy Andrew Polyard, USN  
(D,T,J)Maj David T. Richey, USMC  
(J)LCDR Daniel Lee Robey, USN  
(J)LT Anthony Seda, USN  
(D,T,J)CDR Matthew L. Sevier, USN  
LT James Dillon Summerlin, USN  
(D,T)LT Daniel Takashi Watanabe, USN

### **Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering**

LT Caleb H. Achor, USN  
LT Allison D. Adamos, USN  
\*LT Aaron Santiago, USN  
\*LT Carlos J. Diaz-Colon, USCG

### **Master of Science in Systems Engineering**

(D)LT Gladys Vanessa Anuat, USN  
(T)LT Edward A. Anuat, USN  
LT Kyle Joseph Diatte, USN  
LT Janice Lindsey Mallery, USN  
LT William Aaron Melton, USN  
(D)LT Austin Bernell Taylor, USN

## **Master of Science in Systems Engineering Management**

(J)MAJ Dominic Francis, Adams, USA

\*(J)MAJ Ena G. Baran, USA

\*(J)MAJ James N. Berry III, USA

(J)MAJ Randy W. Bookwalter, USA

(J)MAJ Andrew Joseph Brown, USA

(J)MAJ Jason Mark Bulson, USA

(J)MAJ Angela Denise Burton, USA

(J)CPT Matthew W. Carter, USA

(J)MAJ Brian J. Clayton, USA

(J)MAJ Joshua L. Cook, USA

\*(J)MAJ Troy Davidson, USA

\*(J)CPT Caleb Ely, USA

\*(J)CPT Zach Feterl, USA

\*(J)CPT John Folger, USA

(J)MAJ Gregory S. Griffith, USA

(J)CPT Pete Hamill, USA

\*(J)CPT Johnathan W. Hardin, USA

(J)MAJ Larry V. Kemp, USA

\*(J)MAJ Jeff Klobucar, USA

(J)MAJ Jacen P. Lanclos, USA

(J)MAJ Brittney Leigh Jackson, USA

(J)MAJ Patriciaclaire Miaga, USA

\*(J)MAJ Jean'Shay Delight Moore, USA

\*(J)CPT Christopher J. Nelson, USA

\*(J)CPT Rodrick Andre Polk, USA

\*(J)CPT Kirk Porter, USA

\*(J)MAJ Christian Ray, USA

(J)CPT Porter W. Riley, USA

\*(J)CPT Khalid T. Salim, USA

\*(J)MAJ William C. Salisbury II, USA

\*(J)MAJ Eric C. Scholl, USA

\*LTC Mark Lloyd Scott, USA

\*(J)CPT Jonathan C. Shelton, USA

(J)CPT Quentin Sica, USA

\*(J)MAJ David Terhune, USA

CPT Andrew K. Umstead, USA

\*(J)MAJ David T. Vance, USA

(J)MAJ Marguerite (Meg) Vermillion, USA

\*(J)MAJ Nicolas Villegas, USA

\*MAJ Will Warren, USA

\*(J)MAJ Bryan E. Weiss, USA

(J)MAJ Joseph B. Wiley, USA

\*(J)MAJ James Phillip Williamson, USA

\*(J)MAJ Paul Wolfe, USA

### **Master of Science in Electrical Engineering**

LT Brandon James Carter, USN

LT Zachary James Everhart, USN

(T)LT Daniel Stephen Green, USN

LT Monica Therese Lavris, USN

(J)LT Larry Jun Pineda, USN

LT Michael Christopher Wakeland, USN

### **Master of Engineering (Electrical Engineering)**

Ms. Marilyn Azucena Contreras-Soto

Mr. Christopher M. Coronel

Mr. Frank Anthony Datello

### **Master of Science in Systems Engineering**

\*Capt Kyle J. Curley, USMC

(T)CDR Zachary N. Capacete, USN

(T)Mr. Ray Anthony Ashworth, Naval Surface Warfare Center Port Hueneme Division

\*Mr. Gregory Barr, Naval Information Warfare Center Pacific

\*Mr. Nolan James Bunker, Naval Surface Warfare Center,

Port Hueneme Division, White Sands Detachment

(T)Mr. Matthew Casim, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division

\*Mr. Oscar Ismael Cedillos, Naval Surface Warfare Center Detachment

White Sands Missile Range

\*Mr. Tylong Chheung, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division

Ms. Irene Cho, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division

\*Mr. Ryan Todd Collier, Naval Information Warfare Center Atlantic

\*Mr. Richard Cornish, Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division, Dam Neck Activity

(T)Mr. Garrett D. Dong, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division

\*Mr. Craig Earls, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division

Mr. William Flores, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Division Port Hueneme

\*Mr. Allan Freeman, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division

\*(T)Mr. Joshua Gutterman, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division

\*Mr. Adam Christopher Ortega, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division

Mr. Josué L. Ramos-Calvario, Naval Information Warfare Center Pacific

(D)Ms. Lauren L. Reichert, Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Division

\*(T)Mr. Carlos Rios Mora, Naval Surface Warfare Center Port Hueneme

(D,T)Mr. Jeffrey Smith, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division

(T)Ms. July Thomson, Naval Surface Warfare Center Port Hueneme Division

\*Mr. Gregory R. Burns, NAVSEA Warfare Center, Dahlgren Damneck Activity

\*Ms. Mary D. Mesa, Naval Information Warfare Center Pacific

\*Mrs. Savannah Wood Self, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division

Mr. Jared B. Spears, Farragut Technical Analysis Center, Office of Naval Intelligence

### **Master of Science in Systems Engineering Management**

\*LCDR John C. Hannah, Jr., USN

Mr. Jonathan Burnette, Naval Information Warfare Center Pacific

### **Master of Science in Meteorology and Physical Oceanography**

\* (J) LCDR Michael Adamski, Jr., USN  
LCDR Michael Chapman Becker II, USN  
(J) LCDR Alexander Wade Cavins, USN  
(D, J) LCDR Matthew Kemp Hardie, USN  
(D, J) LCDR Meredith A. McKaig, USN  
\* (J) LT Christopher Ryan Mortenson, USN  
(J) LCDR Jacqueline Zimny, USN

### **Master of Science in Electrical Engineering**

ENS Jorge Vasquez, Jr., USN

### **Master of Science in Engineering Acoustics**

ENS Richard Lawrence Wyman III, USN

### **Master of Science in Applied Physics**

\* Capt Mark Daniel Vetere, USMC  
\* LT Rochelle Elizabeth Clark, USN  
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