

# CURRENT STRATEGY FORUM



**17-19 JUNE 1986**

**U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE  
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND**

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON

### MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

It is my sincere pleasure to invite you to the 1986 Current Strategy Forum to be held at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, from 17 to 19 June. This annual event brings together a number of prominent civilian and military guests to explore the U. S. maritime strategy and its attendant foreign policy implications.

This year's Forum, the thirty-seventh of the series, will focus on "Maritime Strategy in the Pacific Basin." This theme will be examined through a series of addresses by distinguished guest speakers followed by informal seminar discussions with senior officers attending the Naval War College and other forum guests. A hallmark of the Forum has always been the free and objective exchange of ideas among military and civilian participants.

I hope you will join us for the Current Strategy Forum. Your participation would contribute substantially to its success, and I am confident that you would find the experience interesting, informative and enjoyable.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "John Lehman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

JOHN LEHMAN



**NAVAL WAR COLLEGE  
NEWPORT, R.I.**

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

On behalf of the Secretary of the Navy, it is my distinct honor to host the 1986 Current Strategy Forum. The theme this year will be "Maritime Strategy in the Pacific Basin." To present the issues, we have invited a number of distinguished guest speakers. Alternating with their addresses will be a series of small informal classroom seminars in which you will have an opportunity to examine the issues with other Forum participants.

Each Forum is attended by prominent civilian leaders from all professions, senior military officers and students attending the Naval War College. This event is the high point of our academic year and is regarded by the students and faculty as a splendid opportunity to test skills in analysis and self-expression developed during the year. The interchange between guests and students promotes a better mutual understanding of common concerns.

I look forward to welcoming you to Newport and the Naval War College.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Marryott".

**RONALD F. MARRYOTT**  
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy

## CURRENT STRATEGY FORUM

### BACKGROUND

The Current Strategy Forum has its origins in the Round Table Discussions first held at the Naval War College in May 1949. Their purpose was to bring together a small number of prominent civilian and military guests to discuss future U. S. strategy with senior officers attending the Naval War College. In 1951 Vice Admiral Richard L. Conolly, President of the Naval War College, gained Secretary of the Navy sponsorship of this annual event under the title Global Strategy Discussions. The program was expanded to include a broader cross-section of America's civilian leadership and to encourage a free and open exchange of views on major national and international issues. In 1973 the title was changed to Current Strategy Forum and the program focus narrowed to examination of one issue of strategic national importance each year. The Current Strategy Forum has thus evolved, despite shifts in title and scope, in consonance with the original objective of providing a forum for the open exchange of viewpoints on important national issues.

### PROGRAM FORMAT

Each Forum focuses on one issue of strategic national importance. This year the theme is "Maritime Strategy in the Pacific Basin." Various facets of the theme will be examined in a series of addresses by distinguished speakers, and each address will be followed by a question and answer period. Alternating with the addresses will be informal classroom seminars, each chaired by a faculty moderator, in which guests and students discuss the Forum theme and issues raised by the guest speakers. Seminar discussions add an interesting dimension to the Forum and allow all participants to enjoy a greater perspective of the theme.

### MEDIA POLICY

The addresses and subsequent question and answer periods are "on the record" in that remarks may be quoted. Conversely, discussions in

the classroom seminars are "not for attribution;" remarks may be reported but will not be attributed to specific individuals in order to encourage an open and frank exchange of viewpoints.



### SPOUSE PROGRAM

Spouses accompanying Forum participants are invited to enjoy a tour of historic Newport, lunch at a harbor restaurant, and the opportunity to browse through the many harbor front shops. They are also cordially invited to attend each day's addresses; regrettably classroom space limitations preclude their participation in the seminar discussions.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Monday, 16 June 1986

1:00-8:00 p.m. Guest registration in Spruance Lobby

### Tuesday, 17 June

7:30-9:00 a.m. Guest registration in Spruance Lobby

\*9:15 a.m. Welcome

RADM Ronald F. Marryott, U. S. Navy  
President, Naval War College

\*9:30 a.m. "U.S. National Interests and  
the Maritime Strategy in the Pacific"

The Honorable John Lehman  
Secretary of the Navy

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10:30 a.m. Coffee break

\*10:45 a.m. "The Maritime Strategy"

RADM William T. Pendley, U. S. Navy  
Director, Strategy Plans and Policy Division  
Office of the Chief of Naval Operations

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12:00 p.m. Luncheon

\*2:00 p.m. "Soviet Maritime Power in the Pacific"

Dr. Don C. Daniel  
Director, Strategy and Campaign Department  
Center for Naval Warfare Studies  
Naval War College

