



# NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

Commencement  
Ceremony

MARCH 29, 2024



## NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL



"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.*





## WINTER QUARTER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

March 29, 2024

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.





## Lieutenant General Michael T. Plehn, USAF

President, National Defense University

Lieutenant General Mike Plehn is the 17th President of the National Defense University. As President of NDU, he oversees its five component colleges that offer graduate-level degrees and certifications in joint professional military education to over 2,000 U.S. military officers, civilian government officials, international military officers and industry partners annually.

Raised in an Army family, he graduated from Miami Southridge Senior High School in 1983 and attended the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with Military Distinction and a degree in Astronautical Engineering in 1988. He is a Distinguished Graduate of Squadron Officer School as well as the College of Naval Command and Staff, where he received a Master's Degree with Highest Distinction in National Security and Strategic Studies. He also holds a Master of Airpower Art and Science degree from the School of Advanced Airpower Studies, as well as a Master of Aerospace Science degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Lt Gen Plehn has extensive experience in joint, interagency, and special operations, including: Middle East Policy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, and four tours at the Combatant Command level to include U.S. European Command, U.S. Central Command, and twice at U.S. Southern Command, where he was most recently the Military Deputy Commander. He also served on the Air Staff in Strategy and Policy and as the speechwriter to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

Lt Gen Plehn is an expert navigator with 2,200 flight hours in the AC-130H, AC-130U, U-28, MQ-1B, MQ-9, and F-16D. He has more than 350 combat hours supporting operations over Bosnia, Somalia, Haiti, Afghanistan, and Iraq. He has commanded special operations units at the squadron, group, and wing levels, and was formerly the Deputy Commander of Air Force Special Operations Command.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, Aerial Achievement Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Gallant Unit Citation, and the Medal for Distinguished Service to the Colombian Military Forces.

An Eagle Scout and avid reader, he speaks passable Spanish. In their quiet time, Mike and his wife enjoy watching ice hockey and providing staff assistance to their two cats.

## 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

**Lieutenant Colonel Amy Roznowski**  
**USMC**  
 Senior United States Marine Corps Representative

**Captain Brandon Bryan**  
**USN**  
 Chief of Staff

**Lieutenant General Michael T. Plehn**  
**USAF**  
 President, National Defense University

**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 Doug Borer**  
 Representing the 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 James Newman**  
 Chair of the Space Systems Academic Group

**Professor Eugene Paulo**  
 Representing the Chair of the Department of Systems Engineering

**Professor Gurminder Singh**  
 Chair of the Department of Computer Science

**Chair Raymond Jones**  
 Chair of the Department of Defense Management

**Professor Robert Tomlinson**  
 Dean of Academics, Naval War College

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>Processional</b> .....	Del Monte Brass
<b>Grand Marshal</b> .....	Dr. Bob Mortlock
<b>Platform Marshal</b> .....	Dr. Rene Rendon
<b>Faculty Marshal</b> .....	Dr. Paul Berry
<b>Military Marshal</b> .....	Lieutenant Colonel Joshua Gordon, USMC
<b>Master of Ceremonies</b> .....	Captain Thor Martinsen, USN
<b>National Anthem</b> .....	Del Monte Brass
<b>Introductory Remarks</b> .....	Vice Admiral Ann Rondeau, USN (Ret.)
<b>Address to Graduates</b> .....	Lieutenant General Michael T. Plehn, USAF President, National Defense University
<b>Presentation of Candidates</b> .....	Dr. Scott Gartner
<b>Announcement of Degrees</b> .....	Captain Thor Martinsen, USN
<b>Recessional</b> .....	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 – LCDR Marianna Luporini, 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.

### **Military Operations Research Society Stephen A. Tisdale Graduate Research Award – LCDR Marianna Luporini, 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 the demonstration of or potential for increased operating effectiveness of currently available or near-term assets.

