



# NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

Commencement  
Ceremony

DECEMBER 16, 2022



“We need leaders of character, leaders that speak the truth and always choose the harder right over the more convenient or expedient wrong. NPS has given you powerful tools, and we are relying on you to use them to make us stronger.”

**Admiral Michael Gilday, USN**  
**Chief of Naval Operations**



“The complexity of the modern battlefield and increasing rate of change requires a highly educated force. While different, education and training are inextricably linked. Education denotes study and intellectual development. Training is primarily learning-by-doing. We will not train without the presence of education; we must not educate without the complementary execution of well-conceived training. As the 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps noted – “any mission undertaken by the Corps will flow directly from our ability both to train and educate every Marine.”

**General David H. Berger, USMC**  
**Commandant of the Marine Corps**



## NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

The Naval Postgraduate School provides an unparalleled learning and research environment. NPS is a place where operationally experienced officers from the joint services, civilians from various defense and homeland security organizations, and international students from nearly 60 countries come together to learn from, and work with, a world-class faculty focused on global security issues vital to our national security strategy.

The institution is responsive to rapidly emerging and ever-changing strategic and tactical requirements. Curricula are rigorously tailored to meet the nation's changing defense needs, while simultaneously maintaining the same high accreditation standards as civilian universities.

An NPS education extends far beyond the Monterey campus, reaching warfighters both at sea and in the field, engineers in defense laboratories, and international participants who are enrolled in distributed learning and professional education programs throughout the globe.

On any given day faculty and student research addresses critical real world requirements relevant to combatant commander and warfighter needs through a unique integration of government agencies, commercial enterprises, other notable research universities and our allies.

An NPS graduate has the intellectual know-how and the practical skills to make the most of today's resources. NPS graduates are the cornerstone for developing tomorrow's defense technologies, systems and programs.

The individual schools are accredited by the Western Association of Schools & Colleges, the Accreditation Board for Engineering & Technology, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business and the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs & Administration. Additionally, The North Atlantic Treaty Organization has recognized NPS as an Alliance-wide Partnership for Peace Education and Training Center.

*...Master your future.*





# FALL QUARTER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

December 16, 2022

King Hall

## **President**

VADM ANN E. RONDEAU, USN (RET.)

## **Provost and Academic Dean**

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# Vice Admiral Ann Rondeau, USN (Ret.)

President

Naval Postgraduate School

Retired 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. Prior to her appointment, Adm. Rondeau served as the sixth president of the College of DuPage. Her most recent military position was as the 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. In 1985, she was selected and served as a White House Fellow in the Reagan Administration and went on to serve as the Deputy Commander of the U.S. Transportation Command in Illinois, Pentagon Director/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., Pacific Fleet Staff Chief of Staff in Hawaii, Commanding Officer of Naval Support Activity 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).

She is a proud member of the Arizona State University Flag Officer Advisory Council, the National Museum of the American Sailor Foundation Board of Directors, the Military Advisory Board (under the aegis of Center for Naval Analysis), the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, the Chicago Regional Growth Corporation Board, Choose DuPage Board of Directors, and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Additionally, Dr. Rondeau serves on the Executive Board of the U.S. Navy “Education for Seapower Study” — a clean-sheet review of naval learning.





## Dr. Scott Gartner

Provost and Academic Dean  
Naval Postgraduate School

Dr. Scott Sigmund Gartner is The Provost and Academic Dean of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, where he also serves as Professor of Defense Analysis. He previously held the position of Director of the Penn State School of International Affairs, where he remains a Faculty Affiliate. Gartner's interdisciplinary, multi-method, research focuses on great power conflict, international security, war and politics, counterterrorism, conflict mediation and policy assessment and is both impactful and well cited.

Gartner's publications include *Costly Calculations: A Theory of War, Casualties, and Politics*, *Strategic Assessment in War*, *International Conflict Mediation: New Approaches and Findings* and *The Historical Statistics of the United States*, in addition to articles in top journals in political science, sociology, international affairs, national security, history, military intelligence, public policy, international negotiations, and communications. His honors include the Jefferson award for the best government resource, the RUSA Outstanding Reference Award, Booklist Editor's Choice Award, Library Journal Best Reference Award, History News Network Book of the Month, and the American Political Science Association's best policy thesis award. He is past president of the International Studies Association (West) and served as a Senior Advisor for the Net Assessment of Violent Non-State Actors for a U.S. intelligence agency.

