



NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

Commencement
Ceremony

DECEMBER 15, 2023



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"I will focus on the following areas: First, sharpen our warfighting edge. The threat is real, the pace is accelerating, and it is our duty to excel in all domain combat as part of the joint force and alongside our allies and partners. Second, strengthen our Navy team. Our sailors and civilians are our competitive advantage and we need to continue to provide them the tools, the training, the education, and the support they need to be the best team for our country."

Admiral Lisa Franchetti, USN
Chief of Naval Operations



"We are a learning organization that requires Marines at every rank to understand the strategic implications of their actions. We must increase our knowledge every day. Education makes us more adaptable; adaptation builds advantage; and advantage leads to victory on the battlefield."

General Eric Smith, USMC
Commandant of the Marine Corps

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 Naval Postgraduate School is accredited by the Western Association of Schools & Colleges, the Accreditation Board for Engineering & Technology, the Association to Advanced 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 15, 2023

King Hall

President

VADM ANN E. RONDEAU, USN (RET.)

Provost and Chief Academic Officer

DR. SCOTT GARTNER

Chief of Staff and Commanding Officer

CAPT BRANDON BRYAN, USN

Vice Provost for Academic Leadership

DR. JOMANA AMARA

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

DR. JOSEPH HOOPER

Vice Provost for Research

DR. KEVIN B. SMITH

Dean of Students

CAPT THOR MARTINSEN, USN, PhD





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 Chief Academic Officer
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.



Rear Admiral Kurt J. Rothenhaus

Chief of Naval Research

Rear Admiral Kurt J. Rothenhaus is a native of New York City, New York. He received his commission in 1992 upon graduating from the University of South Carolina where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. He also earned a Master of Science in Computer Science and a Ph.D. in Software Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School and transferred into the Engineering Duty Officer community in 2003.

From May 2020 until May 2023, he served as Program Executive Officer, Command Control Computers Communications, and Intelligence (PEO C4I).

He assumed command of the Office of Naval Research as the 27th Chief of Naval Research in June 2023.

His operational assignments include serving as the combat systems/C5I officer on USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) and chief engineer on USS O'Brien (DD 975). Additionally, he served on the staff of Destroyer Squadron 15 and on USS Fife (DD 991). He completed an Individual Augmentee tour in Baghdad, Iraq.

He completed numerous acquisition tours including Program Manager for the Navy's Tactical Networks Program Office (PMW-160) and Commanding Officer of Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific. He also served as the Deputy Program Manager for the Navy Communications and GPS Program Office (PMW/A 170).

He is the recipient of the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal and various unit and sea service awards.

PLATFORM PARTY

First Row (left to right)

Lieutenant Colonel James Lee
USAF
Senior United States Air Force Representative

Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Shallcross
USA
Senior United States Army Representative

Colonel Jason Perry
USMC
Senior United States Marine Corps Representative

Captain Brandon Bryan
USN
Chief of Staff

Rear Admiral Kurt J. Rothenhaus, USN
Chief of Naval Research

Vice Admiral Ann Rondeau, USN (Ret.)
President

Dr. Scott Gartner
Provost and Academic Dean

Dr. Mowafiq Alanazi
Director of International Graduate Programs

Professor Alex Bordetsky
Chair of the Department of Information Sciences

Professor Frank Narducci
Chair of the Department of Physics

Captain Thor Martinsen
USN
Dean of Students

Second Row (left to right)

Professor Maria Rasmussen
Chair of the Department of National Security Affairs

Professor Douglas J. Fouts
Chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Professor Carter Malkasian
Chair of the Department of Defense Analysis

Professor Matthew Carlyle
Chair of the Department of Operations Research

Professor Brian Bingham
Chair of the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Professor Timour Radko
Representing the Chair of the Department of Oceanography

Professor Wendell Nuss
Chair of the Department of Meteorology

Professor James Newman
Chair of the Space Systems Academic Group

Professor Oleg Yakimenko
Chair of the Department of Systems Engineering

Professor Gurminder Singh
Chair of the Department of Computer Science

Professor Frank Giraldo
Chair of the Department of Applied Mathematics

Chair Raymond Jones
Chair of the Department of Defense Management

Professor Robert Tomlinson
Dean of Academics, Naval War College

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Processional Del Monte Brass

Grand Marshal Dr. Bob Mortlock

Platform Marshal Dr. Rene Rendon

Faculty Marshal Dr. Paul Beery

Military Marshal Lieutenant Colonel Amy Roznowski, USMC

Master of Ceremonies Captain Thor Martinsen, USN

National Anthem Del Monte Brass

Introductory Remarks Vice Admiral Ann Rondeau, USN (Ret.)

