



Captain Henry C. Taylor

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Oil on Canvas

Rufus F. Zogbaum, 1905

Henry Clay Taylor (1845–1904) was the sixth president of the Naval War College. In 1880 – 1884, Taylor had commanded one of Admiral Luce's training ships. Taylor clearly understood Luce's thinking and became a lecturer to the College's first class. During his tenure as president, Taylor revised the curriculum and established an academic program that lasted until 1919. Among his innovations were the use of case studies for instruction in international law and making war gaming part of the curriculum. On Taylor's death in 1904, the members of the Naval Academy Alumni Association of New York solicited subscriptions for a memorial portrait of Taylor. Their appeal raised only five hundred dollars, but the artist Rufus Fairchild Zogbaum, the most famous naval illustrator of the Spanish-American War era, agreed to undertake the work as a labor of love. Upon its completion, the Alumni Association donated it to the Naval War College.

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