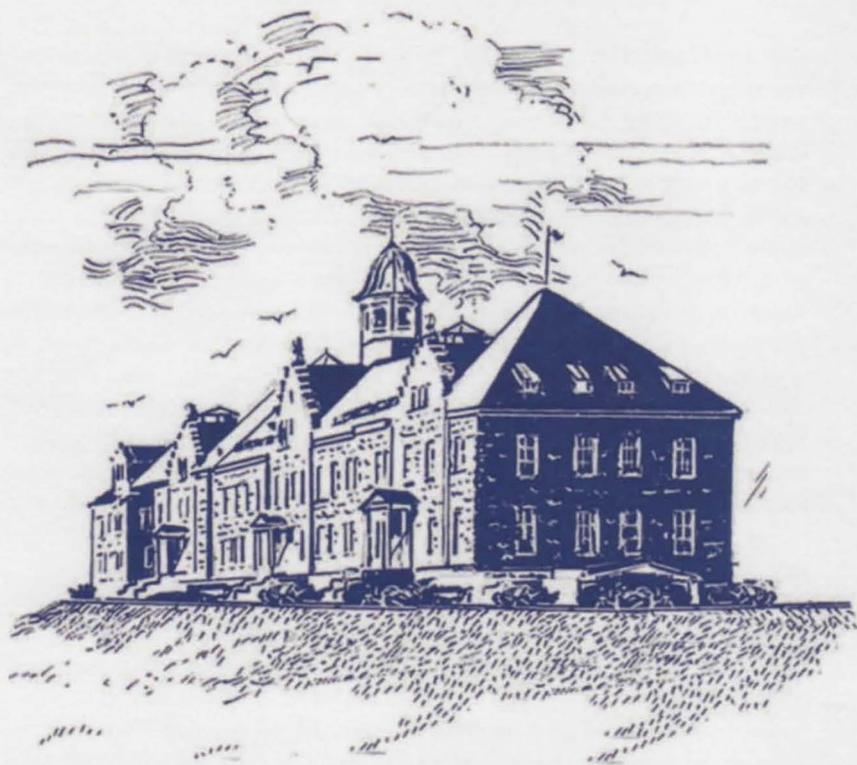


GRADUATION

U. S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND



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HISTORY OF THE U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Founded in Newport, Rhode Island, on October 6, 1884, the Naval War College is the oldest war college in the nation, and the first military service institution in the world to be designated a war college. Commodore Stephen B. Luce was the first president and organized the War College as "a place of original research on all questions relating to war and the statesmanship connected with war, or the prevention of war." These foundations were built upon by Captain Alfred Thayer Mahan, second president of the College, who had originally been selected by Luce to initiate the course in Naval History. Of all the men who were to influence the institution in its early years, none was to have a more profound impact. Mahan's views deeply affected such leaders as Henry Cabot Lodge and Theodore Roosevelt and through them and others helped shape the United States' destiny at the turn of the century. Mahan's writings, published as *The Influence of Seapower Upon History, 1660-1783*, gained him worldwide acclaim and established the Naval War College as an internationally respected institution.

Functioning continuously since 1884, except for brief periods during the Spanish-American War and World War I, the War College numbers among its graduates such distinguished naval officers as Admirals Sims, Spruance, King, Nimitz, and Halsey, in addition to many others who today are holding prominent military positions.

The work begun more than one hundred years ago by Luce and Mahan continues today. As graduates well know, the curriculum is both demanding and rewarding. For the military professional, the unique education provided by the Naval War College is unrivaled. In recognition of the academic rigor and educational excellence of its program, the Naval War College was accredited in 1991 by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges to award a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION AND REGALIA

For centuries, institutions of higher learning have dignified their ceremonies with an academic procession, a custom descending from the clerical procession. The procession is led by a marshal, followed by the student body and the academicians or faculty, attired in the robes prescribed for their respective degrees. Distinguished visitors and delegates follow the faculty, and last in the procession comes the president of the institution.

Each member of an academic procession ordinarily wears a cap, gown, and hood. In the procession today military faculty will not wear academic gowns. The earliest illustration of gowns worn at Oxford University somewhat resembles cassocks worn by English teachers who found good use for the hood, or cowl, as protection against the weather. A uniform American system of academic heraldry displays the level of degree, the field of study in which it was earned, and the institution by which it was granted.