Address to Graduates Rear Admiral Kurt J. Rothenhaus, USN

Presentation of Candidates Dr. Scott Gartner

Announcement of Degrees Captain Thor Martinsen, USN

Recessional Del Monte Brass

NOTES:

1. Graduation can be viewed live 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 – LT Charles Bibbs, 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.

Association of the United States Army, General Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter, Award for Outstanding Army Student – MAJ Reuben O. Morris, 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.

Marine Corps Association Superior Service Award for Outstanding U.S. Marine Student – Maj Merritt Mitchell, USMC

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

Naval Postgraduate School Superior Service Award – Capt James Lee, USMC

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

Air Force Association Award for Outstanding U.S. Air Force Student – Maj Skogsberg-Karnowski, USAF

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

Air Force Association Award for Advancement of Aerospace Studies – LT Athanasios Lamprou, Hellenic Navy

This award is presented to a graduating international student based on academic achievement through scholastic excellence and research in the field of, or related to, aerospace science and technology.

Naval Postgraduate School Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for International Students – LT Athanasios Lamprou, Hellenic Navy

This award is presented to a student who has exhibited outstanding academic achievement, conducted notable thesis research, maintained motivation and a serious interest in the community, and who has interacted well with other students in the interest of international alliance.

International Student Award for Excellence in Regional or Security Studies – COL Marwan Al Zoubi, Jordanian Armed Forces and CDR Oliver Heinicke, German Navy

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

Surface Navy Association's Award for Excellence in Surface Warfare Research – Capt Susan Figlioli, USMC

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

Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Regional Security Studies – LT Stephen Cracknell, USN

This award is presented to a graduating U.S. military or civilian student in the Department of National Security Affairs for an outstanding thesis in Regional Security Studies based on quality of the thesis and outstanding service to the Armed Forces or the Department of Defense.

Naval Intelligence Foundation, Admiral Bobby Ray Inman Award for Excellence in Intelligence – LT Stephen Cracknell, 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.

Monterey Kiwanis Club Outstanding International Student Award – LTC Ernest Bosempem Darkwah, Ghana Army

This award is presented to outstanding international students based on academic standing and achievement, and involvement in community affairs.

Outstanding United States Air Force Graduate Award, Department of National Security Affairs – Capt Jordan Garcia, USAF

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

Astronaut Michael J. Smith and Astronaut William C. McCool Astronautics Award – LCDR Timothy M. Musmanno, 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.

Jack J. Jensen Meteorology and Oceanography Award – LCDR Melissa Jon Moore, 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.

Pat Tillman Leadership Award – MAJ Joe Menzie, USA and MAJ Mike Meier, USA

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

The Tyler National Security Research Award – LCDR Jeffrey Henkel, USCG

This award is presented to acknowledge outstanding academic excellence in the areas of innovation and collaboration at the Naval Postgraduate School. This recognition is intended to support the school's mission of promoting educational excellence.

Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Defense Management – LCDR Jeffrey Henkel, USCG

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.

Foreign Area Officer Association Award for Excellence in International Affairs – Maj Charles Hobbs, USAF

This award recognizes students, 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 Sea Systems Command Award in Naval/Mechanical Engineering –
LT Laurence Moore, USN**

This award is presented in recognition of distinguished academic achievement in the Naval/Mechanical Engineering Program.

**Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Systems Engineering –
LT Barada Moncravie, USN**

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

Oceanographer of the Navy Award for Outstanding Academic Performance in Meteorology and Oceanography – LCDR Kierstin Pastrana, USN

This award is presented to an Air-Ocean Sciences graduate exhibiting outstanding academic performance and qualities indicative of an outstanding military officer.

**Department of the Navy Award for Academic Excellence in Financial Management –
LCDR Grant LeMaster, USN**

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

Conrad Scholar Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement in Financial Management – LCDR Grant LeMaster, 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.

**Naval Supply Systems Command Award for Academic Excellence –
LCDR Ryan Storrusten, USN**

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

Curtis H. “Butch” Straub Achievement Award – Chief Thomas LeBelle, Prince William County Fire Rescue System; Virginia

This award is presented to a graduating Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) student with an exemplary 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.

