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Fall Quarter Commencement Ceremony

19 December 2025

Summer Quarter Commencement Ceremony

King Hall Auditorium
19 December 2025

President
VADM Ann Rondeau, USN (Ret.)

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Dean of Students
CAPT Eric J. Skalski, USN

Command Chaplain
LCDR Aaron Chicoine, USN

Vice Admiral Ann Rondeau, Ed.D., USN (Ret.)

President

Retired U.S. Navy 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.

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. Prior to her appointment as NPS President, Adm. Rondeau served as the sixth president of the College of DuPage.

In 1985, she was selected as a White House Fellow in the Reagan Administration, served at the Department of Justice and was appointed National Security Advisor to the Attorney General. She 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).

Dr. W. Matthew Carlyle

Acting Provost

W. Matthew Carlyle, PhD, is the Vice President, Provost, and Chief Academic Officer (Acting) of the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), where he also serves as Professor of Operations Research (OR). After working for five years as a tenure-track faculty member in the Department of Industrial Engineering at Arizona State University, he joined the OR Department at NPS in 2002 as an Associate Professor.

He was promoted to Professor in 2012 and served as Chair of the OR Department from 2018-2025. His research and teaching have included network optimization, large-scale optimization, linear and integer programming, and network interdiction and defense. He has received funding in support of research and student thesis work in military applications of optimization, including attack and defense of critical infrastructure, delaying adversaries' large industrial projects and weapons programs, theater ballistic missile defense, sensor mix and deployment, naval logistics, and Navy mission planning.

With colleagues in the OR department, he received the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award in 2006 for work in support of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. He held the post of Distinguished Visiting Professor at the National Security Agency in the summer of 2006. Dr. Carlyle received his B.S. in Information and Computer Science from Georgia Tech in 1992 and his Ph.D. in Operations Research from Stanford University in 1997.

Dr. James H. Newman

Retiring Provost

Dr. James H. Newman is retiring as the Acting Provost and Chief Academic Officer of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, where he also served as Professor of Space Systems and as 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 James W. Kilby, USN

Vice Chief of Naval Operations

Adm. James W. Kilby is a native of Pound Ridge, New York, and a 1986 graduate of the United States Naval Academy.

Kilby's sea tours include USS Sampson (DDG 10), USS Philippine Sea (CG 58) and two tours aboard USS San Jacinto (CG 56). He commanded USS Russell (DDG 59) where he received the Vice Adm. James B. Stockdale Award for inspirational leadership. His major command was aboard USS Monterey (CG 61) and included its maiden Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) deployment in 2011.

His shore tours include the Naval Postgraduate School; two tours in the Chief of Naval Operations' Surface Warfare Directorate, N96; Navy Personnel Command's Surface Warfare Division, PERS-41; and the Aegis BMD Program Office in the Missile Defense Agency.

Kilby's flag assignments include Commander, Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center; Commander, Carrier Strike Group 1; director of Warfare Integration, N9I; Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfighting Requirements and Capabilities, N9; Deputy Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command; and Commander, Task Force EIGHT ZERO.

Kilby assumed the duties of Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Jan. 5, 2024.

Commander Andrew Ceniseroz, USN

Chief of Staff, Commanding Officer Military Staff Element

Commander Andrew Ceniseroz is a U.S. Naval Postgraduate School Alumnus from the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy. Commander Ceniseroz returned to NPS in the Fall of 2023 to serve as the Naval Special Warfare Chair, responsible for integrating NPS and Naval Special Warfare Officers to meet the needs of the Navy and the Joint Special Operations Force.

As the NPS Chief of Staff, he is responsible for integrating the military and government civilian staff to effectively support teaching, research, and connectedness with warfighters. Commander Ceniseroz has served in East and West coast SEAL Teams and most recently served at Special Operations Command Central at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. In his role, he focused on building partnerships and defeating adversaries from the Levant and Arabian Peninsula to Central and South Asia.

Captain Eric J. Skalski, USN

Dean of Students, Commanding Officer Military Student Element

Captain Eric J. Skalski, a Florida native, entered the Navy's Delayed Entry Program in 1985 and initially served as a Machinist's Mate at Submarine Base Pearl Harbor. In 1988, he completed Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training (BUD/S Class 153), beginning his distinguished career as a Navy SEAL.