### **Association of the United States Army, General Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter, Award for Outstanding Army Student – MAJ Patrick Cunningham, 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 Robert Cameron, 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 - LT Haley Jennings, USN**

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

### **Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper Computer Science Award - LT Haley Jennings, USN**

This award is presented in recognition of excellence in Computer Science to the graduate who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, thesis quality, and leadership ability.

### **Air Force Association Award for Outstanding U.S. Air Force Student – Lt Col Robert Eric Gobrecht, 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 - Maj Paolo Amorim dos Reis Carvalho, Brazilian Air Force**

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 – Maj Paolo Amorim dos Reis Carvalho, Brazilian Air Force**

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.

### **Surface Navy Association's Award for Excellence in Surface Warfare Research – Lieutenant Elphbert Laforteza, USN**

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 Arielle L. Galston, 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.

### **International Student Award for Excellence in Regional or Security Studies – Ms. Tea Nikolashvili, Georgia Civilian**

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

### **Outstanding United States Air Force Graduate Award, Department of National Security Affairs - Maj Claude L. Betene, USAF**

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

### **John McReynolds Wozencraft Electrical and Computer Engineering Academic Honor Award - CDR Don Barber, USN, PhD**

This award is presented for academic excellence and best demonstrated professional qualities in one of the following programs: Electronics or Intelligence.

### **Joint Rear Admiral Jack Jarabak/Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition/National Defense Industrial Association Award for Excellence in Undersea Warfare Technology - LCDR Erika A. Fee, USN**

This award is presented to an outstanding officer student, who successfully completes any curricular program and a thesis, which demonstrates outstanding potential for application to undersea warfare technology.

### **Chief of Naval Personnel Award for Academic Excellence in Manpower Systems Analysis – Lieutenant Commander Tatiana Crosby, USN and Major Benjamin Huggins, USMC**

This award is based on academic performance, professional commitment, and leadership potential.

### **Department of Defense Management Faculty Outstanding International Student Award – Flt Lt Jennifer Woodside, Royal Australian Air Force**

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

### **Curtis H. “Butch” Straub Achievement Award – Mr. John Caton, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Pennsylvania**

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 authored an outstanding thesis, and who has helped the most in providing leadership and energy for the CHDS MA program.



**Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory Award for Excellence in Systems Analysis – CDR Robert W. Maul, USN; LT Daniel P. Franceschina, USN; and LT Matthew A. Charlton, USN**

This award is presented to the Master of Systems Analysis capstone project team to recognize relevant, high-quality systems analysis with high potential for immediate impact.

**Meyer Award for Outstanding Student in Systems Engineering (Distance Learning) - MAJ Bryan Pulicari, USA**

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

**Carl E. and Jesse W. Menneken Annual Faculty Award for Excellence in Scientific Research – Highly Meritorious Research Award:**

**Associate Professor Emre Gunduz from the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering**

**Carl E. and Jesse W. Menneken Annual Faculty Award for Excellence in Scientific Research – Significant and Sustained Contribution Award:**

**Professor Giovanna Oriti from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering**

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

**Meyer Award for Teaching Excellence in Systems Engineering (Distance Learning) – Prof Don Muehlbach, PhD**

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  
(M) – Rear Admiral Wayne E. Meyer Scholar  
\* Students graduating in absentia*

## GRADUATES

**Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering**

CDR Don Edward Barber, Jr., USN

**Doctor of Philosophy in Physical Oceanography**

CDR Charlotte Ann Benbow, USN

**Doctor of Philosophy in Operations Research**

CDR David Hunter Barnhill, USN

**Doctor of Philosophy in Information Sciences**

Mr. Kasey C. Miller, Naval Air Station Fleet Readiness Center Digital Group

**Doctor of Philosophy in Modeling, Virtual Environments and Simulation**

\*MAJ Domonique Hittner, USA

**Mechanical Engineer**

Mrs. Shelley Rounds Snider, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, China Lake

