



America's Heroes Charity Auction is Going Virtual!



To ensure our supporters' safety, the auction for this year's America's Heroes Charity Golf Tournament is going virtual. Beginning on Saturday, November 28, you can bid online for a variety of items, and you can make a donation to the NPS Alumni Association & Foundation or one of our seven partner charities now! You can also join us on Tuesday, December 8, at 6:00 PM for the live auction.

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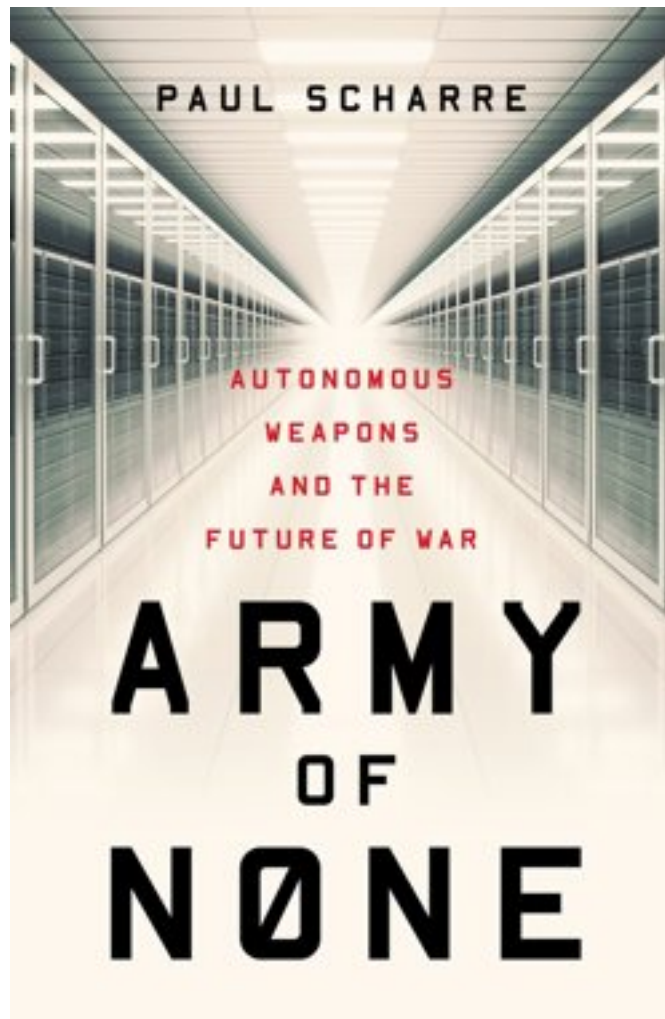
Voices of Special Operations



On November 12, at 3 pm Pacific (6 pm Eastern), the NPS Alumni Association and Foundation will host Special Operations Officers Colonel John Crisafulli, MAJ Chad Alford, MAJ Scott Cook, MAJ Wes Dyson, and Maj Chris Gallegos to hear their stories from the field. The student body of the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) is made up of mid-career military professionals with eight to ten years of service. Many come to NPS with something that needs to be repaired or significantly improved. Due to the rigors of military service, the needs can be physical, mental, emotional, or social. Though the challenges are as diverse as the students themselves, all of them need to be better prepared to transition to their new roles and responsibilities after they graduate. The function of the jointly resourced NPS Human Enhancement Research Group (HERG) is to serve as a center for research and innovation in the field of human enhancement, and additionally, to conduct a holistic refit/recovery for NPS students and family.

[Register](#)

The War for Autonomy Event



On October 29, Paul Scharre, a Senior Fellow and Director of Technology and National Security Program at the Center for New American Security and Dr. Ray Buettner, Associate Professor at NPS, led a superb dialogue about the war for autonomy and the current state of practice. This riveting conversation highlighted several themes such as “Machines accomplish tasks; Humans accomplish missions” and concern whether autonomy would make conflict more or less likely. Perhaps more importantly, the conversation responded to the many questions of the audience posted in the chat. The discussion highlighted the unique role played by the Naval Postgraduate School in leading the adoption of autonomy and the operational concepts to leverage the opportunities for swarming behavior and human-machine teaming. If you missed it live, the recording is available below.