Commissioned as a SEAL limited duty officer in 2002, he became an unrestricted line officer in 2012. His operational assignments include SEAL Team Three, SEAL Team Five, SEAL Team One, and Task Force Archipelago under Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines. He also served as operations officer for Task Unit Trident in Afghanistan and as commander of Special Operations Command Forward-Mexico. Skalski has deployed to the Persian Gulf, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, and the Pacific, where he led critical missions in support of U.S. strategic objectives.

His shore tours include roles at the Defense Language Institute, Naval Special Warfare Unit Eight, and Naval Special Warfare Advanced Training Command. He also served as Deputy Commander for Commander Task Force 66 and Commanding Officer of the Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training Command, where he oversaw training efforts vital to partner nation forces. His awards include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), among others.

Platform Party

First Row (Left to Right)

Lt Col Dan Newcomer, USAF
Senior U.S. Air Force Representative

LtCol Zack Anthony, USMC
Senior U.S. Marine Corps Representative

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

CDR Andrew Ceniseroz, USN
Chief of Staff

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Dr. Jim Newman
Retiring Provost

COL Danial Pick, USA (Ret.)
Director, International Graduate Programs

Dr. James Bret Michael
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

Dr. Alex Bordetsky
Chair, Information Sciences

CAPT Eric J. Skalski, USN
Dean of Students

Second Row (Left to Right)

Dr. Wenschel Lan
Acting Chair, Space Systems Academic Group

Dr. Oleg Yakimenko
Chair, Systems Engineering

Dr. Kevin Smith
Chair, Physics

Dr. David Alderson
Chair, Operations Research

Dr. Peter Chu
Chair, Oceanography

Dr. Wendell Nuss
Chair, Meteorology

Dr. Garth Hobson
Chair, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Dr. Ralucca Gera
Chair, Applied Mathematics

Dr. Bradley Strawser
Chair, Defense Analysis

COL Raymond Jones, USA (Ret.)
Chair, Department of Defense Management

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

Dr. Maria Rasmussen
Chair, Institute for Regional and International Security

LTC Keith Carter, USA (Ret.)
Chair, Naval War College

Order of Ceremonies

Processional..... *Del Monte Brass*

Grand Marshal..... *Dr. Robert Mortlock*

Faculty Marshal..... *Dr. Dennis Lester*

Platform Marshal..... *Dr. Jomana Amara*

Military Marshal..... *Lieutenant Colonel Matt Morse, USMC*

Master of Ceremonies..... *Captain Eric J. Skalski, USN*

Command Chaplain..... *Lieutenant Commander Aaron Chicoine, USN*

National Anthem..... *Del Monte Brass*

Opening Remarks..... *Vice Admiral Ann Rondeau, USN (Ret.)*

Change of Charge

Distinguished Alumni Award

Address to Graduates..... *Admiral James W. Kilby, USN*

Presentation of Candidates..... *Dr. W. Matthew Carlyle*

Announcement of Degrees..... *Captain Eric J. Skalski, USN*

Recessional..... *Del Monte Brass*

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 & Photography
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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.

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.

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 Fall Quarter Graduating Class

(in alphabetical order)

Australia

Brazil

Belize

Canada

Denmark

Finland

Germany

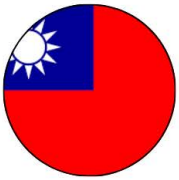
Ghana

Phillipines

Republic of Korea

Sri Lanka

Sweden



Taiwan

Thailand

USA

Graduation Awards

Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Defense Management
Capt John Locksmith, USMC, Department of Defense Management

Jack J. Jensen Meteorology and Oceanography Award
LT Caroline Kelly, USN, Department of Meteorology and Oceanography

Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Regional Security Studies
Mr. Manuel Pabon, U.S. Department of State, Institute for Regional and International Security

Outstanding United States Air Force Graduate Award, Department of National Security Affairs
Maj Jeffery Davis, USAF, Institute for Regional and International Security Maj Enrique Villegas-Gonzalez, USAF, Institute for Regional and International Security

International Student Award for Excellence in Regional Security Studies
Maj Megan Aspinall, Belize Defense Force, Institute for Regional and International Security