Gartner's research has been funded by the National Science Foundation, the National Security Agency, The National Counter Terrorism Center, the Folke Bernadotte Academy, the Department of Defense, the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, and the Sloan foundation. Gartner's op-ed columns have been published in *The Huffington Post*, *USA Today*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Baltimore Sun*, and many other outlets. He holds a PhD. and MA in Political Science from the University of Michigan, and BA in History and MA in International Relations from the University of Chicago.



# The Honorable Carlos Del Toro

Secretary of the Navy

The Honorable Carlos Del Toro was sworn in as the 78th Secretary of the Navy August 9, 2021. As Secretary, he is responsible for over 900,000 Sailors, Marines, reservists, and civilian personnel and an annual budget exceeding \$210 Billion. His priorities include securing the training and equipment successful naval operations demand and addressing the most pressing challenges confronting the US Navy and Marine Corps – China’s naval ambitions, climate instability, Covid’s ongoing impact, and strengthening a naval culture of inclusiveness and respect.

Born in Havana, Cuba, Del Toro immigrated to the U.S. with his family as refugees in 1962. Raised in the Hell’s Kitchen neighborhood of New York City, he attended public schools and received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. Secretary Del Toro was commissioned as a Surface Warfare Officer upon his graduation in 1983.

His 22-year naval career included a series of critical appointments and numerous tours of duty at sea – including First Commanding Officer of the guided missile destroyer USS Bulkeley (DDG 84); Senior Executive Assistant to the Director for Program Analysis and Evaluation in the Office of the Secretary of Defense; and Special Assistant to the Director and Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget – where he helped manage the budgets of DOD, the U.S. Department of State, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Reconnaissance Office, and the Peace Corps.

After retiring at the rank of Commander, Secretary Del Toro founded SBG Technology Solutions, Inc. in 2004. As its CEO and President, he supported defense programs across a host of immediate and long-term Department of Navy issue areas, including shipbuilding, AI, cybersecurity, acquisition programs, space systems, health, and training.

He holds a Masters in National Security Studies from the Naval War College, a Masters in Space Systems Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School, and a Masters in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University.

Secretary Del Toro and his wife have four children and a granddaughter.



## PLATFORM PARTY

*First Row (left to right)*

**Lieutenant Colonel Duc Ho**  
**USAF**

Senior United States Air Force Representative

**Colonel Christopher Thoendel**  
**USA**

Senior United States Army Representative

**Colonel Jason Perry**  
**USMC**

Senior United States Marine Corps Representative

**Captain Philip Old**  
**USN**

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**The Honorable Carlos Del Toro**  
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**Dr. Brian Bingham**  
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**Dr. Gene Paolo**  
Representing the Chair of the Department of  
Systems Engineering

**Mr. Dino Pick**  
Director of International Graduate Programs  
Office

**Lieutenant Commander Matthew Fore**  
**USN**  
Command Chaplain

**Captain Brandon Bryan**  
**USN**  
Dean of Students

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**Dr. Peter Chu**  
Chair of the Department of Oceanography

