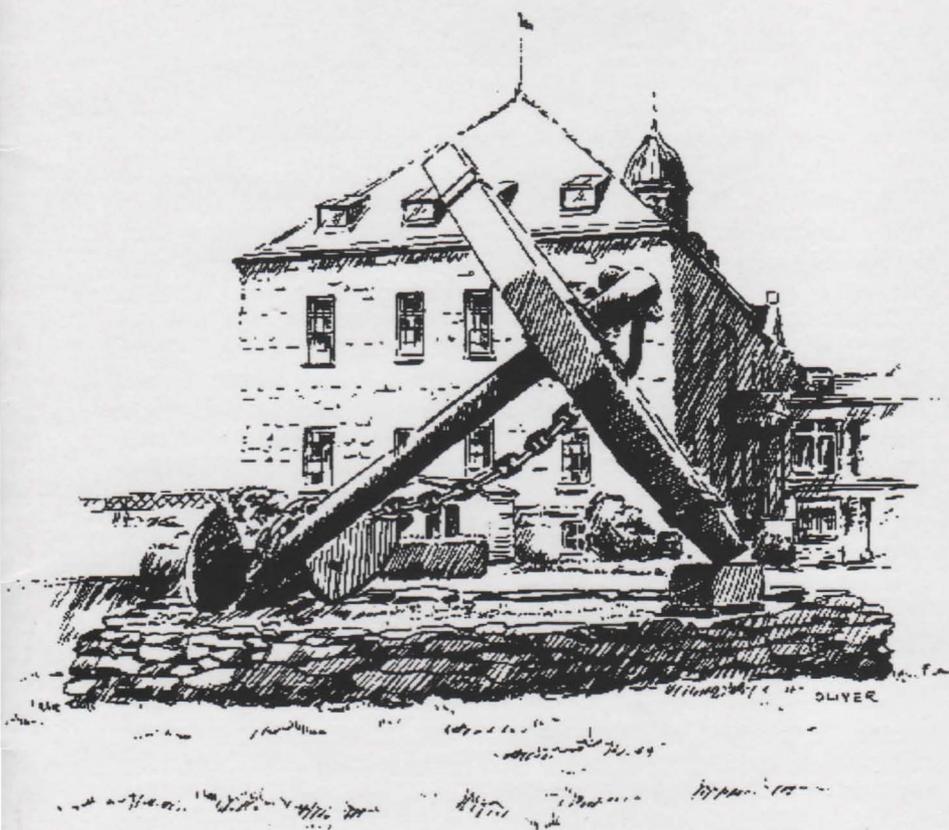


# Naval War College

Newport, Rhode Island



**GRADUATION EXERCISE**  
**14 November 1997**



## 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.

## PROGRAM

— Music by Navy Band

— Student Procession

— Arrival of Official Party\*

— National Anthem\*

— Invocation\*

Captain J. William Hines, CHC, U.S. Navy

— Welcome

Rear Admiral James R. Stark, U.S. Navy  
President, Naval War College

— Graduation Address

Vice Admiral Henry C. Giffin III, U.S. Navy  
Commander Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

— Presentation of Diplomas

— Remarks

Rear Admiral James R. Stark, U.S. Navy

— Benediction\*

Captain J. William Hines, CHC, U.S. Navy

\*Guests please stand



**Rear Admiral James R. Stark, USN  
President, Naval War College**

A native of Arlington, Virginia, Rear Admiral James R. Stark received his commission upon graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1965. After a short initial sea tour in USS BROWNSON (DD 868), he studied at the University of Vienna for one year as a Fulbright Scholar.

Returning to the United States, Rear Admiral Stark's sea duty included assignments as CIC Officer in USS WILKINSON (DL 5) and Weapons Officer in USS JENKINS (DD 447) and in USS HIGBEE (DD 806), completing combat deployments to Southeast Asia in the latter two ships.

In 1970, Rear Admiral Stark began graduate studies in foreign policy at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. He graduated in 1973 with a Doctorate in Political Science. Subsequently, he served as Executive Officer in USS MYLES C FOX (DD 829) and USS RICHMOND K TURNER (CG 20). He commanded USS JULIUS A FURER (FFG 6) from 1981 to 1983 and USS LEAHY (CG 16) from 1987 to 1989.

Rear Admiral Stark's shore duty has included assignments in Washington on the Navy Staff, the National Security Council Staff, and as Executive Director of the CNO Executive Panel. He was selected for promotion to Rear Admiral (Lower Half) in December 1991 and served as Commander, Training Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet from June 1992 until March 1994. He assumed command of the Standing Naval Force Atlantic on 14 April 1994 and was selected for Rear Admiral (Upper Half) in December 1994.

Rear Admiral Stark has been awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (three awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), and various campaign and service awards.

He is married to the former Roswitha Stari of St. Paul im Lavanttal, Austria. They have two children; a son, James, and a daughter, Lisa.



**Vice Admiral Henry C. Giffin III, USN**  
**Commander Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet**

Vice Admiral Henry C. Giffin III was born in Bronxville, New York. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1967 and was commissioned an Ensign.

His sea duty assignments include USS STICKELL (DD 888); USS WARRINGTON (DD 843) as Operations Officer; USS BLANDY (DD 943) as Executive Officer; and as Commanding Officer, USS DOMINANT (MSO 431), USS BRISCOE (DD 977), and USS THOMAS S GATES (CG 51). While in command, he participated in Cuban Refugee, Lebanon Crisis, Counter Drug, and Desert Shield/Storm operations.

Ashore, he has served in the Naval Advisory Group, Vietnam; Naval Officer Training Center; U.S. Naval Academy Physical Education Department and later as Assistant Director of Candidate Guidance; Naval Military Personnel Command as an Assignment Officer; Office of the Chief of Naval Operations as Head, Surface Warfare Training Plans Branch; and as Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Program Planning Division.

Vice Admiral Giffin was promoted to Flag Rank in July 1992 and assigned as Assistant Chief of Staff, Logistics, Allied Forces Southern Europe. Assigned as Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group TWO in March 1995, he deployed to the Mediterranean as Commander, GEORGE WASHINGTON Battle Group, and earned his second star in June 1995. In September 1996 he assumed duties as Deputy and Chief of Staff, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. He was promoted to Vice Admiral and assumed command of the Atlantic Fleet Naval Surface Force in July 1997.

Vice Admiral Giffin earned a Master of Science Degree from George Washington University and graduated with highest distinction from the National War College.

His decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal; the Legion of Merit with three gold stars; the Bronze Star; the Navy Commendation Medal with two gold stars; the Vietnam Honor Medal First Class; and various service and campaign awards.

Vice Admiral Giffin is married to the former Steven Cramlet of New York. They have three daughters, Aaron, Ryan, and Ashley.

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Commander Linda J. Vetter, U.S. Navy  
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Commander Michael K. Waters, U.S. Navy  
Commander David A. Williams, U.S. Navy  
Captain James M. Willy, U.S. Navy

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Lieutenant Commander William J. Flanagan, Jr., U.S. Navy  
Lieutenant Commander James H. Flatley IV, U.S. Navy  
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**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."*