Space Systems Engineering Award for Academic Excellence – LT Connor Mellett, USN

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

**CDR Philip A. Murphy-Sweet Memorial Award for Excellence in Acquisition –
Capt Matheu Weaver, USMC**

This award is presented to a graduating U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, 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.

**RADM Donald R. Eaton Logistics Award for Outstanding Achievement –
LCDR Sean Szad, USN**

This award is presented to a graduate of Materiel 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.

Department of Defense Management Faculty Outstanding International Student Award – Maj Kenneth Ng, Republic of Singapore Navy

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

**Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition) Award for Academic Excellence –
Capt Phillip Nguyen, USAF**

This award is presented to a U.S. Air Force servicemember 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/project research.

**Fleet Cyber Command Award for Academic Achievement in Cyber Operations –
CPT Andrew David Sill, USA**

This award is presented to an outstanding Cyber Systems and Operations, or Applied Cyber Operations graduate based on academic performance and thesis quality.

**Distinguished Professor Kenneth J. Euske Dean’s Medal for Innovative Contribution to National Defense and the Department of Defense Management –
Maj Samuel Irvine, USMC**

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

Chief of Naval Research Award for Excellence in Robotics and Autonomous Systems Research – Operations Focus: LT Lloyd (Forrest) Hansen, USN and Engineering Focus: LT Matthew Coleman, USN

This award is presented to two students, (1) from engineering and applied sciences and (1) from operational, informational, security, and management programs. This award recognizes the distinguished academic achievement of NPS Navy and Marine Corps students in the emerging field of Robotics and Autonomous Systems and outstanding thesis research in those areas.

**Meyer Award for Outstanding Student in Systems Engineering (Distance Learning) –
Ms. Tabitha R Humphries and LT Ronald William Ringwall, USN**

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.

FACULTY/STAFF AWARDS

Military Officers Association of America Joint Service Warfare Award – CAPT Chad Bollmann, USN

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

First Command Military Leadership Award – CDR Kathleen Giles, USN

This award is presented to an active-duty military faculty or staff member at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), 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 NPS.

Lieutenant Commander David L. Williams Outstanding Professor Award – Assoc Prof Kathryn Aten, Department of Defense Management

This award is presented to the faculty member in the Department of National Security Affairs who has demonstrated the greatest dedication to, and greatest impact on the learning and intellectual growth of students.

Meyer Award for Teaching Excellence in Systems Engineering (Distance Learning) – Prof of Practice CAPT Don Muehlbach, PhD, Systems Engineering; and Senior Lecturer Mark Rhoades, 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 “Graduating With Distinction”
(T) – Students recognized for an “Outstanding Thesis”
(J) – Students receiving their Joint Professional Military Education
(N) – Nimitz Research Group Member
(B) – Bucklew Research Group Member
(M) – Rear Admiral Wayne E. Meyer Scholar
* Students graduating in absentia

GRADUATES

Doctor of Philosophy in Information Sciences

MAJ Linus Törner, Swedish Army

Ms. Clare Morton, Department of the Navy

Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering

Mr. Stanley E. DeFisher, Department of the Army

Master of Arts in Security Studies (Middle East, South Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa)

(J)MAJ Daniel H. Grogan, USA

Maj Claude L. Betene, USAF

Master of Arts in Security Studies (East Asia and the Indo-Pacific)

*Capt Brendan A. Costello, USMC

*(D)Capt John Lee, USMC

*Maj Matthew B. Rowland, USMC

*Capt Juan C. Ruiz Villegas, USMC

Capt Rock G. Warnick, USMC

*MAJ Andrei R. Hauser, USA

CPT Minhee Jang, Republic of Korea Army

(J)MAJ Harry A. Rivera, USA

(D,J,N)LT Stephen D. Cracknell, USN

(J)LT Joseph M. Crevier, USN

(J)LT Tyler J. Self, USN

Maj Hyeondong Kang, Republic of Korea Air Force

*Maj Laura M. Marshall, USAF

Maj Timothy G. Wiser, USAF

Capt Christopher Y. Yong, USAF

Master of Arts in Security Studies (Western Hemisphere)

(J)LCDR Tony Leguia, USN

(T)Capt Victor M. Gutierrez, USAF

Master of Arts in Security Studies (Europe and Eurasia)