**Dr. Douglas J. Fouts**  
Chair of the Department of Electrical and  
Computer Engineering

**Dr. Maria Rasmussen**  
Chair of the Department of National Security  
Affairs

**Dr. Douglas Borer**  
Representing the Chair of the Department of  
Defense Analysis

**Dr. Matthew Carlyle**  
Chair of the Department of Operations Research

**Dr. Gurminder Singh**  
Chair of the Department of Computer Science

**Dr. Alex Bordetsky**  
Chair of the Department of Information  
Sciences

**Dr. Wendell Nuss**  
Chair of the Department of Meteorology

**Dr. Joseph Hooper**  
Representing the Chair of the Department of  
Physics

**Dr. Frank Giraldo**  
Chair of the Department of Applied Mathematics

**Dr. James Newman**  
Chair of the Space Systems Academic Group

**Dr. Simona Tick**  
Representing the Chair of the Department of  
Defense Management

**Dr. Robert Tomlinson**  
Dean of Academics, Naval War College

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>Processional</b>	Del Monte Brass
<b>Grand Marshal</b>	Dr. Bob Mortlock
<b>Platform Marshal</b>	Dr. Rene Rendon
<b>Military Marshal</b>	Lieutenant Colonel Amy Roznowski, USMC
<b>Master of Ceremonies</b>	Captain Brandon Bryan, USN
<b>National Anthem</b>	Del Monte Brass
<b>Introduction of Speaker</b>	Vice Admiral Ann Rondeau, USN (Ret.)
<b>Address to Graduates</b>	The Honorable Carlos Del Toro
<b>Presentation of Candidates</b>	Dr. Scott Gartner
<b>Announcement of Degrees</b>	Captain Brandon Bryan, USN
<b>Recessional</b>	Del Monte Brass

### NOTES:

1. Graduation can be viewed via the internet.  
The link for this broadcast is: <https://nps.edu/graduation>.
2. Photos will be available for download on the internet next week on the Public Affairs or Current Students web page: <http://my.nps.edu/web/guest/graduation-photography>.

## GRADUATION AWARDS

### **Monterey Peninsula Council of the Navy League LCDR Tom Winant Highest Academic Achievement Award – MSgt David C. Nass, USMC**

This award is presented to a graduating United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, or National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration student who has maintained an outstanding academic record as exhibited by academic achievement, thesis research, motivation, and community involvement.

### **Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Regional Security Studies – Maj Eric Little, USAF**

This award is presented to a graduating U.S. military or civilian student in the Department of National Security Affairs for an outstanding thesis in Regional Security Studies based on quality of the thesis and outstanding service to the Armed Forces or the Department of Defense.

### **Marine Corps Association Superior Service Award for Outstanding U.S. Marine Student – Maj Brendan J. Chesley, USMC**

This award is presented to an outstanding student based on quality point rating, thesis, curricular, and extracurricular activities.

### **Air Force Association Award for Outstanding U.S. Air Force Student – Maj Joshua Dryden, USAF**

This award is based on outstanding service and is sponsored by the Monterey Chapter of the California Air Force Association.

### **Outstanding United States Air Force Graduate Award, Department of National Security Affairs – Capt Edward Florack, USAF**

This award is presented to an officer for overall scholarly achievement.

### **Naval Postgraduate School Superior Service Award – LT Julian Salmon, USN**

This award is based on superior contributions to the student body, professional community, and local Monterey area.

### **Naval Intelligence Foundation, Admiral Bobby Ray Inman Award for Excellence in Intelligence – LT Julian Salmon, USN**

This award is presented to an officer graduate in any curriculum who has advanced the awareness and knowledge of Naval Intelligence and assisted in development of related knowledge.

### **Association of the United States Army, General Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter, Award for Outstanding Army Student – MAJ Kelley Y. Jhong, USA**

This award is presented to an Army student who has maintained an outstanding academic record as exhibited by academic achievement, thesis research, motivation, and community involvement.

### **Naval Postgraduate School Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for International Students – CDR Milton Mendieta, Ecuadorean Navy**

This award is presented to a student who has exhibited outstanding academic achievement, conducted notable thesis research, maintained motivation and a serious interest in the community, and who has interacted well with other students in the interest of international alliance.



**Chief of Naval Operations Award for Excellence in Operations Research –  
CDR Milton Mendieta, Ecuadorean Navy**

This award is presented to a Navy or Marine Corps graduate based on academic achievement, experience tour performance, thesis work, and demonstration of those qualities, indicative of an outstanding military officer.

**Monterey Kiwanis Club Outstanding International Student Award –  
CDR Milton Mendieta, Ecuadorean Navy and Capt Nikolaos Vidalis, Hellenic Air Force**

This award is presented to two outstanding international students based on academic standing and achievement, and involvement in community affairs.

**International Student Award for Excellence in Regional or Security Studies –  
Assistant Superintendent Vah Hercules-Lambert, Royal Grenada Police Force**

This award is presented to an international military officer or civilian student for academic performance evaluated in terms of overall scholarly achievement.