It is the hood which provides academic regalia its color and offers the most information about its wearer. The silk lining of the hood bears the color, or colors, of the degree-granting college or university; its velvet facing reveals the color assigned to each area of study. The Bachelor's gown is relatively simple, falling in straight lines from an elaborate yoke and having pointed sleeves. The Master's gown is slightly more elaborate and fastens about the wrist. The Doctor's gown is marked by velvet panels down the front and around the neck, as well as by three bars of the same material on the well-shaped sleeves. It is cut more fully and may be ornamented. The hood worn is three feet in length for Bachelors, three and one-half feet for Masters, and four feet for Doctorates, with velvet trimming of two, three, and five inches in width respectively.

The edging, or facing, velvet of academic hoods indicates the area of study. The principal scholarly fields seen in the procession today include:

<i>Philosophy</i>	<i>Dark Blue</i>
<i>Arts, Letters, Humanities</i>	<i>White</i>
<i>Business Administration</i>	<i>Light Brown</i>
<i>Economics</i>	<i>Copper</i>
<i>Engineering</i>	<i>Orange</i>
<i>Law</i>	<i>Purple</i>
<i>International Affairs/Public Administration</i>	<i>Peacock Blue</i>

The American mortarboard, derived from the soft Oxford cap, is black. Its tassel, for holders of the bachelor's and master's degree, is usually black, while gold tassels are worn by holders of doctoral degrees and heads of institutions. The tassel is worn on the right side of the cap by undergraduates, on the left by holders of bachelor's and higher degrees.

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies

Captain Sharon B. Campbell, U.S. Navy
Dean of Students

Procession of Students

Arrival of Official Party*

National Anthem*

Sung by Mrs. Julie Zecher

Invocation*

Introduction

Graduation Address

Professor John R. Schindler
National Security Decision Making Department

Presentation of Diplomas

Charge to Graduates

Rear Admiral James P. "Phil" Wisecup, U.S. Navy
President, Naval War College

Benediction*

*Guests please stand



Rear Admiral James P. "Phil" Wisecup President, Naval War College

Rear Admiral James P. Wisecup is a native of Piqua, Ohio, and a 1977 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He earned his Masters Degree in International Relations from the University of Southern California, is a graduate of the Naval War College, and he also earned a degree from University of Strasbourg, France, Institute for Advanced European Studies, as an Olmsted Scholar.

Rear Adm. Wisecup served at sea in support of *Operation Desert Storm* and *Operation Enduring Freedom* as Commanding Officer onboard USS *Callaghan* (DDG 994), Executive Officer onboard USS *Valley Forge* (CG 50), and Commander of Destroyer Squadron 21.

Ashore, Rear Adm. Wisecup was assigned to Nato Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, was the force planner and ship scheduler for Commander, U.S. Naval Surface Forces, Pacific in San Diego, and served as action officer for Navy Headquarters Plans/Policy Staff. He was selected to serve as a Fellow for the CNO Strategic Studies Group in Newport, Rhode Island and served as Director, White House Situation Room. He most recently served as Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea in Seoul.

Rear Adm. Wisecup's awards include the Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Defense Superior Service Medal, Vice Admiral James Stockdale Award for Inspirational Leadership, plus other personal and unit awards.

Rear Adm. Wisecup comes to the Naval War College after a highly successful tour serving as Commander, Carrier Strike Group Seven, and Commander, *Ronald Reagan* Strike Group.



Professor John R. Schindler
National Security Decision Making Department

Dr. John R. Schindler is professor of national security affairs at the U.S. Naval War College. Prior to joining NWC in 2005, he served for nearly a decade with the National Security Agency, where he worked primarily in counterterrorism and counterintelligence. A historian by background (Ph.D., McMaster Univ., 1995), he has published extensively on international security and military affairs. Dr. Schindler is consultant on terrorism to several agencies of the U.S. and Allied governments, and is a regular commentator in the national and international media. He has published two books on terrorism since coming to the College, and is currently writing two more. He has also served as an officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve.



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