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RMKS/1. This message announces that Naval Postgraduate School (NPS)

will host an NPS Naval Research Working Group 30 March - 3 April

2015 aboard the Monterey campus. The working group is an essential

element in the success of the NPS Naval Research Program (NRP), as

envisioned by the Secretary of the Navy. The working group serves as

a forum for Navy and Marine Corps organizations to communicate,

review, validate, and recommend topics for NPS research in fiscal

year

2016 (FY-16). SECNAVINST 1524.2C states "an active academic research

program is vital to the quality of education provided to students,

the

attraction and retention of exceptional faculty members, and the

provision of real-time, directly relevant deliverables to government

sponsors." During the main event, an all-hands plenary session,

attendees with research requirements (topic sponsors) will be asked

to present a short briefing to faculty and students summarizing the

topic(s), the benefit(s) to the services, and expected deliverables

from the research. Attending topic sponsors will have the

opportunity to participate in a brief sponsor-only breakout session

to coordinate and collaborate on research requirements of mutual

interest prior to the plenary session. Following the plenary session

day, attendees will participate in student and faculty breakout

sessions throughout the week to solidify research requirement topic

definitions. Sponsors will also have the opportunity to conduct

interim progress reviews for ongoing FY-15 projects. There will be

limited video teleconference (VTC) scheduling opportunities available

for topic sponsors that are unable to attend the working group.

However, based upon previous experience, there is a greater

likelihood

that projects will encourage interest of faculty and students when topic sponsors personally present topics, discuss, and scope projects in real-time face-to-face meetings.

2. Registration for the Naval Research Working Group, either as a topic sponsor or attending participant, can be completed online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nps-naval-research-program-requirements-meeting-15-1-tickets-14069382903>. This is an excellent annual opportunity for the Navy and Marine Corps to effectively leverage NPS faculty expertise and student operational experience as valuable research assets. All NPS faculty and students are invited and encouraged to participate in the week's events and are required to attend the plenary session, as appropriate.

3. Travel, billeting costs, and other arrangements associated with this working group will be the individual unit's responsibility. For lodging, a block of rooms has been established for participants with the Navy Gateway Inns and Suites (NGIS), Monterey. Reservations can be made by contacting the NGIS front desk at (831) 656-2060, Option 1, not later than 14 March 2015. The NGIS website is located at <http://www.nps.edu/services/ngis/>.

a. Conference Exception. This working group has been designated a Title 10 function and is therefore conference exempt. Further, it has been formally vetted and meets exemption 4.b. on pages 15-16 of Deputy Chief Management Office, Office of the Secretary of Defence memo of 6 November 2013, as an internal agency business matter held on a military installation, NPS.

b. Mission Critical Travel. Although sponsor attendance is highly encouraged, mission criticality for working group attendance will be established by the travelers' command.

4. Additional information on the NPS Naval Research Working Group 15-1 can be found online at <https://wiki.nps.edu/display/NSP/NPS+Naval+Research+Program+Requirements+Meeting%2C+15-1>. This site includes information regarding presentation submission requirements, topic submission information, templates, maps, etc. Topic submission to the above website will be open 15 February - 15 March 2015. All topic slide submissions made via the website must be unclassified.

5. Working group basic schedule (please visit the website in para. 4 above for more detailed information). Monday, 30 March 2015 - Travel day Tuesday, 31 March 2015 - Sponsor Sync Session/Keynote Speakers/Plenary Sessions Wednesday, 1 April 2015 - Breakout Sessions/Interim Progress Reviews (IPRs) Thursday, 2 April 2015 - Breakout Sessions/IPRs Friday, 3 April 2015 - Sponsor Hotwash/Sponsor Outbriefs/Travel day (pm).

6. The primary point of contact for this event is LtCol Mark Raffetto at (831) 656-2794 or via e-mail at Raffetto@nps.edu. The alternate point of contact is Rod Abbott at (831) 656-2579 or via e-mail at rpabbott@nps.edu.

7. This message will remain in effect until superseded or 31 May 2015, whichever occurs first.

8. Released by Vice Admiral S. H. Swift, Director, Navy Staff//

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