Captain David S. Bill, Jr., Leadership Award
MAJ Rasmus Kilmose, Royal Danish Army, Department of Defense Analysis

Tyler National Security Research Award
Maj Sean Grindlay, USAF, Department of Defense Analysis

Surface Navy Association's Award for Excellence in Surface Warfare Research
LT John Fonseca, USN, Department of Defense Management
LT Justin Lacombe, USN, Department of Defense Management

Association of the United States Army, General Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter, Award for Outstanding Army Student
MAJ Max Flanagan, USA, Department of Defense Analysis

Marine Corps Association Superior Service Award for Outstanding U.S. Marine Student
MSgt Steven Bush, USMC, Department of Defense Analysis

Air Force Association Award for Outstanding U.S. Air Force Student
Maj Sean Grindlay, USAF, Department of Defense Analysis

Air Force Association (Monterey/Chapter 112) Award for Advancement of Aerospace Studies
Capt Allan Gonçalves Almeida, Brazilian Air Force, Department of Defense Management

Conrad Scholar Award for Academic Excellence in Financial Management LT John Fonseca, USN, Department of Defense Management
LT Christopher Foster, USN, Department of Defense Management
LT Justin Lacombe, USN, Department of Defense Management
Capt Paul Armijo, USMC, Department of Defense Management
Maj Colton Lee Rasche, USMC, Department of Defense Management

Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition) Award for Academic Excellence
MSgt Arron Riffle, USAF, Department of Defense Management

Commander Philip A. Murphy-Sweet Memorial Award for Excellence in Acquisition
LCDR Rebekah Haba, USCG, Department of Defense Management

Department of the Navy Award for Academic Excellence in Financial Management
LCDR Patrick Glynn, USN, Department of Defense Management
LT John Fonseca, USN, Department of Defense Management

Distinguished Professor Kenneth J. Euske Dean's Medal for Innovative Contribution to National Defense, Department of Defense Management
LT Christopher Foster, USN, Department of Defense Management
Capt Paul Armijo, USMC, Department of Defense Management
Maj Colton Lee Rasche, USMC, Department of Defense Management

Naval Supply Systems Command Award for Academic Excellence in Management
LCDR Sean Harlow, USN, Department of Defense Management

Rear Admiral Donald R. Eaton Logistics Award for Outstanding Achievement
Capt Leah Weingarten, USMC, Department of Defense Management

Army Acquisition Corps Award for Scholastic Achievement
CPT Andrew Chotkowski, USA, Departments of Defense Management and Systems Engineering

Department of Defense Management Outstanding International Student Award
MAJ Kati Kettunen, Finnish Army, Department of Defense Management

Naval Postgraduate School Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for International Student
MAJ Sven Patrik Liljegard, Swedish Army, Department of Defense Analysis

Foreign Area Officer Association Award for Excellence in International Affairs
Capt Drew Switzer, USAF, Institute for Regional and International Security

Naval Postgraduate School Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for Civilian Student
Mr. Manuel Pabon, U.S. Department of State, Institute for Regional and International Security

Naval Postgraduate School Superior Service Award
LT Joshua Mayberry, USN, Space Systems Academic Group

Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Systems Engineering
LCDR Max Leutermann, USN, Department of Systems Engineering

Fleet Cyber Command Award for Academic Achievement in Cyber Operations
LCDR Margaret Graves, USN, Department of Information Sciences

Naval Sea Systems Command Award in Naval/Mechanical Engineering
LT Andrew Sparrow, USN, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Oceanographer of the Navy Award for Outstanding Academic Performance in Meteorology and Oceanography
LT Dylan Lee, USN, Department of Meteorology and Oceanography

Chief of Naval Operations Award for Excellence in Operations Research
LT Noah Richwine, USN, Department of Operations Research

Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Combat Systems
LT Shannon Dillman, USN, Department of Physics

Naval Intelligence Foundation, Admiral B. R. Inman Award for Outstanding Performance in the Field of Intelligence
LCDR Dom Plumage, USN, Institute for Regional and International Security

Curtis H. "Butch" Straub Achievement Award for Graduates of The Center For Homeland Defense and Security Master's Degree Program
Mr. Brad Robertson, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office; Oregon, Institute for Regional and International Security

