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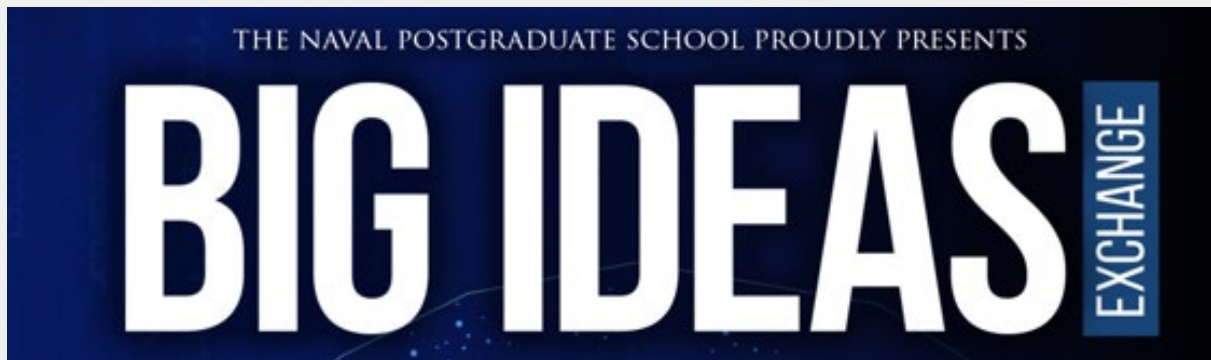
## Joint Interagency Field Experimentation

NPS Joint Interagency Field Experimentation connected emerging tech companies with NPS students, faculty, and research facilities in an effort to bridge the gap between private and public needs. Experiments conducted at the Sea Land Air Military Research (SLAMR) facility and Camp Roberts California National Guard base provided numerous federal agency representatives a first look at the new products and helped emerging companies better understand the huge federal government marketplace. [Read more.](#)



Perhaps most exciting was the participation of NPS alumnus Todd Forsman as a facilitator of public-private collaboration through his company Levenhall. He returned to Monterey to showcase TMGcore's high-performance computing system with a proprietary capability to enable high-performance computing at the Tactical Edge on a portable data center.

Forsman's experience as a U.S. Marine Foreign Area Officer gives him insight into the national security ecosystem with which companies like TMGcore hope to connect. [Read more.](#)



The Big Ideas Exchange 2021 brought together current NPS students, faculty, and senior leaders of the Department of Defense and industry in a hybrid format. In "TED Talk" style, six students presented innovative concepts addressing current and emerging national security challenges. The U.S. Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force officers covered topics ranging from artificial intelligence to autonomous systems to transregional Foreign Area Officer programs.

[Read more.](#)



[See the Big Ideas](#)

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**NPS Updates**



Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Plans and Strategy (N3/N5), and Flag Sponsor for the Navy Foreign Affairs Officer community, Vice Adm. Philip Sawyer visited the NPS recently to observe the institution's interdisciplinary academics relevant to Navy operations and strategy that lead to effective and globally aware officers for the fleet and joint force. Sawyer visited several labs and engaged with faculty and students about their research that makes the fleet better. [Read more.](#)

Chief of Naval Research Rear Adm. Lorin C. Selby spoke virtually to NPS students, faculty and staff about "Re-Imagining the Future Force," how the U.S. military is changing, and how NPS helps enable this vision, through applied research and well-educated service leaders during the latest [Secretary of the Navy Guest Lecture](#) (SGL), May 25.

Watch the full lecture [here](#).



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## Spring Quarter Awards



Each quarter, select NPS faculty and students receive awards 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 received their award.

Congratulations to each of the most recent Foundation award recipients:

The Outstanding United States Air Force Graduate Award, Department of National Security Affairs – **Maj Andrew Borders, USAF**

The Warren Randolph Church Award for Excellence in Mathematics – **Major Brian Laborde, USA**

The ADM William Adger Moffett Award for Excellence in Space Systems – **Major Michael S. Smithson, USMC**

The International Student Award for Excellence in Regional or Security Studies – **2LT Monica Flores Chacon, Public Forces of Costa Rica**

The Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Regional Security Studies – **Maj John S. Behrmann, USMC**

The Louis D. Liskin Award for Academic Excellence – **LCDR Mabi Morgan, USN**

The Louis D. Liskin Award for Teaching Excellence – **Dr. Chong Wang, Financial Management Chair, Graduate School of Defense Management**

The LCDR David L. Williams Outstanding Professor Award – **Professor Covell Meyskens, Academic Associate, Graduate School of International & Defense Studies**

The Gary Laughlin Patriot Award – **MAJ Jordan O. Blake, USMC**

The RADM John Jay Schieffelin Award for teaching excellence – **Associate Professor Kristin Giammarco, Department of Systems Engineering**

The Richard Hamming Interdisciplinary Award – **Dr. Amela Sadagic, Research Associate Professor, Computer Science Department and Dr. Giovanna Oriti, Associate Professor, Electrical & Computer Engineering**

NPS Foundation/US Naval Institute Essay Contest – **Dr. Britta Hale, Associate Professor, Computer Science Department**

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## The 2021 America's Heroes Charity Golf Tournament



The 2021 America's Heroes Charity Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, October 19. Individual and foursome registration is now open. Both corporate and individual sponsorship are available. [Register Here](#).

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**A reminder for students who have arrived at NPS since March 2020:** Stop by the foundation cottage to pick up a Trident Room mug as our welcome gift to you. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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