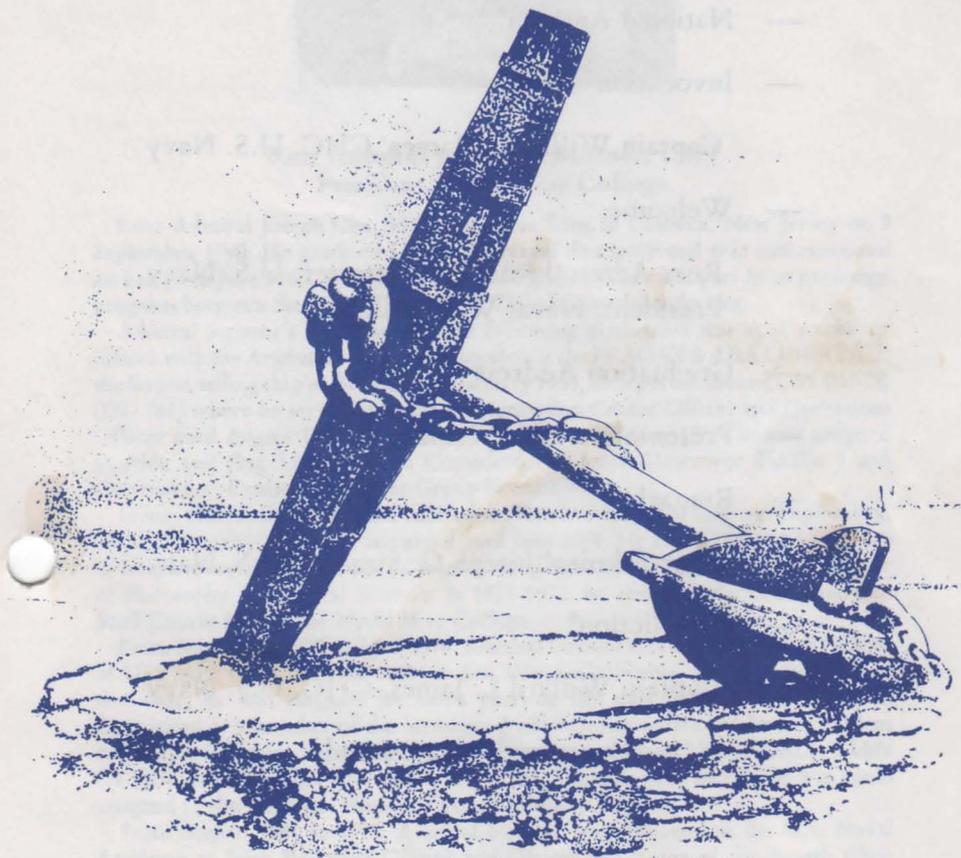




Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island



GRADUATION EXERCISE

13 March 1991

PROGRAM

- Music by Navy Band
- Student Procession*
- Arrival of Official Party*
- National Anthem*
- Invocation*
 Captain Willard L. James, CHC, U.S. Navy
- Welcome
 Rear Admiral Joseph C. Strasser, U.S. Navy
 President, Naval War College
- Graduation Address
- Presentation of Diplomas
- Remarks
 Rear Admiral Joseph C. Strasser, U.S. Navy
- Benediction*
 Captain Willard L. James, CHC, U.S. Navy

*Guests will please stand



Rear Admiral Joseph C. Strasser, USN
President, Naval War College

Rear Admiral Joseph Charles Strasser was born in Camden, New Jersey on 3 September 1940. He graduated from the Naval Academy and was commissioned an Ensign in June 1963. While at the Naval Academy, he took part in an exchange program between the United States and Chilean Naval Academies.

Admiral Strasser's initial assignment following graduation was as an exchange officer with the Argentine Navy, serving aboard the FRAGATA ARA LIBERTAD, the largest sailing ship in the world. In January 1964, he reported aboard USS BUCK (DD 761) where he served as Combat Information Center Officer and Operations Officer until August 1966. From September 1966 until May 1968, he was assigned as Aide and Flag Lieutenant to Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla 9 and Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group Seventh Fleet.

In July 1968, Admiral Strasser entered the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, where he remained until June 1971. He earned Master's Degrees in International Relations and in International Law and Diplomacy, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science. In 1971-1972, he attended the Command and Staff Course here at the Naval War College.

From September 1972 to April 1974, Admiral Strasser served as Executive Officer of USS MEYERKORD (FF 1058) in San Diego, California. Upon completion of that tour, he was assigned for three years to the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations as a member of the Strategic Action Group within the Strategy, Plans and Policy Division. He returned to San Diego to command USS O'CALLAHAN (FF 1051) from October 1977 to October 1979. The following month, he was again assigned to the Strategy, Plans and Policy Division.