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

Doctoral and Engineer Graduates

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science
(J)LCDR Xisen Tian, USN
Doctor of Philosophy in Information Sciences
Mr. Jon M. Brewster, NIWC Pacific
Electrical Engineer
(J)LT Miles John Oakley, USN
Aerospace Engineer
(T)LT Jonathan N. Ferentinos, USN
Mechanical Engineer
(T)LCDR Donald J. Finkes, USN
(D)(T)LT Andrew Neal Sparrow, USN

Department of Computer Science

Chair: Dr. Gurminder Singh

Master of Science in Computer Science
(J)LT Kirt G. Brown, USN
LTJG Jack A. Callahan, USN
(M)(D)ENS Cole A. Ventresca, USN
(J)LCDR Matthieu S. Wooden, USN
Capt Michael Tam Nguyen, USMC
(T)MAJ Rasmus Kilmose, Royal Danish Army

Department of Defense Analysis

Chair: Dr. BJ Strawser

Master of Science in Applied Design for Innovation
(J)MAJ Jordan Farrell, USA
(J)MAJ Maxwell Holt Flanagan, USA
(J)MAJ Brian David Wade, USA
MSgt Steven Jay Garcia Bush, USMC

Master of Science in Defense Analysis (Irregular Warfare)
LT Adam Charles Canady, USN
(J)MAJ Devonta Roy Banks, USA
(J)MAJ Logan Neal Birchfield, USA
(J)MAJ Alexander Briseño Bogaski, USA
(J)MAJ Jacob Woodfin Cavender, USA
MAJ Daniel Lee Dawson, USA
(J)MAJ Shane Leopoldo Dempsey, USA
(J)MAJ Ethan Coates Dewart, USA

(J)MAJ Blake Ashton Ducatel, USA
(J)MAJ Gerti Haxhinasto, USA
(J)MAJ Cody James Jungman, USA
(J)MAJ Michael Holland Larkins, USA
(J)MAJ Jonathan David Ritter, USA
(J)MAJ Joseph Allen Ross, USA
(J)MAJ Larue Darnell Sutton, USA
SSgt Morgan Joseph Mazaleski, USMC
Maj Joshua Lenn Dodson, USAF
Maj James Daniel Eichelberger, USAF
Maj Sean Kenneth Grindlay, USAF
(M)Maj Christopher Larson, USAF
Maj Kyle James Peace, USAF
Lt Col Hunter Keane Van Stetsen, USAF
Maj Colin Alexander White, USAF
MAJ Hans Peter Bystroem, Swedish Army
MAJ David Christopher Hark, German Army
MAJ Patrik Kanon, Swedish Army
MAJ Rasmus Kilmose, Royal Danish Army
MAJ Sven Patrik Liljegard, Swedish Army
LCDR Ammarit Satravut, Royal Thai Navy

Master of Science in Defense Information Strategy and Political Warfare
(J)MAJ Toree Cardinali, USA
(J)MAJ Dylan Richard Foreman, USA
(J)MAJ Casey Joe Horne, USA
(J)MAJ Alexander McAfee Lograsso, USA
(J)MAJ Bryan Tadashi Sakiyama, USA
(J)MAJ Daniel Charles Salisbury, USA
(J)MAJ Hugh Keener Urey, USA
1st Lt Alexandria Nicole DeLapp, USAF

Department of Defense Management

Chair: COL Raymond Jones, USA (Ret.)

Master of Science in Defense Contract Management
(J)LCDR Ann K. Adams, USN
(J)LT James Clift, USN
(J)LCDR Cassandra Maria Kovac, USN
(J)LCDR Rhiannon Schuyler Ladwig, USN
(J)LCDR Brian Richard Lasley, USN
(J)LCDR Andrew Brian Oxendine, USN
(J)LCDR Justin W. Riddick, USN
(J)MAJ Seth C. Cole, USA
SFC Antonio Cusic, USA
(J)MAJ Logan P. Gallagher, USA

