# NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CELEBRATION

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Admiral Robert Natter, USN (ret.)

CAPTAIN THOMAS Kelley, USN (ret.)

### Friday 1 Dec, 2023 1500

Herrmann Hall Quarterdeck

### HALL OF FAME HONOREES

It is with great honor that the Naval Postgraduate School inducts Admiral Robert Natter, USN (Ret.) and Captain Thomas Kelley, USN (Ret.)

to our distinguished list of Hall of Fame members.

Vice Admiral Alberto Soto, Chilean Navy (Ret.) 24 March, 2023

Admiral Cecil D. Haney, USN (Ret.) 15 December, 2022

**Deputy Secretary of Defense** 

Robert O. Work (Ret.)

22 September, 2022

Vice Admiral Edward Moore, Jr., USN

(Ret.)

26 January, 2021

Vice Admiral Jan E. Tighe, USN (Ret.) 5 June, 2018 Admiral Stanley Arthur, USN (Ret.) 2 December, 2011

Dr. J. Phillip (Jack) London 2 December, 2011

Vice Admiral Pat Tracey, USN (Ret.) 3 December, 2010

Admiral T. Joseph Lopez, USN (Ret.) 3 December, 2010

Vice Admiral Thomas J. Hughes, USN (Ret.) 3 December, 2010

General Apichart Penkitti, Permanent Secretary for Defense, Thailand (Ret.) 30 July, 2010

Admiral Michael Mullen, USN (Ret.) 11 August, 2009

General Michael Hagee, USMC (Ret.) 23 May, 2009

> The Honorable Dan Albert, Mayor of Monterey (Ret.) 23 February, 2007

Rear Admiral Wayne E. Meyer, USN (Ret.)\* 23 February, 2006 \* Deceased HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

Master of Ceremonies

NPS Chief of Staff Captain Brandon Bryan, USN

M)elcome

NPS President Vice Admiral Ann Rondeau, USN (Ret.)

Reading of the Citation

Commander Andrew Ceniseroz, USN

Presentation of the Medallion

Admiral Eric Olson, USN (Ret.)

(Acceptance Remarks

Admiral Robert Natter, USN (ret) and Captain Thomas Kelley, USN (Ret.)

Conclusion

NPS President Vice Admiral Ann Rondeau, USN (Ret.)

Reception

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27 April, 2017 Commander Everett Alvarez, Jr., USN

The Honorable Jack R. Borsting

**(Ret.)** 27 March, 2015

General Keith B. Alexander, USA (Ret.) 21 June, 2013

Colonel Walt Havenstein, USMCR (Ret.) 30 November, 2012

Admiral Eric T. Olson, USN (Ret.) 30 November, 2012

#### ROBERT NATTER UNITED STATES NAVY ADMIRAL (RET.)

#### THOMAS G. KELLEY UNITED STATES NAVY CAPTAIN (RET.)



In 2003, Admiral Natter completed a distinguished 41-year Navy career as Commander of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, the first Commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command, the first Commander of all U.S. Navy and Coast Guard homeland defense forces under the newly created Northern Command, and the Commander-in-Chief of the NATO Western Atlantic Command.

He enlisted in the Naval Reserve at age 17. Following one-year enlisted service and graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy, Natter eventually rose to the rank Admiral. He continued to make significant contributions to national defense in the defense industry serving in executive roles on multiple companies and leading his own consulting service. Admiral Natter is staunch supporter of naval education having graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, Naval War College and Naval Postgraduate School, and remains engaged in all institutions through philanthropic and leadership support on boards and respective foundations. His leadership and performance in peacetime and war were instrumental in the success of the Navy and outstanding support for naval forces. His lifetime of work continues to bring great credit upon himself and to the Naval Postgraduate School, and now as a member of the NPS Hall of Fame.



Thomas G. Kelley dedicated his professional life to the defense of the United States of America as a military leader and to the support of veterans as a civilian leader. A recipient of both the Medal of Honor and Purple Heart for combat actions in Vietnam, Kelley was severely wounded and was slated to be mustered out of the Navy following a medical review board.

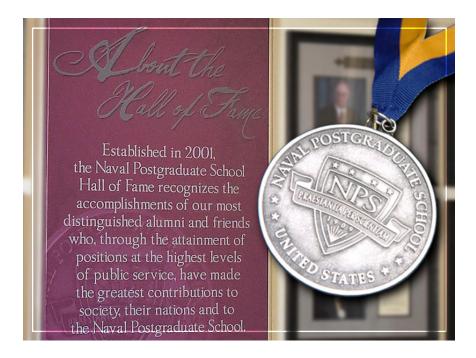
Undeterred, Kelley rallied support for his continued service, convinced Admiral Zumwalt to intercede on his behalf, and thereafter continued to serve in the Navy for another two decades across a variety of command and staff positions. Upon reaching his mandatory retirement date, Kelley retired from uniformed service as a Captain and continued to serve the Department of Defense and the veteran community in a variety of senior leadership positions, culminating in his service as the Massachusetts Secretary of Veteran Services. Kelly is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, Class of 1960 and is a 1972 graduate of Naval Postgraduate School in defense management. His lifetime of work continues to bring great credit upon himself and to the Naval Postgraduate School, and now as a member of the NPS Hall of Fame.

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