



Rear Admiral Ronald A. Route
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Rear Admiral Route sharpened the College's focus on mission and relevance. Under his leadership, the College addressed key operational challenges through an aggressive program of research, analysis and

war gaming. These efforts established the Halsey Scholars, an advanced research program for selected students that collaborates with Navy experts in areas such as ballistic missile defense and theater antisubmarine challenges that graduates would face in the Global War on Terror. Route set the stage for future opportunities for research, collaboration and curriculum enrichment between two premier war colleges in Russia and the United States when he hosted Vice Admiral Uriy Sysuev, Russian Federation Navy, Chief of the Kuznetov Naval Academy in St. Petersburg, during a conference of retired Soviet Navy officers and their American counterparts on Cold War history.

On leaving the Naval War College, he was promoted to vice admiral and served as Inspector General of the Navy. In this portrait, Route is depicted at Colbert Plaza where he frequently presided over events during his year at the College.

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