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SOT/BRUNN

3:00 p.m. Coffee break

3:30-4:30 p.m. Classroom seminars

\*6:30 p.m. Reception at Commissioned Officers Club

### Wednesday, 18 June

\*8:30 a.m. "Competition in the Pacific Basin  
in the Years Ahead"

ADM Bobby R. Inman, U. S. Navy (Ret.)  
Former Deputy Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

DANIEL

9:30 a.m. Coffee break

10:00-11:30 a.m. Classroom seminars

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

\*2:00 p.m. "Maritime Cooperation in the Pacific:  
The United States and Its Partners"

Speaker: To be announced. NISHIKAWA

3:00 p.m. Coffee break

3:30-4:30 p.m. Classroom seminars

Evening free to enjoy Newport

### Thursday, 19 June

\*8:30 a.m. "A Peacetime Strategy for the Pacific"

ADM James A. Lyons, U. S. Navy  
Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet

INMAN

9:30 a.m. Coffee break

10:00-11:15 a.m. Classroom seminars

LYONS

11:30 a.m. Closing remarks

RADM Ronald F. Marryott

11:45 a.m. Current Strategy Forum concludes

\*Spouses cordially invited.

## U. S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

On October 6, 1884, the Secretary of the Navy, William E. Chandler, issued General Order No. 325 establishing "a College for an advanced course of professional study for naval officers, to be known as the Naval War College." Founded in Newport, Rhode Island, the Naval War College is the oldest war college in the nation. Commodore Stephen B. Luce was the first president of the College, and his faculty included a naval professor and an army officer. Today this joint faculty has grown to include officers of all the armed services as well as representatives of appropriate fields in the social and physical sciences. The second president of the War College, a former member of the faculty, was the great naval historian Captain Alfred Thayer Mahan. His lectures and writings on seapower contributed much to the development of the curriculum and brought prestige to the College.

The War College numbers among its graduates such distinguished naval officers as Admirals Sims, Spruance, King, Nimitz and Halsey, as well as many international naval officers who have held or are presently holding prominent positions in their respective countries.

The mission of the Naval War College is to enhance the professional capabilities of its students to make sound decisions in the highest command and management positions and to conduct research leading to the development of advanced strategic and tactical concepts for the future employment of naval forces.

From its initial single course of instruction, the Naval War College has evolved into four resident colleges with over 400 students graduating annually. The student body consists of U. S. military officers from all branches of the armed forces, career civilians from a variety of government agencies and international naval officers. The College of Naval Warfare (CNW) is the senior U. S. school, and its

counterpart for senior international officers is the Naval Command College (NCC). The College of Naval Command and Staff (CNC&S) is for middle-grade U. S. officers and career civilians, and the Naval Staff College (NSC) provides a five month course of study for mid-career international officers.

The curriculum is divided into trimesters: Strategy, the study of fundamental military strategy with emphasis on maritime applications, foreign policy and their interrelationships; Defense Economics and Decision Making, the study of the allocation of limited national resources to defense programs consistent with national goals; and Operations, a study of the application of military forces to the national and maritime strategies in joint and combined operations.

In 1983, the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) directed the establishment of an eight week executive development course entitled the Integrated Warfare Course for post command officers. This course is designed for those officers who are unable to attend the full ten month resident program. While the course is necessarily shorter than the full ten month program, it incorporates essential elements of the longer course in order to deepen the naval officer's understanding of the wider world in which they will exercise their professional skills.

In addition to the four resident schools, the Naval War College extends its academic program off-campus through the Center for Continuing Education in a series of correspondence courses and an Off-Campus Seminar Program. Three 12-day Reserve Officer courses in Defense Economics, Strategy and Operations are also offered annually for candidates selected by the Chief of Naval Reserve.

The Center for Naval Warfare Studies was established in 1981 to provide greater direction to strategic thinking within the Navy. The Center encompasses a Strategy and Campaign Department, including the Advanced Research Division, which provides the opportunity for selected resident students and graduate fellows to pursue advanced strategic and tactical concepts; the War Gaming Department, with its expanded electronic gaming system, which

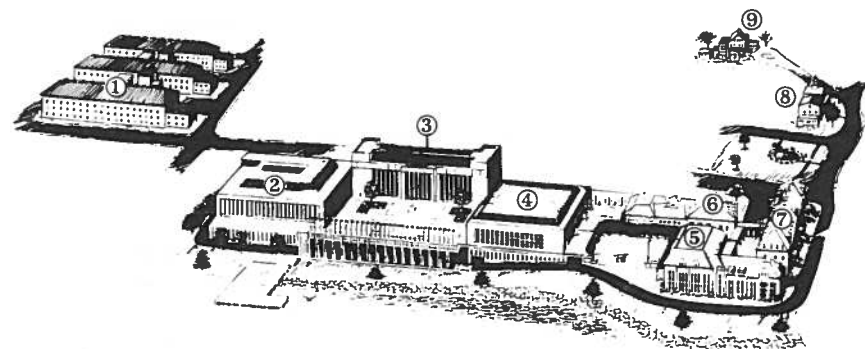
provides support to the college curriculum and to senior staffs of the Navy and NATO; the Global War Game and Advanced Technology Department which coordinates the innovative annual summer game at the College; and the Naval War College Press which publishes the *Naval War College Review*, a means for research fellows to publish their writings as well as a vehicle for printing other articles related to the academic and professional activities of the Naval War College.

