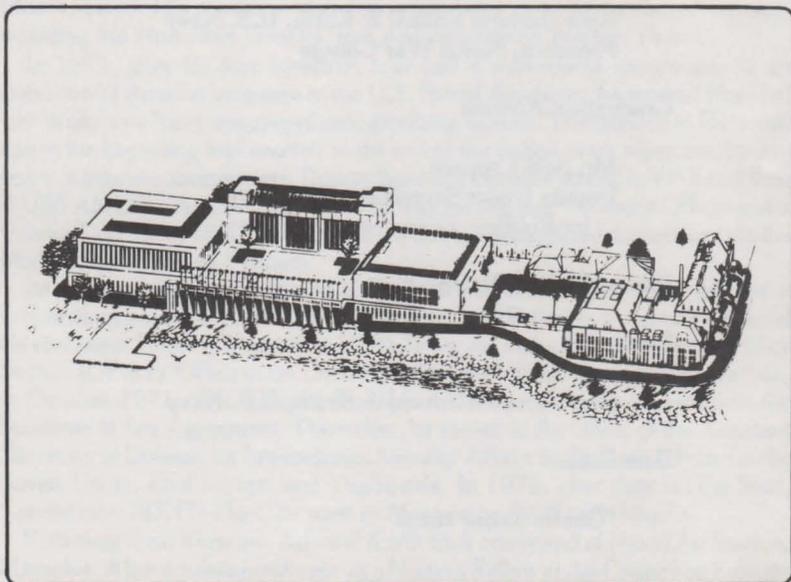




GRADUATION EXERCISE

Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island



6 November 1987

PROGRAM

--- Music by Northeastern Navy Band

--- Student Procession*

--- Arrival of Official Party*

--- National Anthem*

--- Invocation*

--- Welcome

Rear Admiral Ronald J. Kurth, U.S. Navy
President, Naval War College

--- Graduation Address

Mr. Seth Cropsey
Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy
for Policy

--- Presentation of Diplomas

--- Remarks

Rear Admiral Ronald J. Kruth, U.S. Navy

--- Benediction*

*Guests please stand



Rear Admiral Ronald J. Kurth, USN

President, Naval War College

Rear Admiral Ronald J. Kurth, U.S. Navy, was born in Madison, Wisconsin, which he left for the U.S. Naval Academy, joining the class of 1954. After graduation, he entered flight training and was designated a naval aviator in March, 1956. His squadron experience has been in Airborne Early Warning, including the Hurricane Hunters, and Anti-Submarine Warfare Patrol.

In 1961, after his first squadron tour and a subsequent assignment as an instructor of Russian language at the U.S. Naval Academy, he entered Harvard University as a Navy-sponsored post-graduate student. Two periods at Harvard, one at the beginning and another at the end of the sixties, were separated by five years of aviation assignments. During those five years he served in VP-5 and then in USS AMERICA (CVA-66) where he was the Nuclear Weapons Officer and a Carrier Task Force OOD. While in AMERICA, he completed deployments to the Mediterranean and to Vietnam.

At Harvard, where he earned a Ph.D. in Government, he also received a corporate appointment to the faculty as a Teaching Fellow in American National Government. Leaving Harvard in 1970, he served in the Politico-Military Policy Section (OP-61), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. It was during this tour, in October 1971, that Admiral Kurth first went to Moscow to negotiate the Incidents at Sea Agreement. Thereafter, he served in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs as the Desk Officer for the Soviet Union, East Europe and Yugoslavia. In 1975, after duty on the Staff, Commander SIXTH Fleet, he went to Moscow as the Naval Attache.

Returning from Moscow, Admiral Kurth took command of Naval Air Station, Memphis. After a subsequent year as a Military Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, he went to Washington in 1980 as the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Plans, Policy and Operations (OP-06). Selected for Rear Admiral in 1981, he became Director of Politico-Military Policy (OP-61) and subsequently served as Director, Long Range Planning (OP-09X), before returning to Moscow in 1985 as the Defense Attache. Admiral Kurth assumed command of the Naval War College on 11 August 1987.

Admiral Kurth is married to the former Charlene Schaefer, also of Madison,



Seth Cropsey

Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy

In June, 1984, Seth Cropsey was named Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy for Policy, reporting to the Secretary of the Navy on matters that ranged from strengthening the Navy's special operations capabilities and forces; to decentralizing and de-bureaucratizing defense to improve its effectiveness; to increasing national understanding of the maritime component of national strategy. In June of 1987, he was made responsible for special review and analysis of the world-wide regional position and requirements of the United States Navy.

Mr. Cropsey came to Washington in 1981 as an Assistant to the Secretary of Defense. In 1982, he was named Director of Policy at the Voice of America, United States Information Agency, where he oversaw and managed the foreign-service and professional policy staff. While Director of Policy, he developed and implemented a program of world-wide broadcast editorials on the principles of American democracy and free enterprise, and the nation's foreign and defense policies. He left this position in June 1984 to return to the Department of Defense and undertake his duties for the Navy.

Mr. Cropsey received a bachelor's degree from St. John's College, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and holds a Master's Degree in Political Science from Boston College. He subsequently served as Assistant Editor of *The Public Interest*, a national journal specializing in American policy questions, and reported for *Fortune Magazine* on U.S. private enterprise as well as public policy. He has, in addition, published articles, reviews and essays on defense and foreign policy, which have appeared in *Harpers, Commentary, Naval Proceedings, The Wall Street Journal*, and *The National Review*.

Mr. Cropsey serves on the Board of Visitors and Governors of St. John's College, Annapolis and Santa Fe, and has been a member of the regional selection panel for White House Fellowships since 1984. He is an officer of the United States Naval Reserve.

**Presentation of Graduates
College of Naval Warfare**

CDR Jeffrey H. Albright, USN
CDR John J. Aten, USN
CDR Richard W. Bennett, USN
CDR George N. Crim, Jr., USN
CDR George R. Darwin, USN
CDR Robert W. Dilks, USN
CDR David P. Dudek, USN
CAPT Douglas P. Fuge, USN

CDR Corwin G. Mendenhall III, USN
CDR Robert J. Natter, USN
CDR James T. Noland, Jr., USN
CDR Ronald S. Pearson, USN
CDR Paul E. Roberts, USN
CAPT Paul A. Romanski, USN
CAPT Ralph F. Smith, USN
CDR John R. Worthington, USN

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

CDR Edward M. Baumgartner, USN
CDR Kenneth E. Clements, USN
LCDR Lawrence S. Cotton, Jr., USN
LCDR Thomas W. Davis, USN
LCDR Randall L. Goode, USN
LCDR Robert C. Hardee, USN
LCDR Paul J.C. Hulley, USN
LCDR Jeffrey D. Keho, USN
LCDR Timothy G. Ketchum, USN
LCDR David A. Knapp, USN
LCDR Keith S. Laser, USN

LCDR John M. Laughlin, USN
LCDR Davis S. Lenhart, USN
LCDR John G. Mahoney, USN
LCDR John M. O'Connell, USN
LCDR Richard W. Prendergast, USN
LCDR David E. Preston, USN
LCDR David G. Renaud, USN
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LCDR B.J. Shea, USN
LCDR Brandon M. Sneed, USN
LCDR Gerald K. Spritzar, 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 symbolize 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."