

# **CURRENT STRATEGY FORUM**



**19-21 JUNE 1990**

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

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## MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

Welcome to the 1990 Current Strategy Forum. This annual event brings together prominent civilian and military leaders, such as you, to explore current strategic issues and their attendant foreign policy implications.

This year's Forum, the 41st of the series, will look at "Sea Power and America's Strength 1890-1990." The year 1990 marks the 100th anniversary of Alfred Thayer Mahan's work, *The Influence of Sea Power Upon History*. The issues raised by Mahan a century ago will be examined to determine what has changed and what remains constant. In the Forum, we will assess the future of sea power and its relationship to U.S. policy and strategy as the nation approaches a new century and a new millennium.

I am delighted that you could join us for the Current Strategy Forum. A hallmark of the Forum has always been the free and objective exchange of ideas among military and civilian participants. Your participation will contribute substantially to its success, and I am confident that you will find the experience interesting, informative, and enjoyable.

  
H. LAWRENCE GARRETT, III



**NAVAL WAR COLLEGE  
Newport, RI**

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

On behalf of the Secretary of the Navy, it is my honor to host the 1990 Current Strategy Forum. I am certain you will find the Forum both stimulating and rewarding.

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 as a splendid and unique opportunity for discussions and exchange of views which will serve as the capstone of the year's rigorous study. With the nation standing at a fundamental transition point in domestic and global affairs, the interchange between guests, students and faculty is certain to provide timely deliberation and intellectual growth.

I extend to you a warm welcome to Newport and the Naval War College.

*Ronald J. Kurth*  
**RONALD J. KURTH**  
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 "Sea Power and America's Strength 1890-1990." 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. All plenary sessions will convene in Spruance Auditorium. Alternating with the addresses will be informal classroom seminars, each chaired by a faculty moderator, in which guests and students will discuss case studies on topics of current strategic concern. 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 local restaurant, and the opportunity to browse through the many harbor front shops. Should there be sufficient seating available, they may be invited to attend each day's addresses; signs will be posted in Spruance Lobby if they can be accommodated. Regrettably, classroom limitations preclude their participation in the seminar discussions.



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Monday, 18 June 1990

1:00—5:00 p.m. Guest Registration in Spruance Lobby;  
pick up forum packets.

### Tuesday, 19 June 1990

7:30—8:30 a.m. Guest Registration in Mahan Passageway;  
pick up forum packets. Coffee and pastries  
available in Spruance Lobby.

8:45 Welcome: RADM Ronald J. Kurth, USN  
President, Naval War College

9:00 Address: "A.T. Mahan and the Elements  
of Sea Power: 1890-1990  
Dr. Robert S. Wood  
Dean, Center for Naval Warfare  
Studies, Naval War College

10:15 Coffee Break

10:30 Keynote Address: "A Ready Navy: Politics  
Budgets, and Naval Forces in the 21st Century"  
The Honorable H. Lawrence Garrett, III  
Secretary of the Navy

11:30 Luncheon: Officers' Club.

1:15 p.m. Address: "Constants, Changes, and  
Comparisons in Naval Warfare"  
CAPT Clark Graham, USN  
Commander, David W. Taylor Naval Ship  
Research and Development Center

2:15 Coffee Break

2:30—5:00 Case Study: "Ship Production and Ownership"

2:30—3:30 Panel  
The Honorable Warren G. Leback  
Maritime Administrator  
U.S. Maritime Administration  
VADM Stanley R. Arthur, USN  
Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Logistics  
Prof. Andrew E. Gibson  
Faculty, Naval War College

3:45—5:00 Seminars

7:00—8:30 Reception: Officers' Club. Hosted by  
the Secretary of the Navy.

### Wednesday, 20 June 1990

7:30—8:15 a.m.

Coffee and pastries available  
in Spruance Lobby.

8:30

Address: "The Maritime Strategy"  
Dr. Roger W. Barnett  
Vice President for Plans and Operations,  
National Institute for Public Policy

9:45

Coffee Break

10:00

Address: "Allies and Adversaries"  
Ambassador Willem F. van Eekelen  
Secretary General  
Western European Union  
London, UK

11:30

Luncheon: Officers' Club.

12:30 p.m.

War Gaming Briefing—for members of the  
Naval War College Foundation.  
Nott Auditorium, Sims Hall

1:30—3:30

Seminars: Case Study: "Bases and Forward  
Deployment"

3:40

Coffee Break—Spruance Lobby

4:00—5:00

Address: "Policy, Strategy, and  
International Law"  
The Honorable Abraham D. Sofaer  
Legal Advisor, State Department

### Thursday, 21 June 1990

7:30—8:15 a.m.