[View the Recording](#)

BENS Virtual Poster Session

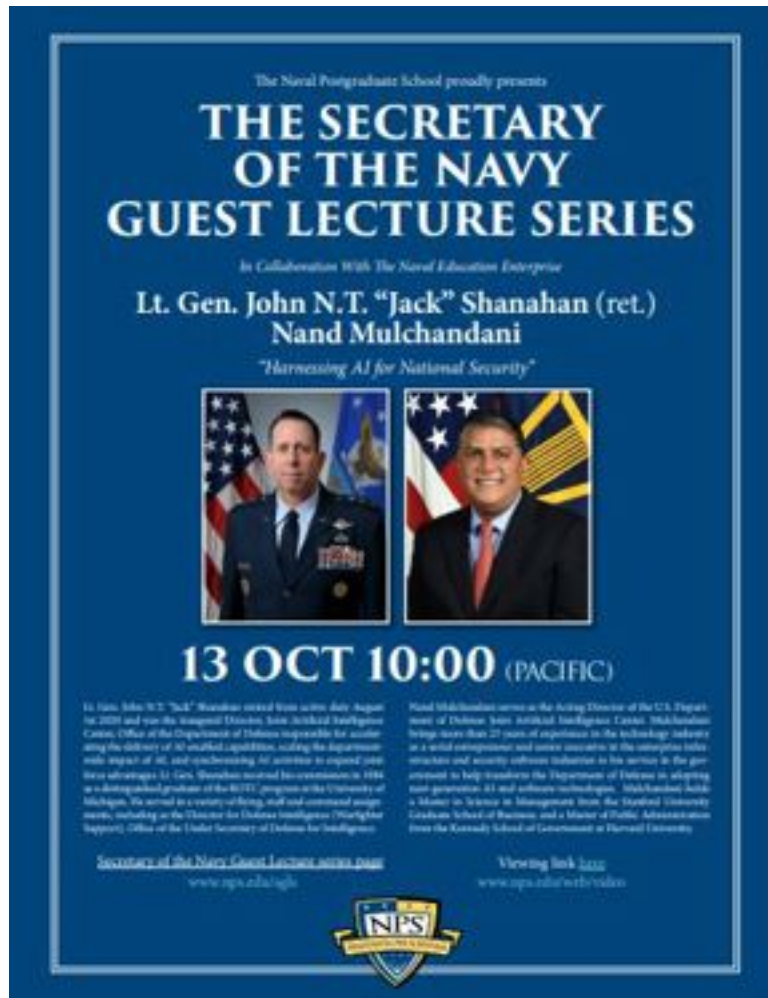


On December 10, the Palo Alto Chapter of Business Executives for National Security (BENS) will host a virtual poster session for NPS students. This event follows a similar one in January 2020 where students presented their ideas, capstone projects, and big ideas to senior executives from a broad cross section of Silicon Valley companies. It is a great opportunity for students to showcase their completed work, identify potential partners for ongoing research, or receive feedback on their big ideas. The NPS Alumni Association and Foundation is pleased to coordinate this event with the BENS leadership. Especially for this year, students will be producing short videos of their presentations. We look forward to sharing their presentations with you.

NPS Updates



The next Virtual Secretary of the Navy Guest Lecture (SGL) **"Critical Allies: The U.S./Republic of Korea Alliance"** will take place on Tuesday, November 17, at 3:00 PM PST and feature U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea Harry Harris. The lecture can be viewed on the NPS website [here](#).



The first Director of the Joint Artificial Intelligence Center (JAIC) Lt.Gen. John Shanahan, USA (Ret.) was joined by the current Acting Director of JAIC, Nand Mulchandani, for the most recent Virtual Secretary of the Navy Guest Lecture (SGL). They discussed the founding and evolution of JAIC and answered questions from NPS students. [Read more.](#)

The recording can be viewed on the NPS YouTube Channel [here](#).

Prior to the SGL, Lt.Gen. Shanahan was interviewed for Proceedings Magazine. Read the interview [here](#).

On October 13, 2020, Vice Admiral David H. Lewis, USN (Ret.), was announced by NPS as the new Chair of Acquisition. He replaces Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.) Jim Greene, who

retired this June. A graduate of NPS in Computer Science, VADM Lewis is the former Director of the Defense Contract Management Agency. [Read more.](#)

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