



Vice Admiral Stansfield Turner
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Jeanne Bunkley, 1974

In 1972, the Chief of Naval Operations sent Stansfield Turner (b. 1923) to Newport to radically change the College with a rigorous and challenging curriculum that would broaden officers' outlooks beyond their narrow specialties and give them the education to analyze problems effectively. To accomplish this mission, Turner created the three-course curriculum that still exists today. He established the Strategy and Policy course that began with the reading of Thucydides and was built around critical analysis of historical case studies. Courses included extensive writing assignments and examinations for students and were led by a full-time civilian teaching and research faculty with academic credentials from the best research universities.

After leaving the Naval War College, Turner commanded the Second Fleet. Promoted to four stars, he was assigned as Commander in Chief, Allied Forces Southern Europe, and then became the tenth Director of Central Intelligence in the administration of his Naval Academy classmate President Jimmy Carter.

Turner, a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University after graduating from the Naval Academy, is shown in this portrait wearing his Oxford Master of Arts hood.

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