(J)CPT Yesenia Pena Williams, USA
SFC Joseph F. Ray, USA
Capt Lucas A. Beltran, USMC
Capt Annie A. Berg, USMC
Capt Christopher A. Garay-Perez, USMC
Capt Morgan N. Gose, USMC
Capt Henrik Christian Haude, USMC
Capt Zechariah Michael Lund, USMC
Maj Daniel Collett Miller, USMC
Capt J.T. Wise, USMC
Capt Chryslin Viña, USAF
Capt Joseph Christopher Alexander, USAF
*Capt Denisha I. Bennett, USAF
Capt Gregory Lee Besser, USAF
1st Lt Daniel J. Cary, USAF
Capt Anastasia M. Crooks, USAF
Capt Louis Victor Gianneschi, USAF
(T)MSgt Jacob Horton, USAF
1st Lt Francesca Julianne Porambo, USAF
Capt Ashley Mendiola Presley, USAF
MSgt Arron R. Riffle, USAF
TSgt Dwayne B. Simeon, USAF
(T)Capt Rachel Marie Kulamanu Tuck, USAF
(T)CPT Syuan-yu Wu, Taiwan Army

Master of Science in Defense Financial Management
(J)(T)LT John P. Fonseca, USN
(J)(T)LT Christopher M. Foster, USN
(J)LCDR Katherine M. Foster, USN
(J)LCDR Patrick Daniel Glynn, USN
(J)(T)LT Justin Joseph Lacombe, USN
(J)LCDR Stephen David MacIntyre, USN
(J)LCDR Byron Paul Montgomery, USN
(J)LCDR William E. Norman, USN
(J)LT Peter Obeng, USN
(J)(T)LT Daniel O. Ofuka, USN
(J)LT Gretchen S. Quade, USN
Capt Paul R. Armijo, USMC
Maj Kristofer T. Devault, USMC
Maj Colton L. Rasche, USMC

Master of Science in Defense Logistics Management
(J)LT Matthew T. Bauer, USN
(J)LCDR Kathryn P. Hussey, USN
LCDR Spencer Brand Wilson, USN
GySgt Kailee A. Bird In Ground, USMC

Capt Christopher F. Fuchs, USMC
GySgt Steven P. Gillham, USMC
Capt Lizeth Gonzalez, USMC
GySgt Eli B. Rhodes, USMC
(T)Capt Leah S. Weingarten, USMC
LCDR Josie David Calastre, Philippine Navy
(T)Capt Allan Goncalves Almeida, Brazilian Air Force
(T)LCDR K. D. P. Madushika Kathriarachchi, Sri Lanka Navy
MAJ Kati Pauliina Kettunen, Finnish Army

Master of Science in Defense Program Management
(J)(T)LT Marshall Xavier Grimm, USN
(J)MAJ Adam M. Anderson, USA
(J)(T)CPT Marcienne A. Anderson, USA
(D)CPT Andrew Chotkowski, USA
(J)CPT Matthew A. Gervacio, USA
(J)(T)MAJ Haydn G. Giannoni, USA
(J)MAJ Sarah M. Hudgins, USA
(J)MAJ Kevin Adrian Leal, USA
(J)(T)MAJ Genevieve Prevete, USA
(J)CPT Ryan James Scott, USA
(J)(T)MAJ Stephen Andrew West, USA
(J)(T)CPT Mikeal S. Wolf, USA
(J)CPT Jonathan Mark Wolfgram, USA
Capt Joshua A. Hale, USMC
Maj Collin Rin Wheeler, USMC
(T)CDR Zachary D. Brown, USCG
(J)LCDR Rebekah S. Haba, USCG

Master of Science in Logistics Information Technology
(J)LCDR Sean P. Harlow, USN
(J)LCDR Loc X. Nguyen, USN
(J)LCDR Marc J. Walker, USN

Master of Science in Management, Defense Systems Analysis
(T)Capt John William Locksmith, USMC

Master of Science in Management, Manpower Systems Analysis
Capt Yennifer Paola Izaguirre, USMC
LCDR Aaron B. Kelly, Royal Australian Navy

Professional Master of Business Administration
*CDR Aaron Lee Witherspoon, USN

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Chair: Dr. Douglas Fouts

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering
LTJG Rylan Adam Bashinski, USN
(J)LT Jacob Daniel Burns, USN
LT Miles John Oakley, USN
LT Jorge Heriberto Rivas, USN
Capt James Lee Villanueva, USMC

