

Graduation



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

Music by Navy Band Northeast

Master of Ceremonies

Captain James P. Murray, U.S. Navy
Dean of Students

Procession of Students

Procession of Faculty

Arrival of Official Party*

National Anthem*

Invocation*

Welcome

Dr. James F. Giblin, Jr.
Provost and Dean of Academics

Graduation Address

Rear Admiral Roger T. Nolan, U.S. Navy Reserve (Ret.)
Executive Director, Naval War College Foundation
and Former Commander,
Navy Warfare Development Command, Newport, RI

Presentation of Diplomas

Charge to Graduates

Dr. James F. Giblin, Jr.
Provost and Dean of Academics

Benediction*

*Guests please stand



Rear Admiral Roger T. Nolan
U.S. Navy Reserve (Ret.)
Executive Director, Naval War College Foundation
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Rear Admiral Nolan is a native of Caldwell, N.J. Upon graduation from the United States Naval Academy, he was commissioned an Ensign in June 1973.

In July 1973, he reported to USS *Albany* (CG 10), serving in Operations and Communications Departments while *Albany* was flagship of Commander, U.S. Second Fleet. In October 1975, he was designated a Surface Warfare Officer. In July 1976, he reported to the Surface Warfare Officer School, Division Officer Course, Newport, for instructor duty in the Combat Systems Department. During this tour he also completed his graduate studies, earning an MBA from Bryant University. In May 1979, he resigned his regular commission and accepted a commission in the Naval Reserve.

Admiral Nolan's significant Reserve tours include Commanding Officer, Commander Iceland Defense Force 101; Commanding Officer, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command HQ 101; Commanding Officer, Personnel Mobilization Team 101; Commanding Officer, Shore intermediate Maintenance Activity, Newport Detachment 201; Executive Officer of three waterfront units in Newport, and Readiness Analyst on the staff of Commander, Naval Reserve Readiness Command Northeast.

His first assignment as a Flag Officer was as Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations Readiness and Logistics N4BR where he supported Navy Logistics transformation and performed a recall to active service as Director, Environmental Protection, Safety, and Occupational Health Division N45. He served concurrently as Commander, Naval Reserve Readiness Command Northeast, leading this eight state, 7,000 sailor region during post 9/11 mobilization that saw 25 percent of that force recalled. Admiral Nolan served an abbreviated tour as Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations Warfare Requirements and Programs (N6/N7R) before being recalled again to active service for duty as Deputy Director of the Interagency Transition Planning Team, Iraq, on the Department of Defense Staff. Admiral Nolan served as Vice Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command and was a member of the Secretary of Defense Reserve Forces Policy Board.

His final tour in uniform found him recalled to serve as Commander, Navy Warfare Development Command Newport, R.I., where he was responsible for oversight and focus on innovation in a naval, joint, and coalition environment. His efforts were key to transformational change achieved through concepts of operation, doctrine development analysis, and experimentation.

Admiral Nolan's personal awards include the Legion of Merit (four awards), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards).

In civilian life, he was a founder and director of Aquidneck Management Associates in Newport, R.I., a software and engineering management service firm until its 2004 acquisition by SAIC. He is active in his community with the United Way, where he serves on the Community Advisory Committee and with Newport programs for disadvantaged youth and the aged.

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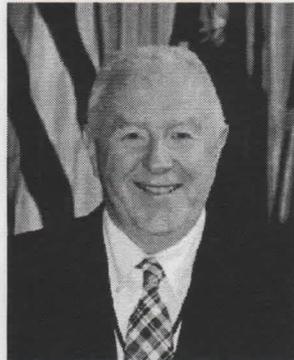
Dr. James F. Giblin, Jr.
Provost and Dean of Academics
Naval War College

Dr. James F. Giblin graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1966. After completing over thirty years on active service in the U.S. Navy, he transferred to the United States Navy's retired list effective 1 July 1996 with the rank of Captain.

Following initial sea duty as Communications Officer in USS *Rowan*, Dr. Giblin served as Officer in Charge of a "Swift Boat" operating in the rivers and deltas and along the coast of Southeast Asia and then commanded a detachment of ten "Swifts" in Vietnam. Subsequent tours of sea duty include assignment as Weapons Officer and Executive Officer in USS *Gurke* on extended deployment with the SEVENTH Fleet in Yokosuka, Japan; Executive Officer in USS *Reasoner* in San Diego and Seattle; and Commanding Officer of USS *Defiance* on extended deployment with the SIXTH Fleet in Naples, Italy and USS *Kirk* on extended deployment with the SEVENTH Fleet in Yokosuka. He also served in major command as the Commanding Officer of the Navy's Mine Warfare Center of Excellence at Ingleside, Texas.

His last assignment on active duty was as the Deputy and Executive Assistant to the Associate Director of Central Intelligence for Military Support, Admiral Dennis Blair, USN. Prior to accepting his current appointment, Dr. Giblin served as a Special Assistant to two Directors of Central Intelligence, the Honorable John Deutch and the Honorable George Tenet. Other assignments ashore have included duty as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Plans and Policy on the staff of Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet and in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, D.C. He has also served as a Special Assistant to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command.

Dr. Giblin holds a Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Naval Academy, a Master of Arts in International Relations from Georgetown University, and a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy and Ph.D. from the Fletcher School at Tufts University. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Naval War College and the National War College.





GRADUATES

Commander Todd A. Beltz, U.S. Navy
Captain Ronald L. Black, U.S. Navy
Commander David R. Bradley, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander Michael L. Burd II, U.S. Navy
Commander Angelo D. Burstion, U.S. Navy
Commander Frank Anthony Colon, U.S. Navy
Commander Dennis R. Crews, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander Peter J. Donaher III, U.S. Navy
Commander Robert J. Donovan II, U.S. Navy
Commander James D. Fowler, U.S. Navy
Commander Steven A. Glover, U.S. Navy
Commander John R. Gray, U.S. Navy
Captain Francis L. Harrison, Jr., U.S. Navy
Commander Richard W. Haupt, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander Mario P. Herrera, U.S. Navy
Commander Charles K. Huenefeld, U.S. Navy
Commander Steven M. Jaeger, U.S. Navy
Commander Steven M. James, U.S. Navy
Commander James M. Johnson, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander Vincent R. Johnson, U.S. Navy
Commander Kurt A. Kastner, U.S. Navy
Commander Sherry L. Kirsche, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander Robert A. Koonce, U.S. Navy
Commander David P. Little, U.S. Navy
Master Chief Petty Officer Roy M. Maddocks, Jr., U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander Todd R. Marzano, U.S. Navy
Commander Gordon C. McKinney, U.S. Navy
Captain Lester L. Moore, U.S. Navy
Commander John A. Okon, U.S. Navy
Commander Brian Keith Parker, U.S. Navy
Commander Susan M. Pennebecker, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Colonel Robert G. Petit, U.S. Marine Corps
Commander Robert T. Rezendes, U.S. Navy
Commander John M. Ripkey, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander Jan K. Scislowicz, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Commander Richard I. Scritchfield, Jr., U.S. Navy
Master Chief Petty Officer Gregory K. Shaw, U.S. Navy
Commander Daniel B. Uhls, U.S. Navy
Commander Mark Weiler, U.S. Navy
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