**Surface Navy Association's Award for Excellence in Surface Warfare Research –  
LT Joshua Hudson, USN and LT Matthew Storm, USN**

This award is presented to a graduating student whose thesis topic and quality of supporting research demonstrate the greatest potential for contribution to the Surface Navy.

**Military Operations Research Society Stephen A. Tisdale Graduate Research Award –  
ENS Ethan Boone, USN**

This award is presented in recognition of outstanding achievement in graduate research directed toward improving military force utilization. The primary award criterion is research which leads to demonstration of or potential for increased operating effectiveness of currently available or near-term assets.

**Department of Defense Management Faculty Outstanding International Student Award –  
LCDR Robin Haller-Trost, Royal Australian Navy**

This award is presented to an outstanding international graduate based on academic achievement, thesis research, motivation, and community involvement.

**Meyer Award for Outstanding Student in Systems Engineering (Distance Learning)  
– Mr. Thomas Michael Buetow, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division and  
Mr. Larry D. Mannings, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Division Newport**

This award is presented to an outstanding Department of Defense graduate of each Distance Learning Systems Engineering degree program who has demonstrated superior academic performance.

**Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Defense Management –  
LT Luiz de Queiroz Alves, Brazilian Navy**

This award is presented to a Master of Business Administration student based on academic excellence, personal excellence, and contributions to the quality of the educational program, to fellow officers, and to the community.

**Captain David S. Bill, Jr., Leadership Award – LT Crystal Cornine, USN**

This award is presented to acknowledge faculty or student officers who have demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities. This recognition is intended to support the school's mission of promoting combat readiness.

**Pat Tillman Leadership Award – MAJ Meg Tucker, USA and MAJ Alex Wingate, USA**

This award is presented to acknowledge student officers who have distinguished themselves in Security Affairs in the Department of Defense Analysis.

**Foreign Area Officer Association Award for Excellence in International Affairs – Capt Brian Watson II, USAF**

This award recognizes students, who in the opinion of the National Security Affairs Department faculty, have distinguished themselves by outstanding thesis or major paper in international affairs, based on the quality of the research and overall scholarly achievement.

**Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Combat Systems – Maj Michael Jeffrey Wish, USMC**

This award is presented in recognition of distinguished scholastic achievement in Combat Systems Engineering. Selection is based on academic achievement, research excellence, and leadership potential.

**Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory Award for Excellence in Applied Physics Research – LT Nathan C. Redder, USN**

This Award is presented for outstanding research in applied physics that has the potential to positively impact future Navy and Marine Corps systems and operational capability.

**Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Systems Engineering – LCDR Christofer Fackrell, USN**

This award is presented in recognition of distinguished scholastic achievement in Systems Engineering.

**Chief of Naval Research Award for Excellence in Robotics and Autonomous Systems Research – LT Chase Smeeks, USN and LT Angelia O’Toole, USN**

This award is presented to two students, (1) from engineering and applied sciences and (1) from operational, informational, security, and management programs. This award recognizes the distinguished academic achievement of NPS Navy and Marine Corps students in the emerging field of Robotics and Autonomous Systems and Outstanding thesis research in those areas.

**Astronaut Michael J. Smith and Astronaut William C. McCool Astronautics Award – LT Angelia M. O’Toole, USN**

This award is presented to an outstanding graduate of the Space Systems curricula based on overall academic excellence, applicable extra-curricular activities, and career potential.

**Naval Sea Systems Command Award in Naval/Mechanical Engineering – LT Bror E. Axelsson IV, USN**

Presented in recognition of distinguished academic achievement in the Naval/Mechanical Engineering Program.

**Naval Supply Systems Command Award for Academic Excellence – LCDR Ryan Cram, USN**

This award is presented to an outstanding U.S. Naval Supply Corps officer in Systems Management based on academic achievement, research excellence, contribution to the professional and civilian community, and faculty recommendations.

**Conrad Scholar Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement in Financial Management – LCDR Michael Zecca, USN**

This award is presented to an outstanding officer in the Financial Management community who has demonstrated academic excellence, presented a financial management essay for publication, and exhibited the potential for outstanding leadership.

