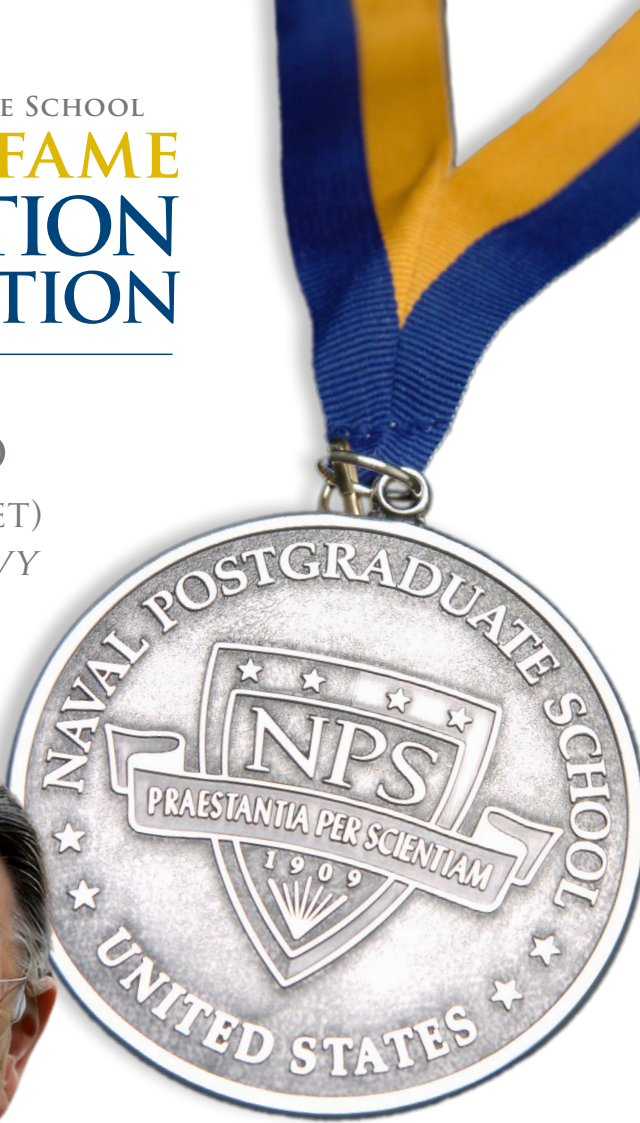


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It is with great honor that the Naval Postgraduate School inducts
Admiral Guillermo Barrera, Colombian Navy (Ret.)
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Welcome

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Reading of the Citation

Major Omar David Florez Isaza, Colombian Army
NPS National Security Affairs Student

Presentation of the Medallion

Rear Admiral James A. Aiken, USN
Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command
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Acceptance Remarks

Admiral Guillermo Barrera, Colombian Navy

Conclusion

Vice Admiral Ann Rondeau, USN (Ret.)
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Reception