The College also provides administrative support and facilities for the Strategic Studies Group (SSG), formed by the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO). The SSG is comprised of eight or nine hand-picked Navy and Marine Corps officers, at the Captain or Colonel level, who each devote a year to the research and formulation of concepts with respect to the maritime strategy in response to the direct tasking of the CNO.



## CAMPUS DIRECTORY

The Naval War College's campus includes eight buildings on Coasters Harbor Island in Narragansett Bay, the oldest of which is over 165 years in age. Founders Hall was built in 1819 by the City of Newport as an alms house. It was donated to the Navy in 1881. The first Naval War College classes were held in it from 1884 to 1892, when the College relocated to the newly-built Luce Hall. Luce Hall was joined in 1903 by Mahan Hall. In the 1930s, Mahan Hall was enlarged and Pringle Hall was added. The three buildings are connected. Sims Hall, a barracks built in 1904, was renovated and added to the College in 1946. Most recent of the College's buildings are Spruance Hall, Conolly Hall and Hewitt Hall, completed in 1972, 1974 and 1976, respectively.



Currently, the buildings contain the following:

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|------------------|--|-------------------------|---|
| 1. Sims Hall     | War Gaming Department  | 5. Pringle Hall         | Center for Naval Warfare Studies, Naval Staff College, auditorium, graphic arts studio, photo lab                                   |
| 2. Hewitt Hall   | Library, bookstore, student study areas, seminar rooms, student lounge, underground parking  | 6. Mahan Hall           | Center for Advanced Research, Conference Center, Naval Historical Collection  |
| 3. Conolly Hall  | President's office, administrative staff offices, faculty offices, seminar and conference rooms, staff lounge, printing and word processing shops, underground parking | 7. Luce Hall            | Naval Command College, Center for Continuing Education, Naval War College Foundation, Inc., <i>Naval War College Review</i> offices |
| 4. Spruance Hall | Auditorium, faculty offices, seminar rooms, audio visual workshops, underground parking  | 8. Founders Hall        | Naval War College Museum  |
|                  |  | 9. President's quarters |   |



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### PERSONAL INVITATION

The accompanying invitation to the Current Strategy Forum is a personal invitation; it is not transferable.

### REGISTRATION FEE

*Participants:* Registration fee of \$25 covers two luncheons and all conference amenities.

*Spouses:* Registration fee of \$15 covers one luncheon and tour of Newport.

Please return your check, made payable to the Current Strategy Forum, with the registration form. The full registration fee will be refunded in the event of cancellation.

### GUEST EXPENSES

Guests are responsible for their own travel, meals and accommodations, as the Department of the Navy is not permitted to assume such expenses.

### TRAVEL TO NEWPORT

*Commercial Air:* American, Eastern, Peoples, Piedmont, Ransome, U.S. Air and United Airlines provide regularly scheduled service into T.F. Green Airport in Providence, Rhode Island. This is the closest major airport to Newport. A Naval War College representative will be available in the airport lobby to answer your questions, and a Scheduled Airlines Ticket Office representative will be available during the Forum to assist you with return air travel reservations.

*Rental Automobiles:* Most major car rental companies maintain offices at T.F. Green Airport and at the Providence AMTRAK station. Avis and Hertz also have offices in Newport. Advance reservations are recommended.

*Automobiles:* Guests traveling to Newport from points:

*South* may proceed via I-95 north to Route 138 east, thence over the Jamestown and Newport Bridges to Newport.

*West, including T.F. Green Airport,* may proceed down the western side of Narragansett Bay via I-95 and Routes 4 and 1, thence via Route 138 east over the Jamestown and Newport Bridges to Newport.

*North* may proceed from Providence to Fall River via I-195 or from Boston to Fall River via Route 24, thence via Routes 24 and 114 to Newport.

Included with the Forum registration package are a map of Newport and a vehicle pass to be used when entering the Naval Education and Training Center. Reserved parking will be available adjacent to the Naval War College.

*Buses:* Bonanza Bus Lines and the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority provide direct service between the Providence AMTRAK station and Newport.

