



# NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

Commencement  
Ceremony

JUNE 21, 2024



“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**



## 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 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.*





# SPRING QUARTER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

June 21, 2024

King Hall

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VADM ANN E. RONDEAU, USN (RET.)

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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. James Newman**

Provost and Chief Academic Officer  
Naval Postgraduate School

Dr. James H. Newman is the Provost, Vice President and Chief Academic Officer (Acting) of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), where he also serves as Professor, Space Systems. He previously held the position of Chair and Professor, Space Systems Academic Group (SSAG).

In 2006, Newman came to NPS after three years serving NASA in Moscow, Russia. He joined the SSAG as a NASA Visiting Professor and in 2008 he subsequently transferred from NASA to the Department of the Navy to accept a tenure-track professorship at NPS. His teaching has included orbital mechanics and launch systems, payload design, and introduction to programming for space applications. He has performed applied infrastructure research in the use of very small satellites for focused projects of national interest and for motivating hands-on, officer student educational opportunities. This applied research has included launching several very small satellites and satellite deployers and he is currently assisting with a payload on satellites developed by other faculty in the SSAG.

NASA selected Newman into its astronaut program in 1990. Newman's space flight experience included four missions aboard the Space Shuttles Discovery (STS-51), Endeavour (STS-69, STS-88), and Columbia (STS-109). Notably, he logged a bit more than forty-three days in space, including six spacewalks totaling a little longer than forty-three hours and assignment as the robotic arm operator. On the spacewalks he installed mission critical equipment on the International Space Station and worked on the Hubble Space Telescope. His office assignments included progressively more responsible positions in leadership and management, culminating in his assignment as the Director, NASA's Human Space Flight Program, Russia.

Newman received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physics from Dartmouth College in 1978 and a Master of Arts degree and Doctorate in Physics from Rice University in 1982 and 1984, respectively. After graduating from Rice University in 1984, Newman performed post-doctoral research prior to starting at NASA in 1985 as an instructor in Control and Propulsion. He is a member of the Association of Space Explorers, the American Physical Society, Sigma Xi, and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.



## Vice Admiral Kelly Aeschbach

Commander, Naval Information Forces (NAVIFOR)

Vice Adm. Kelly Aeschbach assumed command of Naval Information Forces (NAVIFOR) in May 2021. NAVIFOR is the Type Commander for all Naval Information Warfare Forces.

Vice Adm. Aeschbach previously served as the Commander, Office of Naval Intelligence and Director, National Maritime Intelligence-Integration Office. Her other Flag Officer assignments include Director of Intelligence, U.S. Strategic Command, in Omaha, Nebraska and Deputy Director of Intelligence at Headquarters, Resolute Support, Afghanistan. From 2013 to 2015, she was Commanding Officer for Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Atlantic in Norfolk, Va.

Her operational assignments include Patrol Squadron (VP) SIX with deployments to Adak, Alaska and Okinawa, Japan, and Amphibious Squadron ONE, where she deployed to the Western Pacific and the Arabian Gulf. She also served with Carrier Strike Group NINE and took part in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Vice Adm. Aeschbach's ashore assignments include Joint Intelligence Center Pacific in Aiea, Hawaii; Tactical Training Group Pacific in San Diego, Calif.; Naval Personnel Command in Millington, Tenn.; U.S. Naval Forces Europe in London; U.S. Special Operations Command in Tampa, Fla.; a Military Fellow at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence in McLean, Va.; the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations Staff at the Pentagon; and Naval Information Forces in Suffolk, Va.

Vice Adm. Aeschbach is a 1990 graduate of George Washington University. She received her commission through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps and was designated as a Naval Intelligence Officer. She holds a Master of Business Administration from San Diego State University.



## 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

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**Professor Alex Bordetsky**  
Chair of the Department of Information Sciences

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

**Captain Thor Martinsen, USN**  
Dean of Students

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**Professor Maria Rasmussen**  
Chair of the Department of National Security  
Affairs

**Professor Douglas J. Fouts**  
Chair of the Department of Electrical and Com-  
puter Engineering

**Professor Frank Giraldo**  
Chair of the Department of Applied Mathematics

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

**Professor Wenschel Lan**  
Acting Chair of the Space Systems Academic Group

**Professor Ronald Giachetti**  
Representing the Chair of the Department of  
Systems Engineering

**Professor Peter Chu**  
Chair of the Department of Oceanography

**Professor Douglas Borer**  
Representing the Chair of the Department of  
Defense Analysis

**Professor Matthew Carlyle**  
Chair of the Department of Operations Research

**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. Denny Lester
<b>Faculty Marshal</b> .....	TBD
<b>Military Marshal</b> .....	Lieutenant Colonel Amy Roznowski, 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> .....	Vice Admiral Kelly Aeschbach, USN Commander, Naval Information Forces
<b>Presentation of Candidates</b> .....	Dr. Jim Newman
<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 – LT Alexander Dumas, 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.

