



NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

Commencement
Ceremony

MAR 28, 2025



“Your character is your most important attribute. It will guide your success as a Naval Officer and in life — you should strive to build on it every single day. Key to this is always staying focused on the mission, supporting your Sailors, and always be looking to make a positive difference within your unit. Don’t wait around to be told what to do — lead.”

Admiral James W. Kilby, USN
Acting Chief of Naval Operations
Vice 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.



ROOT HALL

WINTER QUARTER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

King Hall Auditorium

28 March 2025

President

VADM Ann Rondeau, Ed.D., USN (Ret.)

Acting Provost

Dr. James Newman

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CAPT Eric J. Skalski, USN

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Vice Admiral Ann Rondeau, Ed.D., 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 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 and 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., Chief of Staff, Pacific Fleet Staff, in Hawaii, Commanding Officer of Naval Support Activity Mid-South 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 the Center for Naval Analyses), the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, the Chicago Regional Growth Corporation Board, the 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 Sea Power Study”—a clean-sheet review of naval learning.



Dr. James H. Newman

Acting Provost

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

In 2006, Newman came to NPS after three years serving with NASA in Moscow, Russia. He joined the SSAG as a NASA Visiting Professor and in 2008, he 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 small satellites for focused projects of national interest and for motivating hands-on, officer student educational opportunities. This applied research has included launching several 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 spaceflight experience included four missions aboard the Space Shuttles Discovery (STS-51), Endeavour (STS-69, STS-88), and Columbia (STS-109). Notably, he logged just over forty-three days in space, including six spacewalks totaling just over forty-three hours, with an 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 Director of 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 postdoctoral 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.



Admiral Cecil Haney, USN (Ret.)

Former Commander, U.S. Strategic Command and U.S. Pacific Fleet

Admiral Cecil Haney retired from the U.S. Navy in 2017 after 38 years of distinguished service. Haney began his career in 1974 at the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA), and upon graduation with a degree in ocean engineering, became a submarine officer. He completed operational assignments on USS John C. Calhoun, USS Frank Cable, USS Hyman G. Rickover, USS Asheville, and Submarine Squadron Eight, ultimately commanding the fast-attack nuclear submarine USS Honolulu, Submarine Squadron One, and Submarine Group Two. Admiral Haney also served on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations as the director of Submarine Warfare and the director of the Naval Warfare Integration Group. He rose to the rank of four-star admiral as commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet in 2012 and then to his culminating assignment as commander, United States Strategic Command, in 2013, where he was responsible for all U.S. nuclear weapons, missile defense, space, and cyberspace.

He serves on various academic, industry, and non-profit boards, including Johns Hopkins Applied Physics; Penn State Applied Research Lab; the USNA and Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Foundations; the Aerospace Corporation; General Dynamics; Tenet Healthcare; Systems Planning and Analysis Inc.; the Center for a New American Security; and as chairman of the board for the Military Child Education Coalition and the Hillandale Baptist Church.

Admiral Haney earned his master's degrees from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1987 with distinction. He was the first African American NPS graduate to achieve the rank of four-star admiral.

PLATFORM PARTY

First Row (left to right)

Lieutenant Colonel James Lee, USAF
Senior U.S. Air Force Representative

Colonel Dana Demer, USMC
Senior U.S. Marine Corps Representative

Colonel Nicholas Shallcross, USA
Senior U.S. Army Representative

Commander Andrew Ceniseroz, USN
Chief of Staff

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Former Commander, U.S. Strategic Command
and U.S. Pacific Fleet

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President

Dr. James Newman
Acting Provost and Chair of the Space Systems
Academic Group

Dr. Mowafiq Alanazi
Associate Director, International Graduate
Program Office

Dr. Douglas J. Fouts
Chair, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dr. Alex Bordetsky
Chair, Information Sciences

Lieutenant Aaron Chicoine, USN
Command Chaplain

Captain Eric Skalski, USN
Dean of Students

Second Row (left to right)