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

(T,J)LT Arielle L. Galston, USN

(J)LCDR Kelly G. Wendland, USN

\*(D)Maj Claude L. Betene, USAF

Col Asela Kuruwita, Sri Lanka Air Force

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

(J)MAJ David M. Bracero, USA

(D,J)MAJ Chad L. Williams, USA

(J)LT John T. Beaver III, USN

(J, M)LT Joe De Hoyos, USN

(J)LT Mary Owen, USN

(T)MAJ Wei Lun Alan Teo, Republic of Singapore Navy

(J)Maj Charlotte Gray, USAF

**Master of Arts in Security Studies (Europe and Eurasia)**

(J)LT Isaiah J. Jones, USN

(J)LT Brad H. Langs, USN

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

LTC Suraj Baidawar Kshetry, Nepal Army  
(T)LTC Kamaruddeen Shehu, Republic of the Niger Army  
LT Estevo A. Siteo, Mozambique Navy  
LTC Bishnu Thapa, Nepal Army

**Master of Arts in Security Studies (Strategic Studies)**

MAJ Ansumana H. Lahai, Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces  
LTC Otgonbayar Tsolmon, Mongolian People's Army  
(J)LT Wilfredo D. Antommarchi, USN  
Ms. Tea Nikolashvili, Georgia Civilian

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

(J)LT Benjamin D. Paddock, USN  
(J)LT Laura J. Palombella, USN

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

LTC Jayantha Weerasekara Bandara Hitihami Mudiyansele, Sri Lankan Army  
Lt Col Daniel B. Ebreo, Philippine Air Force

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

MAJ Jorge L. Maldonado, USA  
(T)Mr. Joseph H. Labrum, Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration

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

Deputy Chief Paul Anderson, Tucson Fire Department; Arizona  
Captain Nicholas Barker, New York City Fire Department  
Lieutenant Arminda Bia, New York City Police Department  
Captain Douglas Blake, Roseville Police Department; California  
(D)Mr. John Caton, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Pennsylvania  
(T)Ms. Serena Cheung, Federal Emergency Management Agency; California  
(T)Deputy Chief Kyle Dowdy, Farmington Police Department; New Mexico  
Mr. Samuel Duchac, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency; Illinois  
Fire Chief Gregory Flynn, West Bloomfield Fire Department; Michigan  
Mrs. April Ford, Springfield Greene County 911; Missouri  
Mr. Caleb Freeman, Redmond Fire Department; Washington  
Battalion Chief Jaso Golden, Southern Marin Fire District; California  
Mr. James Greenshields, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Maryland  
Battalion Chief Andrew Hargarten, Milwaukee Fire Department; Wisconsin  
Captain Trevor Jaha, Savannah Fire Department; Georgia  
Chief of Police Ryan Johansen, San Bruno Police Department; California  
Sergeant Elijah Lim, Los Angeles Police Department; California  
Mrs. Jennifer Lynch, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness  
Battalion Chief Sarah-Maria Marchegiani, Arlington County Fire Department; Virginia  
Mrs. Shannon Marheine, Oregon State Police  
Supervisory Officer Colin Morneau, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; California  
Senior Asylum Officer Rose Mraz, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; California  
Lieutenant Jacquelyn Houck, Cobb County Police Department; Georgia  
Captain Ryan Small, Metropolitan Police Department; Washington D.C.  
Mr. Randall Soderquist, Elko Justice and Municipal Courts; Nevada

Lieutenant Erika Tejada, New York City Fire Department  
Mrs. Brittany Vera, Riverside County District Attorney's Office; California  
Supervisory Special Agent John White, Arizona Attorney General's Office  
Mrs. Maigen Wise, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Washington DC