### **Admiral William Adger Moffett Space Systems Award – LCDR Hans Michael Lauzen, USN**

This award is presented to an outstanding graduate of the Space Systems curricula who has contributed to the application of emerging space technologies, overall academic excellence, extra-curricular activities, and career potential.

### **Space Systems Operations Award for Academic Excellence – Capt Daniel Lim, USMC**

This award is presented to an outstanding student in Space Systems Operations based on quality point rating, thesis, academic achievement, and extra-curricular activities

### **The Tyler National Security Research Award – LT Austin Dumas, USN; LCDR Hans Lauzen, USN; and Capt Daniel Lim, USMC**

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.

### **Distinguished Professor Kenneth J. Euske Dean's Medal for Innovative Contribution to National Defense and the Department of Defense Management – LT Austin Dumas, USN; LCDR Hans Lauzen, USN; and Capt Daniel Lim, 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 – Operation: LT Austin Dumas, USN, and Engineering: LCDR Josh Miner, 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.

### **Association of the United States Army, General Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter, Award for Outstanding Army Student – MAJ Eric Czaja, 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 John Fischer, 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 – Maj John Fischer, 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 – SMSgt Gessica Lillich, USAF**

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

**Naval Postgraduate School Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for International Students – LCDR Benjamin Sverdrup, Norwegian Armed Forces**

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 Commander Allison Hamel, USN and Lieutenant Daniel Smart, 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.

**Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper Computer Science Award – LT Adam Schroeder, 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.

**Military Operations Research Society Stephen A. Tisdale Graduate Research Award – Lt Col Christopher Bromley, USMC**

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

**Commander Naval Air Forces Award for Excellence in Aviation Warfare – Lt Col Christopher Bromley, USMC**

This award is presented to a resident-graduate, U.S. Naval Aviator, who has maintained an outstanding academic record and contributed significantly to Naval Aviation.

**Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Regional Security Studies – Maj David James Engel, USMC**

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 – LTC Dennis Wartenberg, German Army**

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 Jonathan Frank Mecham, USAF**

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

**John McReynolds Wozencraft Electrical and Computer Engineering Academic Honor Award – LCDR Filippos Filippou, Hellenic Navy**

This award is presented for academic excellence and best demonstrated professional qualities in Electronics or Intelligence.

**Department of Defense Management Faculty Outstanding International Student Award – CDR Sidney Bjoern Gottwald, German Navy**

This award is presented to an outstanding international graduate based on academic

**The Gary Laughlin Patriot Award – Maj Joshua Langham, USMC**

The award is presented based on academic excellence, professionalism, leadership qualities, command potential, patriotism, and contributions to the quality of the educational program (to fellow officers and the community throughout the service career of the nominee).

**Warren Randolph Church Award for Excellence in Mathematics – LCDR Scott Adams, USN**

The award is presented to a student in recognition of outstanding performance in mathematical courses. The student need not have a mathematics major, nor graduate at the time of presentation.

**Chief of Naval Operations Award for Excellence in Operations Research – Maj Hannah Crawford, USMC**

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 Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Combat Systems – LCDR Danica Marie Konyk, 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.

**Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory Award for Excellence in Applied Physics Research – ENS Kallan John Stephens, USN**

This Award is presented for outstanding research in applied physics that has the potential to positively impact future Navy and Marine Corps systems and operational capability.

**Oceanographer of the Navy Award for Outstanding Academic Performance in Meteorology and Oceanography – LCDR Lindsey Darling, USN**

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

**Rear Admiral Thomas R. McClellan Award for Academic Excellence in the Department of Defense Management - Lt Col Sheila Gatinao, Philippine Air Force**

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

**Naval Supply Systems Command Award for Academic Excellence in Management – LCDR Tristan Skinner, 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.

**Department of the Navy Award for Academic Excellence in Financial Management – LCDR Vinicius Wood da Cruz, Brazilian Navy**

This award is presented to Financial Management students who demonstrate 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.

**Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Defense Management – CDR Ibrahim Youssouf Dabar, Djiboutian Navy**

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 - LT Rozel Torrence, USN, and LT Kenneth Jemielity, 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.