**Department of the Navy Award for Academic Excellence in Financial Management – LCDR Michael Zecca, USN and LCDR Matthew Heidt, USN**

This award is presented to Financial Management students who demonstrates overall academic performance, academic excellence in financial management courses, high leadership potential, and future ability to contribute to professional, academic, and public forums while meeting the highest standards of stewardship of the National Trust and thesis excellence.

**CDR Philip A. Murphy-Sweet Memorial Award for Excellence in Acquisition – LCDR Faithann Hawkins, USN**

This award is presented to a graduating US Navy, US Marine Corps, or Department of the Navy civilian student who has demonstrated academic research and professional excellence in the Acquisition and Contract Management, Systems Acquisition Management, Contract Management, or Program Management curricula.

**RADM Donald R. Eaton Logistics Award for Outstanding Achievement – LCDR Francesco De Souza, Brazilian Navy and Maj Brian Harding, USMC**

This award is presented to a graduate of Materiel Logistics Management, Supply Chain Management, or Transportation Management curricula for academic achievement and contributions to logistics communities as demonstrated by scholastic excellence and thesis/project research.

**Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition) Award for Academic Excellence – Capt Joshua Renick, USAF**

This award is presented to a military USAF or Department of the Air Force civilian in the Acquisition and Contract Management, Systems Acquisition Management, Contract Management, or Program Management curricula for academic achievement as demonstrated by scholastic excellence and thesis/project research.

**Distinguished Professor Kenneth J. Euske Dean’s Medal for Innovative Contribution to National Defense and the Department of Defense Management – 1st Lt Brittany Thompson, USAF**

This award is presented to a graduating student, or a team of up to four members, whose thesis or project is considered to present an innovative “potential” significant contribution to a National Defense issue or create a new competitive advantage.

**Fleet Cyber Command Award for Academic Achievement in Cyber Operations – SCPO Benjamin N. Shady, USN**

This award is presented to an outstanding Cyber Systems and Operations, or Applied Cyber Operations graduate based on academic performance and thesis quality.

**Network Operations and Technology Outstanding Graduate Award – LT Brittany Laird, USN**

This award is presented to an outstanding Network Operations and Technology graduate based on academic performance, thesis quality and leadership potential.



**Jack J. Jensen Meteorology and Oceanography – LCDR Miguel Green, USN**

This award is presented to a U.S. or international student who has produced a thesis with notable academic rigor that has potential to provide new operational capabilities or techniques to the Meteorology and Oceanography Community.

**Oceanographer of the Navy Award for Outstanding Academic Performance in Meteorology and Oceanography – LCDR Stefanie Dressel, USN**

This award is presented to an Air-Ocean Sciences graduate with outstanding academic performance and exhibition of those qualities, indicative of an outstanding military officer.

## FACULTY AWARDS

**Military Officers Association of America Joint Service Warfare Award – Lt Col Michael Kwasnoski, USAF**

This award is presented to NPS military faculty members who have contributed most significantly to the study, implementation, and spirit of joint-service warfare.

**First Command Military Leadership Award – LCDR Stefanie Dressel, USN**

This award is presented to an active-duty military faculty or staff member at the Naval Postgraduate School, who, in the opinion of the next two graduating classes, contributed the most to the professional and military success of the graduates during their assignment at the Naval Postgraduate School.

**Meyer Award for Teaching Excellence in Systems Engineering (Distance Learning) – Professor Rama D. Gehris, Department of Systems Engineering; Lecturer Corina L. White, Department of Systems Engineering; and Prof Douglas Lee Van Bossuyt, Department of Systems Engineering**

This award is presented to an outstanding faculty member of each Distance Learning Systems Engineering degree program who is recognized by the students for teaching excellence and/or exceptional contributions to the students' overall learning experience.

**Carl E. and Jesse W. Menneken Annual Faculty Award for Excellence in Scientific Research –Significant and Sustained Contribution: Dr. Timour Radko, Department of Oceanography Highly Meritorious Research: Dr. Paul B. Lester, Department of Defense Management**

This award is presented to a Naval Postgraduate School faculty member who has exhibited outstanding research efforts in science and engineering.

**Louis D. Liskin Award for Teaching Excellence in the Department of Defense Management – Dr. Nick Dew**

This award is presented to a member of the faculty by popular vote from resident students in any of the Department of Defense Management curricula.