Dr. Michael Freeman
Acting Chair, Department of Defense Analysis

Dr. Peter Chu
Chair, Oceanography

Dr. Wendell Nuss
Chair, Meteorology

Dr. Gurminder Singh
Chair, Computer Science

Dr. Raluca Gera
Chair, Applied Mathematics

Dr. Jarema Didoszak
Chair, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Dr. Maria Rasmussen
Chair, National Security Affairs

Dr. Frank Narducci
Chair, Physics

Colonel Raymond Jones, USA (Ret.)
Chair, Defense Management

Dr. Matthew Carlyle
Chair, Operations Research

Dr. Oleg Yakimenko
Chair, Systems Engineering

Colonel Gregory D. Reilly, USA (Ret.)
Dean of Academics, Naval War College

ORDER OF CEREMONIES

Processional	<i>Del Monte Brass</i>
Grand Marshal	<i>Dr. Bob Mortlock</i>
Faculty Marshal	<i>Dr. Dennis Lester</i>
Platform Marshal	<i>Dr. Simona Tick</i>
Military Marshal	<i>Lieutenant Colonel Zachariah Anthony, USMC</i>
Master of Ceremonies	<i>Captain Eric J. Skalski, USN</i>
Command Chaplain	<i>LT Aaron Chicoine, USN</i>
National Anthem	<i>Del Monte Brass</i>
Introductory Remarks	<i>Vice Admiral Ann Rondeau, USN (Ret.)</i>
Address to Graduates	<i>Admiral Cecil Haney, USN (Ret.)</i> <i>Former Commander</i> <i>U.S. Strategic Command and U.S. Pacific Fleet</i>
Presentation of Candidates	<i>Dr. James Newman, Acting Provost</i>
Announcement of Degrees	<i>Captain Eric J. Skalski, USN</i>
Recessional	<i>Del Monte Brass</i>



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Processional and Recessional

Please remain seated and keep rows clear while the students, faculty, and Platform Party enter and exit the auditorium.

Livestream of Ceremony

Those not able to attend can watch the event live by scanning the QR code below with your mobile devices or through <https://nps.edu/graduation>

Cell Phones and Mobile Devices

Please silence all cell phones and other mobile devices before the ceremony begins to honor the accomplishments of our graduates and their families.

Photography

Photographs taken by our NPS Photographer during the ceremony will be available through the QR code below or <https://nps.edu/graduation>.

Please feel free to take photographs or videos during the ceremony from your seats or outside aisles only. Do not go into the inside aisles.

Restroom Locations

Restrooms are in the upper corners of King Hall Auditorium as well as in the basement.

Family Friendly Room

A Family Friendly Room in the basement of King Hall is available for families with small children who would like a comfortable place to watch the livestream of the ceremony.

For General Assistance

Please contact one of our Ushers at the back of the auditorium.

Reception

Please join us after the ceremony for a reception in the Barbara McNitt Ballroom thanks to the NPS Foundation and Alumni Association

Commencement Programs

Digital versions of the commencement program are available through the QR code below. Please feel free to recycle any unwanted programs as you exit the auditorium.

In the Event of An Emergency

Please pay close attention to the Master of Ceremonies and your ushers for instructions.



COUNTRIES REPRESENTING THE NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL WINTER QUARTER GRADUATING CLASS

(in alphabetical order)



Algeria



Australia



Benin



Brazil



Colombia



Ghana



Germany



Greece



Indonesia



Israel



Japan



Mongolia



Nepal



Oman



Peru



Phillipines



Republic
of Korea



Sierra
Leon



Singapore



Turkey



USA

GRADUATION AWARDS

Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Regional Security Studies

LT Katherine Laff, 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 Security Studies

LTC Stephen Ofori-Anson, Ghana 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

Capt Jillian Wilde, USAF

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

Tyler National Security Research Award

Lt Col Benjamin Douglas Kemper, USAF

This award recognizes exceptional academic achievement in innovation and collaboration at the Naval Postgraduate School. This award supports the school's mission to advance educational excellence in national security research.

Surface Navy Association's Award for Excellence in Surface Warfare Research

LT Joseph J. Elvig, 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.

