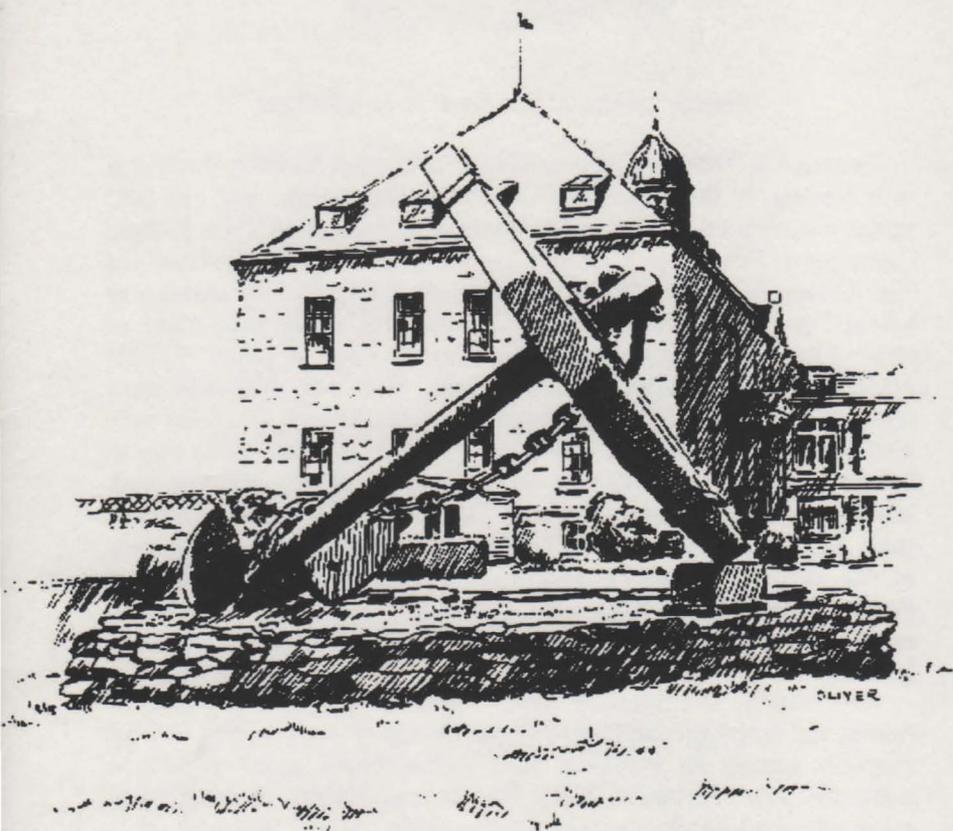


Naval War College

Newport, Rhode Island



GRADUATION EXERCISE
8 November 1996



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

Captain Mack A. Thomas, Jr., U.S. Navy
Acting President, Naval War College

— Graduation Address

Rear Admiral William W. Pickavance, Jr., U.S. Navy

— Presentation of Diplomas

— Remarks

Captain Mack A. Thomas, Jr., U.S. Navy

— Benediction*

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

*Guests please stand



Captain Mack A. Thomas, Jr., USN
Acting President, Naval War College

Captain Mack A. Thomas, Jr. enlisted in the U.S. Navy as an Aviation Reserve Officer Candidate and was commissioned an Ensign, U.S. Naval Reserve in July 1967. After completing flight training, he received his wings and was designated a Naval Aviator. His first assignment was as an Attack Helicopter Pilot with Helicopter Attack Squadron Light THREE (HAL-3). In August 1970, he reported to HELANTISUBRON EIGHT, completing two deployments to the Western Pacific in USS TICONDEROGA (CVS 14).

After a tour as a flight instructor, CAPT Thomas reported to USS NEW ORLEANS (LPH 11) as the Air Operations Officer. He was designated a Surface Warfare Officer in May 1977. Following an assignment to the Naval War College in August 1977, he served as the Operations Officer and Maintenance Officer of HELANTISUBRON TEN. He then reported to HELANTISUBRON EIGHT as XO and subsequently assumed command while in the Western Pacific. Following an assignment to the Tactical Training Group, Pacific Staff, he assumed command of HELANTISUBRON TEN. After a tour as XO of USS NEW ORLEANS (LPH 11), he served as Special Projects Officer for Air Amphibious Readiness at the Chief of Naval Air Forces Pacific Headquarters. He assumed command of USS OKINAWA (LPH 3) in August 1989. CAPT Thomas next served as the CO of Sea-based Weapons and Advanced Tactics School Pacific (SWATSCOLPAC) and then assumed duties as Commander, Amphibious Squadron Eight and Commander, Task Force 61 in the Mediterranean.

CAPT Thomas holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Northeastern Oklahoma State University and a Master of Science Degree from La Verne University. He is also a graduate of the Naval War College.

His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (2), Distinguished Flying Cross with "V", Meritorious Service Medal (3), Single Action Air Medal (3), Strike Flight Air Medal (28), Navy Commendation Medal with "V", Navy Achievement Medal with "V", and Combat Action Award.

CAPT Thomas and his wife Carol have three children: Lisa, Lori, and Keith.



**Rear Admiral William W. Pickavance, Jr., USN
Chief, Information Systems Branch and
Chief Negotiator, Allied Command Europe**

RADM William W. Pickavance, Jr. graduated from Texas A&M in 1968 with a degree in Marine Transportation, a license as Third Officer (Deck) in the Merchant Marines, and as an Ensign, USNR. After sailing with numerous shipping companies to Vietnam, he reported to flight training and received his wings in May 1971.

Following A-7 A/B training in VA-125, he reported to VA-93. In May 1974, he returned to VA-125 as a flight instructor. In June 1975, he was selected as Aide and Flag Lieutenant for Commander, Light Attack Wing Pacific Fleet. In November 1977, he was assigned to VA-22 prior to reporting as Navy Aide/Flag Lieutenant to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

RADM Pickavance returned to the fleet in March 1981 as XO/CO of VA-113. In 1984, he became the first XO of Naval Strike Warfare Center, NAS Fallon. He assumed command of VFA-125 in March 1986. Following a tour as XO of USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64), he became CO of USS MARS (AFS 1).

After graduating from the Naval War College in March 1992, he became Executive Assistant/Senior Aide to the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Air Warfare) and, following OPNAV reorganization, he continued as Executive Assistant to the Director of Air Warfare. In June 1993 he became CO of USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63). In January 1995, he received his Surface Warfare Officer qualification. He assumed his present duties in June 1995.

His personal decorations include three awards of the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, four Meritorious Service Medals, four individual Air Medals, 14 Strike Flight Air Medals, four Navy Commendation Medals (three with combat device), the Merchant Marine Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Southwest Asia Service Medal. He holds a Master of Science degree in Management, a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies, and is a graduate of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government Executive Training Program in National Security.

RADM Pickavance and his wife Nancy have two adult children: a son William III and a daughter Christine, who has a two-year old son.

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Commander Ellen C. Vadney, U.S. Navy
Lieutenant Colonel David A. Wright, U.S. Air Force

COLLEGE OF NAVAL COMMAND AND STAFF

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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."