**LCDR David L. Williams Outstanding Professor Award – Dr. Cristiana Matei, Department of National Security Affairs**

This award is presented to the faculty member in the Department of International and Defense Studies who has demonstrated the greatest dedication to, and greatest impact on the learning and intellectual growth of students.

(D) - Students recognized for "Graduating With Distinction"  
(T) - Students recognized for an "Outstanding Thesis"  
(J) - Students receiving their Joint Professional Military Education  
(M) - Rear Admiral Wayne E. Meyer Scholar  
\* Students graduating in absentia

## GRADUATES

### **Doctor of Philosophy in Astronautical Engineering**

Mrs. Lara Counts Magallanes, Department of Defense Civilian

### **Doctor of Philosophy in Systems Engineering**

Mr. Daniel J. Herrington, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation

### **Doctor of Philosophy in Physical Oceanography**

LCDR Vinicius Santos Pessanha, Brazilian Navy

Mr. Larry Thomas Gulliver, Department of the Navy

### **Master of Science in Electrical Engineering**

Capt Richard A. Ramos, USMC

Capt Jared Valeske, USMC

(J)LT Daniel Batista, USN

LT Rafael Alberto Cruz-Gomez, Mexican Navy

(J)LT Justin D. Johnston, USN

LT Heather Galina Nearing, USN

(J)LT Alexander F. Proal, USN

(D,T)LT Matthew Paul Storm, USN

LT Jessica M. Valeske, USN

(D,T)LCDR Georgios Souchlas, Hellenic Navy

### **Master of Arts in Security Studies (East Asia and the Indo-Pacific)**

CPT Daehan Bang, Republic of Korea Army

CPT Seryoung Kim, Republic of Korea Army

\*Capt John Lee, USMC

(J)LT Matthew B. Duncan, USN

(J)LT Jason L. Punsalan, USN

LTJG Jordan J. Rosa, USN

(T,J)LT Julian B. Salmon, USN

Capt Knykia R. Franklin, USAF

Maj Eric G. Little, USAF

Maj Christopher J. Smith, USAF

Maj Geunhyoung Do, Republic of Korea Air Force

### **Master of Arts in Security Studies (Middle East, South Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa)**

\*Capt Gaurav Aggarwal, USMC

\*Capt Chreston P. Allen, USMC

\*Capt AJ Singh, USMC

LCDR Mellini A. Wall, USN

Maj Andrew D. Cipolla, USAF

Maj Lauren S. Petri, USAF  
Capt Brian T. Watson II, USAF

### **Master of Arts in Security Studies (Europe and Eurasia)**

(J)Maj Brendan J. Chesley, USMC  
(J)CPT John J. Allred, USA  
(J)MAJ Andrew C. Shields, USA  
(J)LCDR Matthew A. Lawson, USN  
LCDR Christos Noukas, Hellenic Navy  
Maj Calvin R. Collins, USAF  
\*(D)Capt Edward T. Florack, USAF  
Maj Matthew J. Garvey, USAF  
Maj Robert LaFleur, USAF  
Maj Matthew C. Prill, USAF

### **Master of Arts in Security Studies (Strategic Studies)**

(T)CDR Anugerah Annurullah, Indonesian Navy  
(T,J)LT Daniel T. Feeney, USN  
(D,M,J)LT Joshua B. Hudson, USN

### **Master of Arts in Security Studies (Homeland Security and Defense)**

Captain Grozdan S. Naydov, Bulgarian Special Forces  
(T,J)LT James F. Magno, USN  
CPT Eliezer O. Dalnay, Philippine Coast Guard  
Lt Col Ian R. Osterreicher, USAF

### **Master of Arts in Security Studies (Combating Terrorism: Policy and Strategy)**

LTC Yazeed G. Alamoush, Jordanian Army  
BG Emmanuel A. Baidoo, Ghana Army  
Maj Barrington C. Gayle, Jamaica Defence Force  
MAJ Saidu D. Kargbo, Sierra Leone Army  
COL Ahmed A. Mohamed, Egyptian Army  
MAJ Lionel A. Olivera, Belize Defense Force  
CDR Abubakar I. Maigado, Nigerian Navy  
CDR Vincent S. Laca, Philippine Coast Guard  
(D)Assistant Superintendent Vah T. Hercules-Lambert, Royal Grenada Police Force