*Capt Robert Holmes, USMC

(J)MAJ Daniel Hammond, USA

(J,N)MAJ Jacob E. Traylor, USA

(J)LTJG Angela M. Puzan, USN

Lt Col Thrishantha Amarakoon, Sri Lanka Army

Master of Arts in Security Studies (Civil-Military Relations)

Lt Col Ihtasham Sattar, Pakistan Army

Master of Arts in Security Studies (Strategic Studies)

(T)Col Marwan A. Al Zoubi, Jordan Armed Forces

CPT Yekyung Kim, Republic of Korea Army

CDR Oliver Heinicke, German Navy

(J)LT Kevin M. Hunter, USN

(J)LT Kari E. Jerde, USN

(J)LT James E. Midkiff, USN

LT Marjudin Saputra, Indonesian Navy

*(T)2nd Lt Isabella "Bella" C. Colandrea, USAF

Maj Jisun Yoon, Republic of Korea Air Force

(D)Mr. Daniel J. Atherton, U.S. Department of State

Master of Arts in Security Studies (Homeland Security and Defense)

(J)LT Thomas B. Arlowe, USN

ENS Mackenzie N. Ayala, USN

Master of Arts in Security Studies (Combating Terrorism: Policy and Strategy)

(D)MAJ DeAnna M. Comstock, USA

(T)Lt Col Samir Becheikh, Algerian People's National Army

Col Mohammad A. L. Mohammad, Jordanian Armed Forces

CDR Faris L. B. Al Balushi, Royal Navy of Oman

Maj Tarilado C. Ogoina, Nigerian Air Force

Mr. Mithaq A. Aljarf, Yemen Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Masters of Science Strategy (Nuclear Command, Control, and Communications)

CPT Austin W. S. Hamilton, USA

Master of Arts in Security Studies (Homeland Security and Defense)

LTC Jason De La Vega, Washington Army National Guard

Lt Col Brian Kroeller, Oregon Air National Guard

Mr. Charles Ali, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services; New York

Captain Brent Baker, Allina Health Emergency Medical Services; Minnesota

Ms. Clarissa Boggs-Blake, Denver Office of Emergency Management

Border Patrol Agent Martin Chavez, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; Texas

Deputy Director Heather Geldart, Cal Recycle; California

Lieutenant Nicholas Golden, Atlanta Fire Rescue Department

Asst Section Chief James Griffin, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Washington, D.C.

Ms. Melissa Hager, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Washington, D.C.

Mr. Judson Jeffries, The Ohio State University

Chief Thomas LaBelle, Prince William County Fire Rescue System; Virginia

Mr. William Lawson, City of Richmond; Virginia

Deputy Fire Chief Aaron McAlister, Contra Costa County Fire District; California

Mr. Michael McMasters, Cybersecurity, and Infrastructure Security Agency; Illinois

Lieutenant Carlos Mejia, Metropolitan Police Department; Washington D.C.

Lieutenant Valerie Patete, Metropolitan Police Department; Washington D.C.

Division Chief Michael Pfaltzgraff, Anne Arundel County Fire Department; Maryland

*Mr. Adam Ratajczak, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; Virginia

Mr. Robert Scott, Transportation Security Administration; Oregon

Captain Craig Solgat, Metropolitan Police Department; Washington D.C.

Mr. John Summerlot, Indiana University

Supervisory Special Agent Allan Swafford, Homeland Security Investigations; Arizona

Sergeant George Tavares, New York City Police Department

Sergeant Bryan Thueson, Seminole County Sheriff's Office; Florida

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

(D)LTC Antonios Samaras, Hellenic Army

(J)LT Bryan Eidson, USN

(J)LCDR Victor Lee, USN

LT Leigh Nelson, USN

LT Peter R. Schultz, USN

(M)LT Sarah M. Towers, USN

Masters of Engineering (Electrical Engineering)

*Mr. Matthew John Brentano, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division

Mr. David E. Calvert II, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division

*Mr. Derek Frasz, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division

*Mr. Matthew K. Hafer, Department of Defense

Ms. Jireh Christine Imperial-Bianchini, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division

*Mr. Matthew Rand Kline, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division

*Mr. Tylor Kula, Department of Defense

Mr. Joshua Miles, Department of Defense

*Mr. Cory Woodrow Powell, Department of Defense

*Mr. Jason Mathew Reneau, U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Aviation & Missile Center