**Master of Science in Electrical Engineering**

(D)LT Daniel Scot Ojard, USN  
(J)LT Paul Franklin Smith, USN

**Master of Science in Engineering Science (Electrical Engineering)**

MAJ Wee Keong Isaac Lee, Republic of Singapore Navy

**Master of Engineering (Electrical Engineering)**

Mr. Michael E. Moran, Department of Defense  
Mr. John William Sibert, Department of Defense

**Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering**

(J)LT Graeme Rolfe, USN  
LT Aesa Alexander Shelton, USN

**Master of Science in Space Systems Operations**

(M)Lt Col Robert Eric Gobrecht, USAF  
(J)Maj Matthew J. Stank, USAF  
MAJ Paolo Amorim dos Reis Carvalho, Brazilian Air Force

**Master of Science in Systems Engineering**

\*Maj Tyler W. Davenport, USMC  
\*Maj Alex C. Horne, USMC  
\*CW3 Caleb N. Grandy, USA  
\*CW4 Joshua McCoy, USA  
\*(D)MAJ Bryan Pulicari, USA  
\*LT Nicholas Corey, USN  
LCDR Ryan R. Moeller, USN  
\*LCDR Karl Petracek, USN  
\*LT Jason P. Pinnow, USN  
\*LT George Kruk Philbrick, USN  
LCDR Kyle S. Todd, USN

**Master of Science in Physical Oceanography**

(J)LT Sarah Shea Chama, USN  
(T,J)LT Sofia Concetta Postiglione, USN

**Master of Science in Applied Physics**

(J)LT Maxwell Terry, USN

**Master of Cost Estimating and Analysis**

\*ENS Hannah Joanne Montau, USN  
Mr. Matthew J. Bennett, Department of the Army  
\*Mr. Christopher Edmonds, Department of the Army  
Mr. Brian A. Colon Torres, Department of the Navy



Mrs. Charrelle Sharie Johnson, Department of the Navy  
Mr. Kevin E. McDonald, Department of the Navy  
Mr. John Anthony Van Meter, Department of the Navy  
Mrs. Katherine Ann Bradshaw, Department of the Air Force  
Mr. Rob Carlos, Department of the Air Force  
Mr. Scott A. Lade, Department of the Air Force  
Ms. Lynn Morrisette, Department of the Air Force  
Mrs. Jessica Joy, Patterson, Department of the Air Force  
Mrs. Anna M. Rosado, Department of the Air Force  
Mr. Sean M. Warner, Department of the Air Force  
Mrs. Stephanie Anne Young, Department of the Air Force  
\*Mr. Kevin David Nelson, Contractor (Tecolote)

#### **Master of Science in Operations Research**

(T)MAJ Bingyao Huang, Republic of Singapore Navy  
(T,J)LT Elphbert D. Laforteza, USN  
(D,T,J)LCDR Marianna Luporini, USN  
MAJ Jaehong Park, Republic of Korea Air Force  
(D)Mr. Xian Kai Chan, DSO National Laboratories, Republic of Singapore

#### **Master of Systems Analysis**

LT Scott E. Benton, USN  
\*LT Matthew A. Charlton, USN  
\*LT Daniel Paul Franceschina, USN  
LTJG Noah Christopher Harris, USN  
\*LT Francesca Jewell Lawson, USN  
CDR Robert W. Maul, USN

#### **Master of Science in Applied Design for Innovation**

(J)MAJ Thomas E. Boehm, USA  
(T,J)MAJ Christopher Michael Boss, USA  
(J)MAJ Nathan D. Carda, USA  
(J)MAJ Patrick Tomaszewski, USA  
Capt Javaughn C. Baltrip, USAF

#### **Master of Science in Defense Analysis**

MAJ Mahamane Koundy Amadou, Republic of the Niger Army  
(D,J)MAJ Sean Dummitt, USA  
(J)MAJ Wallace L. Eklund, USA  
(J)MAJ James M. Ferguson, USA  
(J)MAJ Benjamin John Kertzman, USA  
(D,T,J) MAJ Nathaniel P. Martins, USA  
\*(J)MAJ Michael Joseph Meier, USA  
(J)MAJ Ryan Proctor, USA  
(J)MAJ Miles Sonntag, USA  
(J)MAJ Sean M. Wallace, USA