### **Master of Arts in Security Studies (Homeland Security and Defense)**

LCDR Ronald Miller, United States Coast Guard; Massachusetts  
Fire Lieutenant Marie Balak, Gainesville Fire Rescue; Florida  
\*Nicole Banks, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; Washington DC  
Jeni Best, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; Washington DC  
Fire Captain Sean Betts, City of Virginia Beach Fire Department  
Denise Bordelon, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Texas  
Police Detective Jeremy Chedester, Washington County Sheriff's Office; Oregon  
(D,T)Matthew Davison, Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission; Chicago  
Amanda Dickerson, City of Jeffersonville Police Department; Indiana  
Fire Captain David Follett, City of Phoenix Fire Department; Arizona  
Pawel Frankowski, Homeland Security Investigations; Washington, DC  
Elias Frick, City of Santa Fe Fire Department; New Mexico



Deputy Chief Jose Garcia, City of Santa Cruz Police Department; California  
Michael Giardina, Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management; Pennsylvania  
Supervisory Special Agent Christopher Gojcz, United States Secret Service; Washington, DC  
Fire Captain David Greenstein, City of Tamarac Fire Rescue; Florida  
Joshua Henson, United States Coast Guard; Washington, DC  
Police Captain Gary Michael Jenkins, Jr., Virginia State Police  
Police Captain Michael Jones, Sr., Metropolitan Police Department; Washington, DC  
Sabrina Lehrke, Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs  
Fire Captain Alvin Luedtke, City of Yuma Fire Department; Arizona  
Police Lieutenant Gabriela Pardo, New York City Police Department  
Veronica Perez, Miami-Dade Office of Emergency Management; Florida  
Battalion Chief Timothy Rice, New York Fire Department  
Earl Rose IV, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Kentucky  
Battalion Chief Shawn Royall, City of Charlotte Fire Department; North Carolina  
Christopher Schramm, Transportation Security Administration; Virginia  
Kyle Thomas, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Washington, DC  
Police Major Russell Wheatley, Idaho State Police  
Police Lieutenant Michael Williams, City of Chico Police Department; California

### **Master of Science in Applied Design for Innovation**

(D)MSgt David C. Nass, USMC  
(J)MAJ Patrick M. Foley, USA  
(J)MAJ Devin L. Kirkwood, USA  
(D,T)MAJ Thomas D. Kraus, USA  
(J)MAJ William B. Martin, USA  
(J)MAJ LaMarke A. Patterson, USA  
(J)MAJ Michael S. Rowen, USA  
(J)MAJ Michael K. Tovo, USA  
(J)LT Steven J. Domingo, Jr., USN  
SCPO Benjamin E. Eddlemon, USN  
(J)LT Jiles G. Maness IV, USN  
(J)LT Brandon J. Schultz, USN  
Maj Thomas P. Haney, USAF  
(J)Lt Col Dustin M. Merritt, USAF  
Capt Robert A. Stelmack, USAF

### **Master of Science in Information Strategy and Political Warfare**

Maj Brendan J. Chesley, USMC  
(J)MAJ Matthew R. Alexander, USA  
(J)MAJ Taylor S. Boyd, USA  
(J)MAJ Roy H. Erickson III, USA  
(J)MAJ Peter L. Harris, USA  
(T,J)MAJ David K. Holck, USA  
(J)MAJ Brenden P. Jackman, USA  
(D,T,J)MAJ Kelley Y. Jhong, USA  
(J)MAJ Alexander R. Kenna, USA  
(J)MAJ Michael J. McCanney, USA  
LTC Ibrahim S. Shakir, Maldivian National Defence Force  
(J)MAJ Shane P. Smith, USA  
(J)MAJ Megan A. Tucker, USA

(J)MAJ Leonardo Villalobos, USA  
(J)MAJ Ryan J. Ward, USA  
LCDR Maria Christina A. Roxas, Philippine Navy

### **Master of Science in Defense Analysis**

COL Joel C. Bonavente, Philippine Marine Corps  
(J)MAJ Patrick Albert, USA  
LTC Murad Z. Altarawneh, Royal Jordanian Army  
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