

# Leveraging Your Time at NPS: Turning Passion into Opportunity

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"U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Brandon Newell shows Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Ray Mabus, how sailors and Marines are using the Ground Renewable Expeditionary Energy System at Boldak Expeditionary Energy Patrol Base in Helmand province" (Photo by: Chief Mass Communication Specialist Sam Shavers)

## Major Brandon Newell

Major Brandon Newell, Technology Lead, Expeditionary Energy Office. Maj Newell is responsible for tracking the Marine Corps' expeditionary energy material needs, while monitoring and validating DOD S&T efforts, as well as acting as the Liaison Officer to all Dept of Energy Laboratories. He earned his BS in Electrical Engineering from LSU and MSEE from NPS (2010).

In 2008, Maj Newell arrived at NPS. He had a passion for alternative power and how it could impact the Marine Corps.

Despite virtually no alternative power study opportunities available, Maj Newell paved his own way. He reached out to all services seeking advice and guidance. He created an internship opportunity for himself at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. He invited himself to the Commandant of the Marine Corps' Energy Symposium. He vocalized his opinion at this symposium and became known as a Marine with a unique skill set in critical need by the Marine Corps, as the Commandant stood up the Expeditionary Energy Office (E2O).

He was by name requested to join the office upon graduation and has since become the E2O Technology Lead and deployed to Afghanistan as the Regional Command (Southwest) Expeditionary Energy Liaison Officer.

## Some of the points Major Newell will address include:

- Encouraging Students to Follow Their Passion
- Share How He Made the Most of NPS
- Discuss USMC Expeditionary Energy