From August 1981 to 1983, Admiral Strasser was stationed at the U.S. Naval Academy as Fifth Battalion Officer and Officer in Charge of the Fourth Class Regiment. In September 1983, he became Executive Assistant and Senior Aide to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command—a post he held until May 1985 when he detached to report as Commander, Destroyer Squadron 35.

In September 1986, Admiral Strasser assumed the position of Executive Assistant to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. In January 1987, he was selected for promotion to Rear Admiral and departed to assume command of Cruiser-Destroyer Group 3 on 24 September 1988. He assumed command here on 17 July 1990.

He is married to the former Barbara Anne Wagner of Camden, New Jersey. They have four children: Patricia, Joseph Jr., Andrew, and Mary Kathryn.



Vice Admiral William P. Lawrence
U.S. Navy, Retired

VADM William Porter Lawrence, USN, was born in Nashville, TN, January 13, 1930, and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1951. As a midshipman, he played three varsity sports and ranked 8 out of 725 academically, as well as serving as Class President and Brigade Commander during his senior year.

Upon receipt of his aviator wings in 1952, he was assigned to Fighter Squadron 193 and deployed twice to the Western Pacific aboard the aircraft carrier USS ORISKANY. He attended U.S. Test Pilot School where he was designated the Honor Graduate, graduating number one in his class. While a Test Pilot in 1958, he became the first naval aviator to fly twice the speed of sound in a Navy airplane, the F8U Crusader III.

VADM Lawrence made cruises to Vietnam aboard the aircraft carriers USS RANGER and USS CONSTELLATION. While Commanding Officer of Fighter Squadron 143, he was shot down over North Vietnam in June 1967 and held as a POW until March 1973. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the country's third highest military award, for his inspirational leadership to fellow P.O.W.'s while under constant pressure and mistreatment from his captors.

After promotion to flag rank in July 1974, VADM Lawrence served as Commander Light Attack Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Subsequently, he served as the Director, Aviation Programs Division and Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Air Warfare) in the Pentagon. He became Superintendent of the Naval Academy in August 1978 and was promoted to Vice Admiral in August 1980. VADM Lawrence assumed command of the U.S. Third Fleet in September 1981, the Fleet which Admiral Halsey commanded in World War II.

Vice Admiral Lawrence retired from active naval service in January, 1986, and presently occupies The Chair of Naval Leadership at the U.S. Naval Academy. He is married to the former Diane Wilcox of Montoursville, PA. They have four children: Bill Jr., Fritz, Laurie and Wendy.

VADM Lawrence's awards include: Distinguished Service Medal (4), Silver Star (3), Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star with Combat V, Air Medal (3), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V (2), and Purple Heart (2).

**Presentation of Graduates
College of Naval Warfare**

CDR Michael P. Alvarez, USN
CDR Donald E. Auten, USNR
CDR Steven F. Dillon, USN
CDR David W. Duma, USN
LTC Richard P. Geier, USA
CAPT Harry T. Hinman III, USN

CDR Scott T. Johnson, USN
CAPT John J. Mackin, USN
CDR Leo F. McGinn, Jr., USN
LTC James A. O'Leary, USA
CDR Douglas R. Swoish, USN
CDR Stephen A. Turcotte, USN

**Presentation of Graduates
College of Naval Command and Staff**

LCDR Thomas A. Bennett, USN
LCDR Robert W. Bougher, USN
LCDR King H. Dietrich, USN
LCDR David S. Dobbs, USN
LCDR John R. Ericson, USN
LCDR David K. Flagg, USN
LCDR Robert L. Ford, USN
LCDR Richard E. Fridley, USN
LCDR Jeffrey R. Ginnow, USN
LCDR Peter J. Healey, USN
LCDR Edward J. Johnson, Jr., USN
LCDR Vanessa O. Johnson, USN
LCDR Norman G. Laws, Jr., USN

LCDR John C. Legg, USN
LCDR Frederick T. Matthies, USN
LCDR Peter P. Montera, USN
LCDR Nancy R. Palumbo, USN
LCDR Arthur R. Porcelli, Jr., USN
LCDR Wanda L. Riddle, USN
LCDR Michael J. Shewchuk, USNR
LCDR David L. Sohn, USN
LCDR Michael H. Spencer, SC, USN
LCDR Charles O. Stephenson, USN
LCDR Mitchell M. Welch, USN
LCDR John D. Withers, USN





UNITED STATES NAVAL WAR COLLEGE COAT OF ARMS

The wavy white and blue bars at the bottom of the shield represent water. The trident rising from it symbolizes mastery of naval activities. The three tines of the trident allude to an understanding of naval warfare at sea, in the air, and on land. The pilot wheel alludes to the mission of the Naval War College, education in naval warfare. The eight spokes refer to honor, duty, leadership, command, strategy, tactics, logistics, and weapons. The laurel wreath is for achievement of the mission. The motto is "Victory Through Sea Power."