Association of the United States Army, General Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter, Award for Outstanding Army Student

MAJ Austin Coombs, 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

MSgt William Campbell McManus, USMC

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

Monterey Peninsula Council of the Navy League LCDR Tom Winant Highest Academic Achievement Award

Maj Christopher Daniel, USMC

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.

Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper Computer Science Award

Maj Christopher Daniel, USMC

LCDR Martins Ferreira da Silva, Brazilian Navy

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.

Naval Postgraduate School Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for
International Students

LCDR Martins Ferreira da Silva, Brazilian Navy

LT Benjamin Liddell, Royal Australian 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.

Department of Defense Management Faculty Outstanding International Student Award

LT Shinya Matsuda, Japan Maritime Self Defense Force

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

Naval Postgraduate School Superior Service Award

LT Stephan Munari, USN

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

Chief of Naval Personnel Award for Academic Excellence in Manpower Systems Analysis

LT Allyson Franchi, USN

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

Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Defense Management

Capt John Fiorelli, USMC

Capt Mason Hill, USMC

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

Distinguished Professor Kenneth J. Euske Dean's Medal for Innovative Contribution to
National Defense and the Department of Defense Management

Maj Ryan Montgomery, 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.

Air Force Association Award for Outstanding U.S. Air Force Student

Maj Amanda Collazzo, USAF

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

Military Operations Research Society Stephen A. Tisdale Graduate Research Award

LCDR Keith Anderson, 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.

Chief of Naval Operations Award for Excellence in Operations Research

LT Mark D. Talvacchia, USN

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

Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Combat Systems

MAJ Christopher Shawn Dana, USA

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.

Naval Sea Systems Command Award in Naval/Mechanical Engineering

LCDR William Thibault, USN

Presented in recognition of distinguished academic achievement in the Naval/Mechanical Engineering Program.

Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Systems Engineering

LT Cody Wolfe, USN

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

Meyer Award for Outstanding Student in Systems Engineering

LT Christopher William Padgett, 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.

Curtis H. "Butch" Straub Achievement Award for Graduates of the Center for Homeland

Defense and Security Master's Degree Program

Ms. Megan Cassandra Johns Henry, Department of the Coast Guard

Awarded to a CHDS graduate with exceptional academic performance, an outstanding thesis, and significant leadership and contributions to the CHDS Master's program.

Legend of Academic Honors

(D) – Students graduating with Distinction

(T) – Students recognized for an Outstanding Thesis

(J) – Students receiving their Joint Professional Military Education (JPME)

(M) – Rear Admiral Wayne E. Meyer Scholar

* Students graduating in Absentia

GRADUATING STUDENTS

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Maj Stephen R. Sweetnich III, USAF

Doctor of Philosophy in Information Sciences

Ms. Jessica Speir Kimball, Naval Information Warfare Center Pacific (NIWC PAC)/NAVAIR

Aerospace Engineer

Capt Daniel Isakov, Israeli Air Force

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

(J)LT Danielle E. Benedetto, USN

(J)LT Brandon L. Culligan, USN

*(J)LT Susanna Z. Heidt, USN

*Maj Samuel L. Morrissey, USAF

Master of Arts in Security Studies (Europe and Eurasia)

LT Kyle R. Post, USN

CPT Anthony H. Spears, USA

*Capt Ivan Zelenin, USMC

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

(J)(T)LT Katherine B. Laff, USN

(J)LT Molly J. McAuliffe, USN

*(J)(D)MAJ Daniel J. Massie, USA

(J)(D)MAJ Andrew F. Shanks, USA

(J)MAJ Otto H. Teson, USA

*Capt Jessica M. Cofrancesco, USMC

*Capt Kayla S. Robinson, USMC

*Maj Vincent E. Pellegri, USAF

(D)Capt Jillian M. Wilde, USAF

CPT Patricia Koroma, Sierra Leone Army

Master of Arts in Security Studies (Strategic Studies)