Master of Science in Engineering Science (Electrical Engineering)
(J)LT Ashley K. Hernandez, USN

Master of Engineering (Electrical Engneering)
Ms. Kaylee Ann Fejaran Arceo, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division
Mr. Michael Fischer, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division
Ms. Deneyce Joseph, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division
Mr. Leonel McMichael Martinez, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division
Mr. Nathan Alexander Miranda, Department of Defense
Mr. Jeramy Peter Park, Department of Defense
*Mr. Michael Rae Paulson, Department of Defense

Institute for Regional and International Security

Chair: Dr. Maria Rasmussen

Master of Arts in Security Studies (East Asia and the Indo-Pacific)
(J)LT Noah Gratias, USN
LT Derek S. Molkenbuhr, USN
(T)LCDR John P. Morrissey, USN
*LCDR Joshua D. Northcutt, USN
*Capt Andrew M. Browning, USMC
*Maj Call M Deverill, USMC
*Capt Adam J. Duerer, USMC
*Capt Blake E. Hendrix, USMC
Capt Josiah M Mellentine, USMC
*Capt Dieter C. Yung, USMC
*Maj Mark A. Elliott, USAF
Capt Candice H. Lee, USAF
Maj Yra H. Meehleib, USAF
Maj Jihun Yoon, The Republic of Korea Air Force

Master of Arts in Security Studies (Europe and Eurasia)
(J)LT Aaron M. Barclay, USN
LCDR Dominique L. Plumage, USN
(J)LT Joseph L. Rega, USN
*Capt Igor A. Evseev, USMC
(T)Capt Drew S. Switzer, USAF

Master of Arts in Security Studies (Homeland Security and Defense)
(J)LT Michael J. Garofola, USN
(T)Maj Joel W. Noble, USAF
LCDR Creighton Chong, USCG
LCDR Nathaniel Clinger, USCG
LCDR Kenneth Hall, USCG
(T)CDR Lisa Woodman, USCG
Ms. Meredith Albert, City of Santa Cruz Office of Emergency Services; California
Ms. Diane Berringer, Transportation Security Administration; New York
Fire Chief Jacob Black, Santa Fe County Fire Department; New Mexico
Ms. Jordan Cahoon, Maryland Department of Health
Detective Christopher Capone, New York City Police Department
Detective Leeani Capote, New York City Police Department
Division Chief Cory DeBaere, Denver Fire Department
Ms. Brianna Eamons, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; Washington
Ms. Caitlin Elling, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Washington, DC
Mr. Matthew James, Philadelphia Police Department
Captain Kyle Kovacs, Teaneck Fire Department; New Jersey
Captain John Lecrivain, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Deputy Fire Chief Steven Lozano, San Diego Fire Rescue Department
Captain Jennifer Maravillas, San Mateo Police Department; California
Assistant Chief Paul Miano, Fire Department City of New York
Ms. Jennifer Pearsall, Federal Emergency Management Agency; New York
Mr. Timothy Robb, State of Nevada - Governor's Office
(D)Detective Sergeant Bradley Robertson, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office; Oregon
Captain Eugene Saladis, Fire Department City of New York
Mr. Austen Seely, Dallas County Emergency Management Agency; Iowa
Miss Melanie Simmons, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; California Fire
Investigator Patrick Stueve, Oakland Fire Department; California
Ms. Kathryn Taylor, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Washington, DC
Battalion Chief Jason Warnken, Fire Department City of New York
Deputy Fire Chief James Whitney, Redmond Fire Department; Washington Sergeant
Dianna Woodward, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Chief Jesse Yarbrough, Louisville Metro Emergency Medical Services; Kentucky

Master of Arts in Security Studies (Middle East and Sub-Saharan Africa)
*Capt Austin D. Abbott, USMC
*Capt Nathan M. Duvall, USMC
Capt Antwon H. Jones, USMC
*Capt Kelsie L. Mathieson, USMC
(J)Maj Maxmillion Page, USMC
(D)Maj Jeffery K. Davis, USAF
(D)Maj Nolan J. Maynard, USAF
Capt Riley J. Sullivan, USAF

Master of Arts in Security Studies (Strategic Studies)
(J)LT Ryan Hersch, USN
(J)CPT Philip J. Carr, USA
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