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## **The 15th America's Heroes Charity Golf Tournament**



After a six-month postponement and modifications to meet COVID restrictions, the America's Heroes Charity Golf Tournament was held on December 8th. Split between Monterey Peninsula Country Club and Tehama Golf Club, golfers enjoyed a gorgeous day on the courses. The tournament raised over \$1.5 million to benefit NPSAAF and our seven partner charities. With the costs of the tournament covered by an anonymous donor, all proceeds will go directly to supporting NPS and the veteran-related causes. Planning for the 2021 tournament has already begun, so stay tuned for more information!

## Guest Lecture with Admiral Cecil Haney, USN (Ret)

### *Great Power Competition in the Cognitive Age*



On January 26th at 3:00 PM PST, NPS will host a Secretary of the Navy Guest Lecture (SGL) with Admiral Cecil Haney, USN (Retired). Admiral Haney retired in January 2017 after 38 years of distinguished service in the U.S. Navy. As a 4-star Admiral, he commanded the US Strategic Command (2013-2016) responsible for strategic capabilities involving nuclear weapons, missile defense, space and cyberspace and the US Pacific Fleet (2012-2013) responsible for the manning, operations and maintenance of the US Navy fleet located in the Pacific and Indian oceans. As a career submariner, he had command of the fast attack nuclear submarine USS Honolulu (SSN-718), Submarine Squadron ONE (Pearl Harbor, HI), and Submarine Group TWO (Groton CT). He now serves on the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Board of Managers, the Naval Studies Board, the Aerospace Corporation Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors for General Dynamics Corporation, Systems Planning and Analysis Inc., the Center for a New American Security, and is Chair of the Board of the Military Child Education Coalition. He joined the NPS Alumni Association & Foundation Advisory Council in 2020. Watch [here](#).

[See past SGLs.](#)

**SLAMR Update**



The NPS Sea Land Air Military Research (SLAMR) initiative continues to pay dividends to the university, Navy and the Nation! SLAMR, created to address the “whole of country” challenges posed by the technological advances of potential Great Power competitors, is pushing the boundaries for innovation and collaboration in three main thrust areas; facilities, business processes and the digital enterprise. The NPSAAF has been a foundational source of funding for the facility since its inception. Visit the [SLAMR website](#).

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*Innovation as a Strategic Imperative*



On December 15th, the NPS Alumni Association and Foundation hosted Dr. Steven Blank from Stanford University, NPS Professor of Practice CAPT (Ret) Jeff Kline, and Lt Col Jennifer Snow the Chief Technology Officer for AFWERX, for an exciting conversation focused on educating the next generation of innovation leaders in national security. Innovation is the adoption of a new practice by a community. Few communities need to innovate more than those in the national security sector, and none face the deep-rooted challenges of the Department of Defense in accelerating the pace of adoption.

**[Watch the Recording](#)**

### **New Trustees: Andy Paul**

NPSAAF added three new trustees at the annual board meeting in December. We will introduce them over the next three months.



Andy Paul is the managing member and a founding member of Sopris Capital. He is the Founder and Chairman of Enhanced Capital Partners (ECP) and co-founder and managing partner of Enhanced Healthcare Partners. Andy received his B.A. from Cornell University in 1978 and his MBA from Harvard Business School in 1983. He is a Trustee of the Cancer Research Institute and a Trustee Emeritus of Cornell University. [Read more.](#)

## **NPS Updates:**

**Distinguished Visitors, Honoring Wayne Hughes, and Fall Graduation**

**Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Visit**





Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Admiral Mike Gilday visited NPS on December 17th. Though the visit was short and meetings were kept small, ADM Gilday affirmed the importance of the Naval Postgraduate School to the Navy. He acknowledged the connection of the research performed by NPS students and faculty to the real world challenges faced by the Fleet and that NPS is unique in this area. [Read more.](#)

#### Assistant Marine Corps Commandant Visit



Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps (ACMC) Gen. Gary Thomas and five other general officers visited the Naval Postgraduate School on December 9th. They met with NPS faculty and students from across campus to discuss their research and its application toward future concepts and capabilities for the Marine Corps. Over 150 Marines are sent to NPS each year, and connecting their studies to real-world applications of primary importance to the Marine Corps leadership. [Read more.](#)

### Hughes Institute Chartering and Bench Dedication



On December 11th, the Wayne P. Hughes Jr. Naval Warfare Studies Institute was chartered in a small ceremony at the Naval Postgraduate School. The institute will further the mission of connecting NPS research to the needs of the larger Fleet. According to NPS President VADM (R) Ann Rondeau, "It is the way of the future." View the ceremony [here](#).

After the chartering of the Institute, a bench outside Glasgow Hall was dedicated to the memory of Professor Hughes. A favorite spot of his to sit, the area will be a place for future great thinkers on Great Power Competition to meet and continue the mission Wayne personified. Watch the dedication [here](#).



## Fall Graduation

On December 18th, 340 students completed their work at the Naval Postgraduate School and were honored with remarks from Commandant of the Marine Corps, General David Berger, and NPS leadership. [Read more.](#)

Three PhD candidates were honored with hooding ceremonies that were recorded, and the school created a new shout-out video featuring students and faculty. Watch the videos [here.](#)

## Awards

Each quarter, NPSAAF awards select NPS faculty and students based on exceptional leadership and academic abilities. While the summer awards ceremony was prevented by safety restrictions put in place to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, each recipient will still receive their award. Congratulations to each of our thirteen most recent foundation award recipients:

The Outstanding United States Air Force Graduate Award - **Major William Hildebrand, USAF**

The International Student Award For Excellence in Regional or Security Studies - **LTC Abdou Halidou Nouhou, Niger Air Force**

The Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Regional Security Studies - **LT Ashleigh Martz, USN**

The Carl E. and Jesse W. Menneken Annual Faculty Award for Highly Meritorious Research - **Research Associate Professor Dashi Singham and Associate Professor Mike Atkinson, OR, Operations Research**



The Carl E. and Jesse W. Menneken Significant & Sustained Contribution in Scientific Research  
- **Research Professor Weislaw Maslowski, OC Department and Professor Qing Wang, MR Department**

Captain David Bill Leadership Award - **CDR Thor Martinsen, GSE Dean**

The LCDR David L Williams Outstanding Instructor Award - **Erik Dahl, Associate Professor SIGS**

The Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in the Graduate School of Defense Management - **Capt Alex Pfannenstiel, USMC**

The Louis D. Liskin Award for Teaching Excellence in the Graduate School of Defense Management  
- **Dr. Simone Tick**

The Pat Tillman Leadership Award - **MSgt Joe Scobey, USAF**

CAPT Jack J Jensen METOC Award - **LCDR William Zinicola-Lapin, USN**

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