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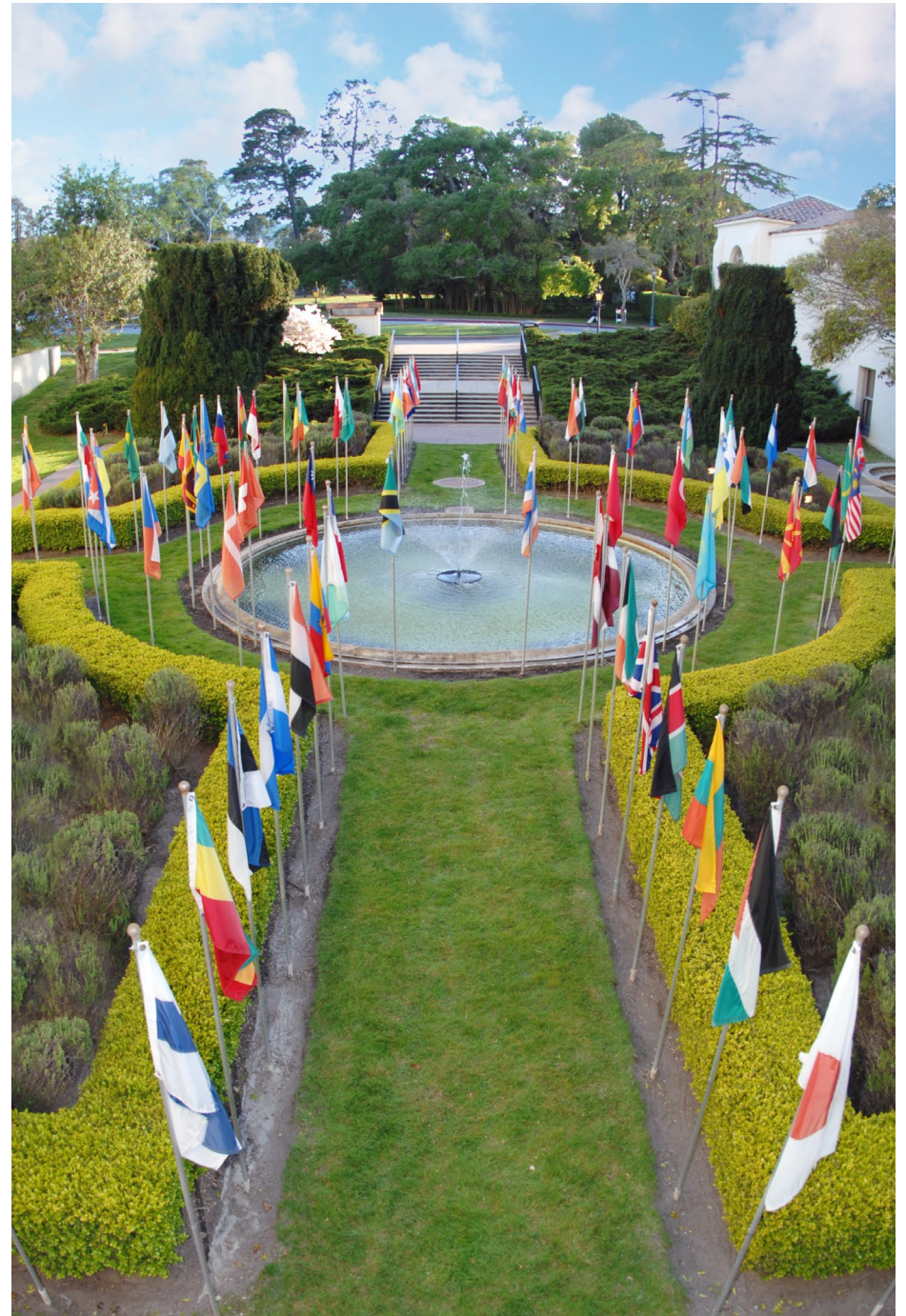
Admiral Guillermo Barrera is a 1983 graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) with a master's degree in Electrical Engineering. He put his technical acumen to work throughout his 40-year career in the Colombian Navy working to advance its capability and impact. He rose to multiple commands afloat and ashore, including the riverine gun patrol boat ARC Fritz Hagale, ARC Gorgona, and the frigate ARC Almirante Padilla. He led combined drug interdiction operations with JIATF-South and other countries in the Pacific and Caribbean, ultimately rising to Commander of the Colombian Navy from 2006 to 2010 during

the tenure of then-President Álvaro Uribe, and was part of the national team that brought Colombia from the brink of failure to stability and prosperity.

Other milestones included service as second Commander of the Colombian Coast Guard, and service on the Colombian joint staff, where he was D5 (Joint Psyops) and J5 (Joint Integrated Action) and he produced the “Strategy of Integrated Action for the Military Forces.” As Commander of the Colombian Navy, he established a permanent program to send Colombian officers to NPS for advanced technical degrees to help modernize the Colombian Navy. Barrera then served as Defense Attaché to the Embassy of Colombia, Washington, D.C. Today, Barrera is a Professor and Distinguished International Fellow at the U.S. Naval War College (NWC) with a focus on Leadership & Ethics and Maritime Operational Warfare.

Barrera's efforts in Colombia had national and regional impact, leading to increased security for a country that was suffering from insurgency, high crime, kidnappings, attacks on towns, and other terrorist actions. Maritime interdiction also greatly improved in collaboration with the U.S. Navy, which also led to stability and greater economic success for Colombia. Barrera received 64 awards and decorations, including the highest Colombian military decorations, the Order of Boyacá and the Order of Democracy of the Colombian Senate. He also received the U.S. Legion of Merit, Commander Degree. Barrera joined NWC in 2011 as the first U.S. Chief of Naval Operations Distinguished International Fellow.

Barrera remains a lifelong learner and author, having published a book, “Letters of the Commander,” and multiple journal articles for U.S. and equivalent Colombian maritime journals.



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