(J)LT Ariel S. Graham, USN

(T)LCDR Ardian Iwasaki Armawi, Indonesian Navy

MAJ Battushig Borolzoi, Mongolian Army

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

LTC Kalyan Pandey, Nepali Army

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

Col. Abdul Rahman Al-Tahri, Royal Air Force Of Oman

Commissioner Henrique Albergaria Silva, Brazilian Federal Police

(D)Lt. Col. Grégoire Y. Ametonou, Benin Air Force

MAJ Alvin Dimalanta, Philippine Army

MAJ Omar D. Florez, Colombian Army

COL Amar Louiza, Algerian Army

(T)LTC Stephen Ofori-Anson, Ghana Army

COL Allan J. Tabudlo, Philippine Army

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

(J)LT Elias D. Tschudy, USN
COL Kristine Cambre, USA
MAJ Samantha Keuma, USA
Ms. Brooke Smith Amendola, City of Boston Office of Emergency Management
Major Michaelann Andrusiak, Pennsylvania State Police
Mr. Jacob Anson, Wright County Public Health; Minnesota
Lieutenant Nicholas James Calonge, Oakland Police Department; California
Mr. Salah Czapary, Metropolitan Police Department; Washington D.C.
Ms. Julie Dollard, New York City Police Department
Mr. Ryan Dwyer, New York City Emergency Management Department
Captain Taggart George, Sacramento Fire Department; California
Mr. Daniel R. Green, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Colorado
Ms. Melissa Guinan, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Washington, D.C.
Mr. Brian Hardtke, Pierce County; Washington
Ms. Krystal Hodges, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; Washington, D.C.
Lieutenant Roger R. Jackson, Miami Police Department; Florida
Ms. Megan Cassandra Johns Henry, Department of the Coast Guard
Ms. Nicole Johnson, King County Office of Emergency Management; Washington
Lieutenant Timothy Mahon, Fire Department City of New York
Sergeant John McFarland, New York City Police Department
Captain Martin McMahan, District of Columbia Fire & Emergency Medical Services
Lieutenant Michael T. Perry, Jr., Massachusetts State Police
Sergeant Christie Register, Seminole County Sheriff's Office; Florida
Battalion Chief Erin Register, Orange County Fire Rescue Department; Florida
Mr. Basheer Rehman, Transportation Security Administration; Washington, D.C.
Ms. Michal Rottman, Transportation Security Administration; Washington, D.C.
Sergeant Shelby Sears, Louisville Metro Police Department; Kentucky
Mr. David Siegmund, Transportation Security Administration; Washington, D.C.
Mr. Klint Walker, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency; Georgia
Ms. Emily Williams, Federal Emergency Management Agency; New York

Master of Science in Applied Cyber Operations

(D)(T)MSgt Kristofer R. Kerns, USMC

Master of Science in Information Technology Management

MAJ Chee Liong Noel Foo, Republic of Singapore Navy

Master of Science in Applied Mathematics

CPT Gordon Beck Herrero, USA

Master of Science in Applied Physics

(J)(D)MAJ Christopher Shawn Dana, USA
CPT Justin Erick Wallgren, USA

Master of Science in Computer Science

(J)LT Paul L. Ang, USN
(T)LT Noah R. Greene, USN
(J)LT James S. Pelham, USN
(J)LT Sijing Yang Qiu, USN

LCDR Cory W. Thornton, USN
LT James W. Timberlake, USN
(J)LT Victor V. Truong, USN
(D)Maj Christopher M. Daniel, USMC
(T)LCDR Sergio Henrique Athaydes Fadanelli, Brazilian Navy
LT Onur Büyüksütçü, Turkish Navy
LT Rodrigo Herbert Del Alamo Ruiz, Peruvian Navy
(D)LCDR Martins Francisco Ferreira da Silva, Brazilian Navy
CPT Il Yung Jeong, Republic of Korea Army
(T)LCDR Douglas Pinheiro Mazzuco, Brazilian Navy
CPT Spyridon Tassopoulos, Hellenic Army