**Army Acquisition Corps Award for Scholastic Achievement – Maj Braden Van Noy, USA, and Mar Chance Yost, USA**

This award is presented to a graduating US Army Acquisition student who has exhibited outstanding academic excellence through academic achievement, thesis research, and leadership potential.

**CDR Philip A. Murphy-Sweet Memorial Award for Excellence in Acquisition – Mr. Eric Ly, Mr. William Perdue, and Ms. Tania Teissonniere-Almodovar**

This award is presented to a graduating US Navy, US 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 Diego do Nascimento da Silva, Brazilian Navy, and LCDR Thiago Nascimento da Silva, Brazilian Navy**  
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.

**Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition) Award for Academic Excellence – Ms. Anna McCarthy**

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.

**Army Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Operations Research – MAJ JuHyung “Jay” Kim, USA**

This award is presented to an outstanding U.S. Army student in the Operations Research Curriculum based on Academic Achievement, research excellence, experience tour performance, and military professionalism.



**Network Operations and Technology Outstanding Graduate Award –  
CDR Matthew M. Morris, USN**

This award is presented to an outstanding Network Operations and Technology graduate based on academic performance, thesis quality, and leadership potential

**Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper Information Technology Management Award –  
Maj Frank Wleklinski, Jr., USMC**

This award is presented to a graduate who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, thesis quality, and leadership ability.

**Commander George L. Phillips Modeling, Virtual Environments, and Simulation  
Award – Maj Thomas Cecil, USMC**

This award is presented to the outstanding graduate in MOVES who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, thesis quality, and leadership ability.

**Foreign Area Officer Association Award for Excellence in International Affairs –  
Maj Robin Yi, USMC, and Capt Alexandre J. Shivnen, USMC**

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.

**NPS Foundation / U.S. Naval Institute Annual Essay Contest Award –  
LCDR Hyokwon Jung, Korean Navy**

This award is jointly sponsored by the Naval Postgraduate School Foundation and the U.S. Naval Institute to encourage writing for publication and critical thinking among students, faculty, and staff. It is an annual award presented for a student, faculty, or staff member's essay based on thesis, research, or operational experience that best advances the military profession. The U.S. Naval Institute will publish the winning essay in the June issue of Proceedings magazine.

**Fleet Cyber Command Award for Academic Achievement in Cyber Operations –  
LT Nathan Twito, USN, and CPT Andrew 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.

**Naval Sea Systems Command Award in Naval/Mechanical Engineering –  
LCDR Lacey L. Raschke, USN**

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

## FACULTY/STAFF AWARDS

### **First Command Military Leadership Award – MAJ Neal MacDonald, USA**

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.

### **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.

### **Rear Admiral John Jay Schieffelin Award for Excellence in Teaching – Prof. Raluca Gera of the Applied Mathematics Department**

This award recognizes faculty members, who, through wide consensus, excel as teachers. This consensus is ascertained through a ballot polling of students and graduates.

### **Richard W. Hamming Faculty Award for Interdisciplinary Achievement – Prof. Mara Orescanin, Department of Oceanography**

This award recognizes innovative accomplishments that support and enhance interdisciplinary activities. Such contributions might include creative course materials, effective mentoring of students, and research within interdisciplinary curricula. Favorable consideration will be given to efforts that involve NPS students in a collaborative manner and efforts that show evidence of having been particularly stimulated and nurtured by the NPS environment. Richard Hamming, a world-renowned scientist, was a faculty member of NPS.

### **Lieutenant Commander David L. Williams Outstanding Professor Award – Assist Prof. Aleksandar Matovski, National Security Affairs**

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.

### **Louis D. Liskin Award for Teaching Excellence in the Department of Defense Management – Kelley Poree, Lecturer, Department of Defense Management**