Coffee and pastries available  
in Spruance Lobby.

8:30—10:30

Seminars: Case Study: "National Interests,  
Naval Roles and Missions, and  
Arms Control"

10:40

Coffee Break—Spruance Lobby

11:00

Address: "Global Order and Challenges  
to U.S. Naval Forces"  
ADM Carlisle A.H. Trost, USN  
Chief of Naval Operations

12:00

Closing: RADM Ronald J. Kurth, USN  
President, Naval War College

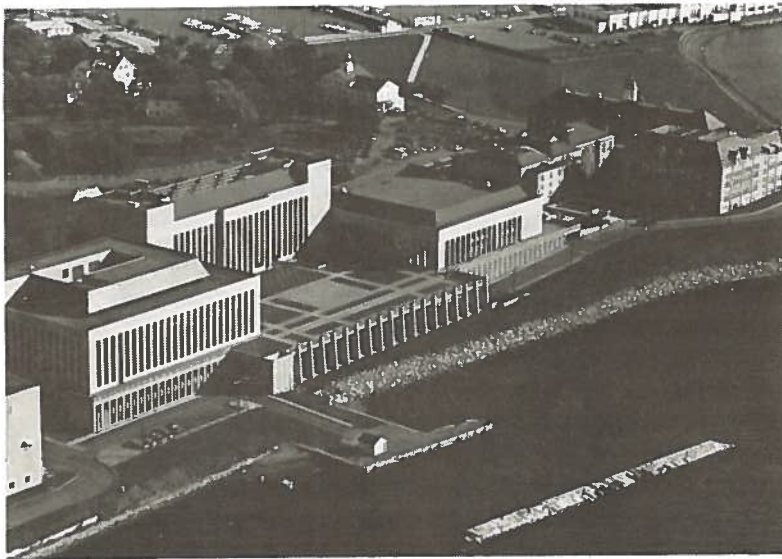
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Current Strategy Forum Concludes

## 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.

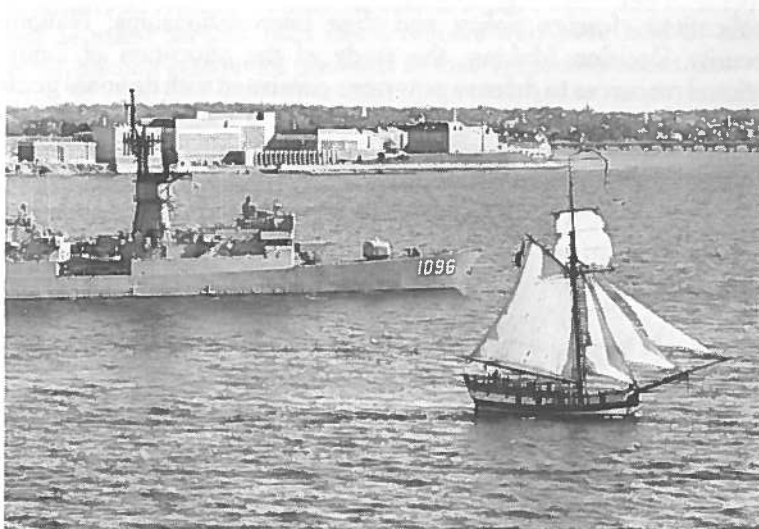
The curriculum is divided into trimesters: Strategy, the study of fundamental military strategy with emphasis on maritime applications, foreign policy and their interrelationships; National Security Decision Making, the study of the allocation of limited national resources to defense programs consistent 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 addition to the four resident schools, the Naval War College extends its academic program off-campus through the College of Continuing Education in a series of correspondence courses and an Off-Campus Seminar Program. Three 12-day Reserve Officer courses in National Security Decision Making, 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 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.



## NAVAL WAR COLLEGE FOUNDATION

The Naval War College Foundation is a membership, tax-exempt organization, founded by a group of civilian friends in 1969. Persuaded that the Naval War College represents an important national asset, the Foundation has undertaken the following supporting activities:

- To increase public awareness of the College's mission and accomplishments,
- To provide financial support to Board-approved projects at the College for which public funds are not available,
- To assist the College in sustaining an active alumni affairs program,
- To locate and obtain appropriate naval artifacts or archival material to enhance the research resources of the College Library and Museum,
- To locate and obtain works of art and memorabilia to enhance the appearance and historic nature of the College, and to operate a Gift Shop in support of the Naval War College Museum.