Ms. LaShonda Torbert, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division

Mr. Mariano Alan Villanueva Cruz, Fleet Readiness Center Southeast

Master of Science in Engineering Science (Mechanical Engineering)

*ENS Andrea Luzardo Gonzalez, USN

Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering

*LT Casey Arnold, USN

(T)LCDR Ruben Jarillo Lopez, Mexican Navy

*Mr. William Bass Thames III, Naval Air Systems Command

Master of Science in Astronautical Engineering

(J)LT Connor G. Chroman, USN

(J)LT Patrick Clouse, USN

(J)LT Thomas O. Hill, USN

(T,J)LT Connor P. Mellett, USN

(D,T)LCDR Timothy M. Musmanno, USN

(J)LT Raymond T. Yoo, USN

(T)LT Michael Louis Zepeda, USN

Master of Science in Engineering Science (Aerospace Engineering)

LT Richard Luke Schmidt, USN

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

LT Kristofer Misch, USN
(T,J)LT Laurence Hunter Moore, USN

Master of Science in Systems Engineering

(T,J)CPT Abigail Elise Staffnik, USA
LT Jasmine Renee Arnold, USN
LT Marieme Gueye, USN
LT Kayla L. Lovelady, USN
LT Barada A. Moncravie, USN

Master of Science in Systems Engineering Management

(J)MAJ Phillip B. Amey, USA
(J)MAJ Robert E. Davis, USA
(J)MAJ Alan Johnson, USA
CPT Luis D. Mejias, USA
(J)MAJ Ryan A. Melkus, USA
(J)MAJ Matthew A. Mellor, USA
(J)MAJ Terence Koti Ngoh, USA
MAJ Michael C. Sims, USA
(J)CPT Autumn A. Watson, USA

Master of Science in Systems Engineering

*LCDR Chad Henderson, USN
*LT Anna Switzer, USN
*(D)Mr. Michael Berger, Naval Information Warfare Center, Pacific
*Mr. Aaron Chan, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division
*Mrs. Fatou Cisse, Naval Facilities Engineering & Expeditionary Warfare Center
(D)Ms. Patricia Gomez, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division
*Mr. Desmond Harris, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division
*Mr. John Thomas Holder IV, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division
*(D)Mrs. Tabitha R. Humphries, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division
Mr. Jonathan K. Kutsunai, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division
*Mr. Jacob Laake, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division
Ms. Nithisha S. Maganahalli, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division
Mr. Cary Francisco Martinez de Andino, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division
*Mr. Erik William Meyer, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division
Mr. Andrew M. Murray, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division
Ms. Nathaly D. Navarrete, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division, Virginia Beach Detachment
Mr. Preston Tyler Porter, Naval Ordnance Safety and Security Activity
*Mr. Joffin J. Purakary, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division
*Mr. Grant Liam Rodgers, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division
*Ms. Samantha Sperry, Naval Ordnance Safety and Security Activity
*Mr. Kemuel Torres-Martinez, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division.

Master of Science in Engineering Systems

*Mr. Andrew Adams Pompeii, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Division Carderock
Mr. Christopher M. Vasquez, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division

Master of Science in Systems Engineering Management

*CWO5 Rilin Philippe Desamours, USMC
*CWO3 Joshua Michael Priestley, USMC
*LT Fredrick Nathaniel Davies, USN
Mr. Scott Thomas Craft, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake
LT Ronald William Ringwall, USN

Masters of Science in Computer Science

(J)LT Amon J. Georgewill, USN
(T,J)LT Alexander Huang, USN
(J)LT Alexi Noelle Mendolia, USN
(J)LT Ching Ting Yuan, USN

Master of Science in Engineering Science (Electrical Engineering)

LT Lance Buchanan Landers, USN

Masters of Science in Cyber Systems and Operations

*(D)CPT Andrew David Sill, USA
(T,J)LT Scott D. Colvin, USN
(J)LT Edward Camdon Muncy, USN
(J)LCDR Jesse T. Sciuto, USN

Masters of Applied Cyber Operations

SCPO Matthew B. Kruse, USN

Masters of Science in Information Sciences

(N)CPT Jordan M. Figlioli, USMC
(N,M)CPT Susan O. Figlioli, USMC

Master of Science in Meteorology and Physical Oceanography

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