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

*(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 Applied Physics**

CDR Justin Edward Ivancic, USN

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

LCDR Nabil H. Tahan, USN

### **Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science**

Maj John T. Fischer, USMC

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

LtCol Scotty E. Black, USMC

\*MAJ Nicholas James Hittner, USA

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

\*Capt James B. Larkin, USMC

(J)Maj Logan Wilhelm, USMC

MAJ Alhaji A. Bah, Sierra Leone Army

(J)LT James A. Lieto, USN

\*LCDR Taibatu E. I. Obasi, USN

(J)LCDR Jeffery A. Veatch, USN

Capt Nathan O. Jackson, USAF

Capt Kalynn T. Mendez, USAF

\*Maj Austin D. Pickrell, USAF

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

(J)Maj Matthew D. Ferns, USMC

Capt Ryan J. Johnston, USMC

Capt Brainard J. Jones, USMC

(J)Maj Traver Mayfield, USMC

Capt Josiah M. Mellentine, USMC

Maj Kyle J. Rempe, USMC

Capt Paul J. Showalter-Blades, USMC

Capt Colby C. Smith, USMC

(J)Maj Viet Q. Tran, USMC

(T,J)Maj Robin Yi, USMC

Capt Dieter C. Yung, USMC

\*(J)MAJ Sukhjinder Singh, USA

LT Juliana B. Verissimo, USN

(J)LT Courtney L. Fuller, USN

(J)LT Robert J. Fontana, USN  
Maj Chehun Kim, USAF  
Maj Nhan D. Truong, USAF

**Master of Arts in Security Studies (Western Hemisphere)**

(D,T)Maj David J. Engel, USMC  
Capt Hunter R. Johnson, USMC  
Capt Mario T. Mastriano, USMC  
\*Maj Marco A. Valenzuela, USMC  
(J)MAJ Jonathan R. Argyle, USA  
(D,J)MAJ Nestor I. Lugo-Viera, USA  
\*(D,J)LCDR Tony Leguia, USN  
(J)LT Michael D. Willis, USN  
Maj Ryan J. Mayer, USAF  
Maj Kathryn M. Rew-Banning, USAF

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

Capt Daniel R. Fullmer, USMC  
Capt Megan Lessig (Pinard), USMC  
(J)Maj Sarah B. Mobilio, USMC  
(J)MAJ Cole G. Hanna, USA  
(D,T)LTC Dennis Wartenberg, German Army  
LCDR Kimberly A. Trezza, USN  
Maj Jonathan F. Mecham, USAF  
Maj Bradley Schmidt, USAF  
Lt Col Matthias Heublein, German Air Force

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

(J,M)LT Hannah L. Andera, USN  
(D,J)LT Olivia K. Bancroft, USN

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

(J)LT Luisandrea D. Yurso, USN

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

MAJ Joshua D. Dulaney, USA

**Master of Science in Electrical Engineering**

(J)LT Eric Alexander Bowden, USN  
(J)LCDR Victor John Buhl, USN  
(D)LCDR Filippou Filippou, Hellenic Navy  
ENS Guillermo Pass, USN  
ENS Olivia Tamar Shapiro, USN

**Master of Engineering (Electrical Engineering)**

Mr. Ommar del Rio, Department of Defense

**Master of Science in Applied Mathematics**

\*CPT Nathan L. Fisher, USA  
\*(D)CPT Rachel M. Kenagy, USA



(T,)LCDR Scott A. Adams, USN  
(T)ENS Jessica Michele Riggs, USN

**Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering**

(T)ENS Keith A. Bliss, USN  
ENS Brian Flaherty, USN  
ENS Jonah Raymond Vaughn Hatt, USN  
ENS Collin M. Hippler, USN  
ENS Sean Kewley, USN  
ENS Ross H. Massey, USN  
ENS Timothy E. Meier, USN  
(T)ENS Samuel Nafus, USN  
(T)ENS Max J. Plum, USN  
(T)ENS Blake Paddock Rowland, USN  
ENS Luke William Termorshuizen, USN  
(T)ENS Cade C. Trauger, USN

**Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering**

\*LT Casey Arnold, USN  
\*ENS Gonzalez Luzardo Andrea, USN  
\*Maj Craig Joseph Hunninghake, USA  
\*LT Marc B. Liner, USN  
\*LT Michael A. Newman, USN  
\*LT Victoria McCrave, USN  
\*LT Adam David Meyrick, USN  
\*LT Travis Rubin, USN  
\*Nikhil Bhatnager, Lockheed Martin

**Master of Science in Astronautical Engineering**

ENS Lukas Paul Bley, USN  
(T)ENS Jack Page Brake, USN  
ENS Christopher E. Deer, USN  
(T)ENS Alex Eugene Hooker, USN  
ENS Jett Reed Isley, USN  
ENS Justin Kyle Xilone Yu, USN  
(T)ENS Miles S. Zembruski, USN

**Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering**

ENS Amanda Marie Yuk Sim Dung Agustin, USN  
LT Brittany Barfield, USN  
ENS Gianluca C. Christiano Freschi, USN  
(D)LT Kyle Joseph Goncz, USN  
ENS Sidney A. Hall-Smith, USN  
ENS David Charles Huizenga, USN  
ENS Nathaniel H. Johnson, USN  
(T)ENS Chad Joseph Nathe, USN  
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