*Railroad:* AMTRAK provides direct passenger service to Providence from Washington, Philadelphia, New York and Boston, and connecting service from all other major cities.

### LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

During the Forum, shuttle bus transportation will be available to participants between their hotel and the Naval War College.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants are requested to make their own accommodations reservations. Blocks of rooms are being held for such reservations at seven hotels. Specifics concerning each hotel are provided in the Forum registration form and the accompanying map of Newport. Reservations cut-off date is May 20th due to the summer tourist season.

### WEATHER

June weather in Newport is usually pleasant with mild days and cool evenings. A raincoat or light topcoat is suggested, plus a sweater for casual dress.

## DRESS

*Civilian:* Business suit for men, and afternoon dresses or suits for women are considered appropriate for all events.

<i>Military:</i>	Navy	Summer White
	Army	Green with short sleeve shirt
	Air Force	Light Blue shirt with short sleeves (with epaulets, without tie)
	Marine Corps	Service "C"
	Coast Guard	Tropical Blue

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact:

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1. INTRODUCTION

NAVAL WAR COLLEGE  
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117# According to a photograph in a recent Japanese magazine published in January 1985, construction of the Soviet Navy's first nuclear powered aircraft carrier, with conventional take-off and landing aircraft, angled-deck, 75,000 ton displacement, and reportedly to be in commission after completion and expected to be in commission after completion.

JAPANESE MARITIME OPERATIONS

TO COPE WITH THE NEW SOVIET CARRIER

by

CAPT Mutsuyoshi Gomi, JMSDF

In western military commentators generally caution this prospect. It will take at least five years until the Soviet Pacific Fleet can completely and fully operate her due to their lack of experience in carrier operations with conventional take-off and landing aircraft, and development of adequate aircraft with enough capability as aircraft on board carriers. So it probably will appear as a formidable threat to Japan and Western allied and friendly nations in the second half of the 1980's.

In this essay, first, I will conduct an overall threat estimation of the Far East around 1985; secondly, I will show our defense policy and the Soviet's new carrier's influence on our policy. Finally, I will express my personal view of the way we should cope with the deployment of new Soviet carriers to the Soviet Pacific Fleet.

2. THREAT ASSESSMENT OF FAR EAST IN 1985

A. General

Successful Naval Strategy in the Pacific

How we are achieving it

How we can afford it

By

The Honorable John Lehman  
Secretary of the Navy

Current Strategy Forum  
Newport, Rhode Island  
Tuesday, 17 June 1986

"A PEACETIME STRATEGY FOR THE PACIFIC"

ADM James A. Lyons, USN  
Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet

- I AM DELIGHTED AND HONORED TO BE HERE AND ADDRESS SUCH A DISTINGUISHED AUDIENCE. I INTEND TO DISCUSS A PEACETIME STRATEGY FOR THE PACIFIC: I WOULD LIKE TO COMPLEMENT AND REINFORCE SOME OF THE THEMES ADDRESSED BY PREVIOUS SPEAKERS.

- LIKE TO BEGIN BY TALKING NOT ABOUT THE PACIFIC BUT ABOUT EUROPE. THE GEOGRAPHY OF EUROPE STANDS IN MARKED CONTRAST TO THAT OF THE PACIFIC. NOW I STATE THE OBVIOUS BUT CONTINENTAL EUROPE IS IN RELATIVE TERMS SMALL AND COHESIVE. IT'S ABOUT 1,260 MILES FROM MADRID TO OSLO--ABOUT HALF THE DISTANCE FROM MY HEADQUARTERS TO SEATTLE. MUCH MORE IMPORTANT IS THE COMMON HISTORICAL, CULTURAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC UNDERPINNING WHICH UNDERLAY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. TO BE SURE THERE ARE DIFFERENCES BUT--WHEN COMPARED TO THE PACIFIC--THESE DIFFERENCES ARE AS NARROW AS THE DISTANCES INVOLVED.

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- ON THE PACIFIC SIDE OF THE GLOBE THE DISTANCES ARE VAST, CULTURES DIVERSE, ECONOMIES RANGE FROM THE WORLD'S FIRST AND SECOND LARGEST GNP TO SOME OF THE SMALLEST. NO COMMONLY AGREED MILITARY STRUCTURE GUARANTEES THE PEACE LIKE NATO DOES IN EUROPE. NOR, GIVEN THE GREAT DIVERSITY OF THE REGION IS SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT POSSIBLE. NOR DO I BELIEVE NECESSARY. A MORE DYNAMIC AND FLEXIBLE STRATEGY, RECOGNIZING REGIONAL DIVERSITY, IS REQUIRED IN THE PACIFIC. MAKE NO MISTAKE, HOWEVER, IT IS A COALITION STRATEGY THAT IS REQUIRED.

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