#### **Master of Science in Information Strategy and Political Warfare**

(J)MAJ Patrick D. Cunningham, USA  
(J)MAJ Matthew A. Escarcega, USA

#### **Master of Applied Cyber Operations**

\*MSgt Kevin Coppola, USMC  
MSgt Nicholas O. Troyer, USMC  
SSgt Kyle R. White, USMC

#### **Master of Science in Cyber Systems and Operations**

\*(J)LT Christopher John Lewis, USN

#### **Master of Science in Computer Science**

Capt Brian T. Allen, USMC  
(J)LCDR London Bridget, USN  
(D,T,J)LT Haley S. Jennings, USN  
(T)MAJ Yi Sheng Michael Ong, Republic of Singapore Navy  
(J)LT Madina Petashvili, USN

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

(D,J)LT Kurt Alden Heidemann, USN

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

(D,T,J)LT Nathan Twito, USN

#### **Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering**

\*LT Casey Arnold, USN  
\*LT Adam David Meyrick, USN  
\*ENS Gonzalez Luzardo Andrea, USN

#### **Master of Business Administration, Acquisitions & Contract Management**

(J)LCDR Jose G. Chirinos, USN  
Capt Jacquelyn O. Stringfield, USAF

#### **Master of Science in Management, Defense Systems Analysis**

Capt Ian D. Bernett, USMC  
Capt Adam Joseph Cox, USMC  
\*(D,T)Maj David Michael DeVine, USMC  
Capt Fidencio S. Gonzalez, USMC  
(T)Maj Joshua A. Gray, USMC  
Maj Kenneth M. Joseph, USMC  
Maj Cody Wayne McGee, USMC  
(T)Capt Gabriel A. Rodriguez, USMC  
(T)Maj Daniel M. Vacchio, USMC  
(J)LT Jessica D. Atkinson, USN  
Maj Chance A. Hughes, USMC  
Maj Sara Rose Dixon, USMC  
Capt Fatima Nicole Banks, USMC  
Capt Andrew A. Born, USMC  
Capt Delaney Welch-Dumanovsky, USMC  
Capt Erick Lallemand, USMC  
(J)Capt Cullen Michael Martin, USMC  
(J)Capt Ryan M. McCoy, USMC  
(D)Capt Benjamin P. Huggins, USMC

Maj Mark W. Young, USMC  
MAJ Peter J. Stanton, Australian Army  
(J,T)LCDR Christie M. Hoban, USN  
(J,T)LCDR Tatiana Crosby, USN  
(J)LCDR Alexis B. Graham, USN  
(J)LT Paul David Winston, USN  
LT Richard Cayce Stepp, USN  
(J)LT Siera T. Snapp, USN  
(J)LT Samuel Alois Lootens, USN  
(J)LT Valerie Serna, USN  
(J)Maj Grant R. Williams, USAF  
(D)Flt Lt Jennifer K. Woodside, Royal Australian Air Force

### **Professional Master of Business Administration**

Viola Vestine Avery, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Division Keyport  
Ryan Michael Beard, Field Support Activity  
(D)Mindy Marie Bundy, Marine Corps Systems Command  
Katelyn R. Carter, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Financial Management & Comptroller  
Shelby Lee Cattell, Naval Information Warfare Center, Pacific  
\*Lindsey Diane Cepak, Naval Audit Service  
Jessica Nichole Chittenden, Naval Information Warfare Systems Command, Headquarters  
Julie S. Dahik, Naval Sea Systems Command  
Ryan S. Dancel, Marine Corps Intelligence Schools  
(D)Jason Ernest Falkenberg, Program Management Office SSP Shipboard Systems  
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