The Foundation neither functions as a government activity nor engages in political or lobbying activities. A board of eighteen Trustees, made up of interested Americans from a variety of professions, oversees the affairs of the Foundation. Trustees receive no compensation for their services. Foundation funds come from corporate and individual memberships, from grants of individuals, other foundations and organizations, and from investment income.

The Foundation has offices in Luce Hall. Its address is Naval War College Foundation, Inc., Naval War College, Newport, R.I. 02841-5010. Phone: (401) 848-8300; Fax (401) 848-8302.



## NAVAL WAR COLLEGE MUSEUM

The Naval War College Museum is located in Founders Hall, a National Historic Landmark. The history of the "art and science" of naval warfare, chiefly as studied at the Naval War College through the years, is the principal theme of the museum. The history of the United States Navy in Narragansett Bay is a second museum theme. While the Navy has been a permanent resident of the region since 1869, its association dates back to the Revolution.

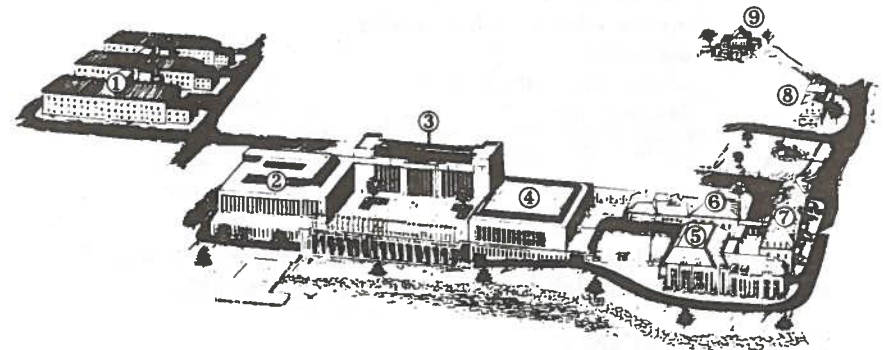
In addition to exhibits on the two main themes, the museum presents special exhibits on naval and related topics of current interest both to the College community and to the general public. During June, two special exhibits are on display. One is on Alfred Thayer Mahan in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the publication of his seminal work, *The Influence of Sea Power Upon History*. A second special exhibit is the "The Black Ship Scrolls, The American Expedition of 1853-1854, as seen by the Japanese." The expedition, commanded by Commodore Matthew C. Perry, a native of Newport, is considered to be the most successful naval diplomatic mission in American history.

The museum is open to the public, admission is free and facilities are available for the handicapped. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Saturday - Sunday, 12 noon - 4 p.m. Closed holidays. Information on special events and tours is available by calling 841-4052/1317.



## CAMPUS DIRECTORY

The Naval War College 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. The 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, College of Continuing Education, Naval War College Foundation, Inc., Naval War College Review offices |
| 4. Spruance Hall | Auditorium, faculty offices, seminar rooms, audiovisual workshops, underground parking   | 8. Founders Hall        | Naval War College Museum   |
|                  |  | 9. President's quarters |  |

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

During the Forum, shuttle bus transportation will be available to participants between the hotels listed below and the Naval War College. Specifically, this is to and from the Monday afternoon registration, the Forum itself, and the Secretary of the Navy reception. Additionally, transportation for the spouse program is also provided.

Comfort Inn  
Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge  
Mainstay Inn  
Newport Marriott Hotel  
Treadway Inn  
Viking Hotel

### TELEPHONES

There are six telephones available especially for Forum attendees. They are located in Conolly Hall, room 135, just off Spruance Lobby.

### AIRLINE ASSISTANCE

A representative from the Scheduled Airlines Traffic Office is available in Conolly Hall, room 135, to assist you in arranging your return travel.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

Participants only: Luncheons at the Officers' Club on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Spouses only: Luncheon at historic Quarters AA and Quarters A, residences of the Naval War College President and Deputy, on Tuesday.

Participants and spouses: Reception at the Officers' Club on Tuesday evening, hosted by the Secretary of the Navy.

## 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

### CSF-90 NOMINATIONS

If you would like to nominate someone to attend next year's Current Strategy Forum, please use the nomination forms provided in your packet. These may be turned in to the CSF Conference Command Center in Conolly Hall, room 135, or mailed in at a later date. All nominations should be received at the Naval War College by 2 November 1990. Nominations mailed in should be sent to:

Naval War College  
Director, Special Events  
Newport, RI 02841-5010