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

LTJG Andrew Vernon Brabazon, USN
(J)CDR Cody Robert Forsythe, USN
(J)LT Aaron Preston Jones, USN
(J)LT Christine Lubguban Malong, USN
LTJG Karl Jesse Zimbauer, USN

Master of Engineering (Electrical Engineering)

Mr. Casey Scott Fox Brennan, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Panama City Division
*Mr. Eric Tyler Simpkinson, Air Force Test Center, Arnold Engineering Development Complex
*Mr. Adam Staley, Department of the Air Force

Master of Science in Contract Management

*LCDR Matthew Nathaniel Redmond, USN

Master of Science in Defense Financial Management

(J)LT Lucius A. Campbell, USN
Ms. Andrea Florea, Department of the Navy

Master of Science in Defense Program Management

Capt Marianne Tzghé Mangrum, USMC
(T)LT Shinya Matsuda, Japanese Navy

Master of Science in Management, Defense Systems Analysis

(D)(T)Maj John Lester Boatner, USMC
(D)(T)Capt John A. Fiorelli, USMC
Capt Eliza Prescott Fiorelli, USMC
Capt Katarina C. Ham, USMC
Capt Philip Joseph Holmes, USMC
Capt Dustin R. Kidd, USMC
(J)Maj Ryan Thomas Montgomery, USMC
CDR Robert Schwandt, German Navy

Master of Science in Management, Manpower Systems Analysis

(J)LT Lauren Elizabeth Castillo, USN
(J)(D)(T)LT Allyson Elizabeth Franchi, USN
(J)LCDR Kelly A. Fulks, USN
(J)(D)LT Stephan A. Munari, USN

(J)(D)LT Torie R. Nawa, USN
(J)LT Nikola Popovic, USN
(J)LCDR Kristopher Joseph Riel, USN
(J)LT Travis J. Silvey, USN
(J)LT Erica M. Weatherford, USN
(J)LCDR George C. Wrolstad, USN
(J)LTJG Joshua David Blaine, USNR
SSgt Ray Mark Gonzalez III, USMC
(D)(T)Capt Mason Thomas Hill, USMC
Capt Brian Hugh Riddle, USMC
(D)(T)Capt Timothy M. Rominger, USMC
Capt Dylan Jackson Scott, USMC
Capt Jasmin Marie Smith, USMC
(T)GySgt Jacob W. Thornton, USMC
Lt Col Timothy Adam Dempsey, USMCR
(T)Capt Taylor N. Willson, USAF
MAJ Muhammad Deni Amrullah, Indonesian Navy

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

LCDR William A. Thibault, USN

Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering

*LT Daniel Roh Bohannon, USN
*LT Brandt Engel, USN
*LT Wesley William Henderson, USN
*LT Kaleb Anson McConaghy, USN
*LT Thorys John Stensrud, USN
*Maj Robin Leili-Marrazzo, USMC
*Maj Mark Edward Moeller, USMC
Mr. Tyler D. Miles, Lockheed Martin Space

Master of Science in Meteorology

Capt Clayton McDonald Brock, USAF

Master of Operational Modeling and Analysis

(J)LT Mark D. Talvacchia, USN

Master of Science in Operations Research

(J)LCDR Keith Christopher Anderson, USN
(J)LCDR Kyle Scott Combs, Jr., USN
(J)LCDR Jack Ryan McKeon, USN
LTJG Ryan James Walker, USN

Master of Cost Estimating and Analysis

*ENS Timothy Lloyd Nelson, USN
*LT Andre Gabriel Sarmiento, USN
*Capt Daniel D. Cook, USMC
*Capt Bryan Scott Johansen, USMC
Ms. Mariah A. Brant, Department of the Navy

*Mr. Michael D. Garrison, Department of the Navy
Mr. Joseph Florio, Department of the Air Force
Ms. Ashley N. Gray, Department of the Air Force
*Mr. Chase P. Grilliot, Department of the Air Force
*Mr. Jonathan Lister, Department of the Air Force
Ms. Karina Cuevas, Department of the Space Force
Ms. Vi Thuy Do, Department of the Space Force
Mr. Austin-Ryan Corral Jones, Department of the Space Force
*Mr. Joshua T. Hamilton, Contractor Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab

Master of Science in Physical Oceanography

LT Brandon Lang Fiordelisi, USN
(D)(T)LT Benjamin Robert Liddell, Royal Australian Navy

Master of Science in Systems Engineering

LT Joseph M. Bahleda, USN
(J)LT Mark Driver, USN
LT Joseph J. Elvig, USN
LCDR Sean Macallan Hadley, USN
LT Daniel C. Lukac, USN
(D)LT Christopher William Padgett, USN
LCDR Jesse W. Rogers, USN
*LT James Austin Schumacher, USN
*LCDR David J. Soltisz, USN
(D)LT Cody Wolfe, USN
LCDR Monica Zaricor, USN
*Mr. Matthew B. Bessette, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Division Newport
*Ms. Victoria Furbay Day, Office of the Secretary of Defense Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation
*Ms. Emily Rose Goyette, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Division Newport
*Ms. Cynthianna Palomo, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
*Mrs. Erin Savage, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Division Newport

Master of Science in Applied Design for Innovation

MSgt William Campbell McManus, USMC
Lt. Col. Benjamin Douglas Kemper, USAF

Master of Science in Defense Analysis

(J)LT Joshua Canty, USN
(J)MAJ Sean David Callahan, USA
(J)MAJ William Peter Moffitt, USA
(J)MAJ Daniel J. Polaski, USA
Maj Amanda Lynne Collazzo, USAF
*Maj Marissa E. Hartoin, USAF
Maj Molly A. Morrissey, USAF

Master of Science Information Strategy and Political Warfare

LTC Gregory Michael Bender, USA
(J)MAJ Austin Moriah Coombs, USA

Master of Systems Analysis

*CDR Zachary C. Edge, USN

*LCDR Alina C. Ellis, USN

*LCDR Joseph Patrick McElroy, USN

*LCDR Curtis Robert Westpfahl, USN

*LT Bradley James Williams, USN

Master of Operational Energy

*Mr. Evan M. Headley, Department of the Navy

*Mr. Arch W. McCleskey, Department of the Navy

*Mr. Samuel L. Parsons, Department of the Navy

*Mr. Matthew Edmund Wiegner, Department of the Navy



DEL MONTE BRASS

“Semper Musica”

Conducted by: **Dr. Rob Klevan, Ph.D.**

Flutes

Kip Route
Jenna Hillhouse
Dr. Ron Friedman, MD

Clarinets

Dr. Steve Lerman, PhD
Susie Kuhlmann
Mary Teer
Rick Neely
Don Irving

Bassoon

Georgia Hughes

Saxophones

Dr. Lloyd Nattkemper, MD
LT Joshua Mayberry, USN
Neal Battaglia
LCDR Will Norman, USN

Trumpets

Bob Johannsen
Kinsey Lathbury

French Horns

D.L. Johnson

Trombones

Mary Ellen Eglington
Jerry Fallenberg

Tubas/Euphonium

Amanda Coleman
Otto Neely
LT Corinne Desroches, USN

Percussion

Dr. Doug MacKinnon, PhD
Debera McKinney

Bass

James Russell

Guitar

LCDR Alfonso Sciacchitano, USN

Keyboard

Dr. Lori Lerman, DNP



The Del Monte Brass was founded in 2003 by CAPT Carol O'Neal, USN, then Dean of Students at the Naval Postgraduate School. Originally a brass quintet with Carol on trumpet, the group grew to nine players by its first graduation performance that year—marking the first time live music was used instead of recorded tracks. While serving as Dean, Carol even ran between the band and the stage! After retiring from the Navy in 2006, she moved to Oregon, but upon returning to NPS as a researcher in 2009, she revitalized the band. Over the years, Del Monte Brass expanded to include woodwinds, percussion, and string instruments, growing to more than 50 members by 2024. The ensemble now features students and faculty from NPS, the Defense Language Institute, and local universities, along with retired military, spouses, and community members.







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