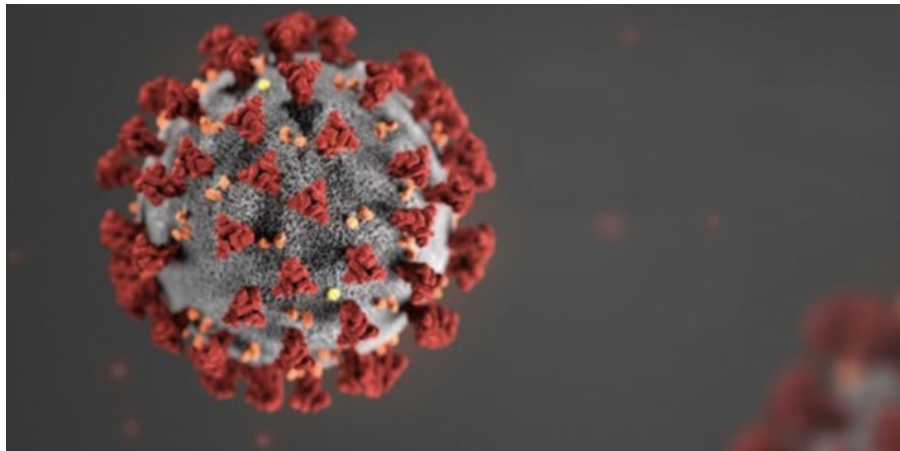


Read the latest NPSAAF news.



NPS Graduates on the COVID-19 Outbreak

Read perspectives from NPS alumni and learn how many of them are on the front lines of fighting this pandemic



Admiral William McRaven's [opinion piece in the Washington Post](#)

"Today, the coronavirus has thrown us all in the mud. We are cold, wet and miserable, and the dawn seems a long way off. But while we should not be cavalier about the dangers of this pandemic, neither should we feel hopeless and paralyzed with fear. Hope abounds." [Read more.](#)

Harrison Schramm's [INFORMS article](#) on COVID-19 data

"After spending a few days with these models, I am convinced that the measures being put in place – increased focus on handwashing, reducing nonessential travel and encouraging people to stay home whether symptomatic or not – are worthwhile. Of note, general germ hygiene to include handwashing is likely a low-cost, high leverage measure." [Read more.](#)

The NPS Center for Homeland Defense and Security's [story](#) "Pacific Executive

Leaders Program workshop focuses on the coronavirus pandemic"

"You don't get very many opportunities to discuss leadership challenges and engage in a learning environment, while a real-world threat is emerging. It added a lot of relevance to the topics each of the faculty and speakers addressed." [Read more.](#)

NPSAAF family members are also involved in supporting their communities during the pandemic

Foundation member Sarah Schramm is working to help community members in need as Head Coordinator of the Christian Social Concerns Food Ministry in Pacific Grove, CA. [Read more.](#)

NPSAAF Announces Formation of Advisory Council

Former Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff leads inaugural Advisory Council



Pictured are Council members Back (L-R): ADM Robert Natter, ADM Eric Olson, ADM Jim Ellis, Former Vice President Dan Quayle, Mr. Jim Hebenstreit Front (L-R): ADM Kevin Cosgriff, ADM Tom Fargo, ADM Mike Mullen, VADM Jan Tighe, and ADM Hank Mauz Council members not pictured are GEN Keith Alexander, Mr. Donald Beall, ADM William McRaven, VADM Patricia Tracey, ADM Sandy Winnefeld, and Mr. Bill Warner

The NPSAAF is pleased to announce the formation of an Advisory Council to further our mission to support and promote the Naval Postgraduate School. [Read more.](#)

NPS News: NPS Seeks to Address Navy's Increasing Use of Drones with New Robotics Program



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Christopher Waller demonstrates the capabilities of a robot used for explosive ordnance disposal during a tour at Travis Air Force Base, California.

As the Navy expands and increases its use of unmanned systems within its future force, NPS is standing up a new program in robotics engineering targeting primarily civilians across the enterprise.

In July, the first group of students is expected to start the Robotics Engineering Graduate Certificate Program, an online, one-year program that provides a technical foundation for understanding, designing and operating robotic systems for unmanned vehicles and autonomous systems.

[Read more.](#)

Other NPS News Highlights:

[Read the latest NPS updates on COVID-19](#)

[Australian Air Commodore Sees Dividends from NPS Graduates](#)

[NPS Continues Prep to Start Spring Quarter Classes Online](#)

[NPS Professor Co-Authors Journal of Peace Research Article of the Year](#)

Congratulations to Our Recent Student and Faculty Award Recipients



Each quarter, we award select NPS faculty and students based on exceptional leadership and academic abilities. While this quarter's awards ceremony did not occur due to safety restrictions put in place to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, each recipient will still receive their award. Congratulations to each of our four most recent foundation award recipients:

The Outstanding United States Air Force Graduate Award, Department of National Security Affairs – **Major Leon Hontz, USAF**

The Richard W. Hamming Faculty Award for Interdisciplinary Achievement – **Research Associate Professor Dr. Quinn Kennedy**

The International Student Award for Excellence in Regional or Security Studies – **Major Hussein Khorsheed, Iraqi Army**

The Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Regional Security Studies – **Lieutenant Evan Shorter, USN**

NPS Provost Steve Lerman Retires, Search for New Provost Continues



Dr. Steven R. Lerman served as NPS Provost and Academic Dean from August 2016-March 2020.

Former Provost and Academic Dean of NPS Dr. Steven R. Lerman recently announced his retirement. Dr. Lerman has held the position of provost and academic dean at NPS since August 2016, giving more than three years of exemplary service to the school. He first came to NPS after more than 40 years of experience in higher education, formerly serving as Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs at The George Washington University from 2010-2015 and as an

A. James Clark Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering from 2010-2016. Thank you, Dr. Lerman, for your years of dedicated service to NPS and for advancing the mission of the school!

The Provost Search Committee is actively seeking candidates for the next provost of NPS. The deadline to receive complete application materials is May 10, 2020. If you can recommend a qualified candidate, please direct them to the job listing at <https://main.hercjobs.org/jobs/13349576>. All applications should be emailed to NPSProvostSearch@nps.edu.

Warrior Canine Connection Names Newest Service Dog After Former NPSF Executive Director



Warrior Canine Connection enlists recovering warriors in a therapeutic mission of learning to train service dogs for their fellow veterans.

Meet one of Warrior Canine Connection's newest service dogs, Ruck. Ruck is named after former NPSF Executive Director and U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Merrill W. Ruck, who passed away last year. After going through service dog training, Ruck will be partnered with a disabled combat veteran to help him/her better navigate everyday life.

Admiral Merrill W. Ruck served as the executive director of the NPS Foundation from 2005-2013. He officially began his military career in 1963, receiving his commission from the NROTC Program after graduating from Brown University. His many sea duty tours include time as the commander of the Destroyer Squadron THIRTY-ONE, commanding officer of the USS Bagley, and chief engineer of the USS CORAL SEA.

He earned a master's degree in foreign affairs from George Washington University and also attended the Naval Destroyer School, Naval War College, and the Surface Warfare Officer School. His personal awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two gold stars, Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", Navy Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and more.

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