

Rear Adm. Marsha J. Evans, USN

Retired Rear Adm. Evans distinguished herself as one of only a handful of women to reach the rank of rear admiral, and gained a reputation for forging new ground for women in the military. In 1973, Evans became the first woman Surface Assignments Officer in the Navy. She was the Chief of Staff at the U.S. Naval Academy and the first woman to command a U.S. Naval Station (Treasure Island). She served as the first woman President of NPS from 1995 to 1997 before retiring in 1998. Evans then served as the CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA from 1998 to 2002, and as the President and CEO of the American Red Cross from 2002 to 2005.



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Vice Adm. Ann E. Rondeau, USN

Retired Vice Adm. Rondeau was appointed as President of the Naval Postgraduate School in January 2019. Her most recent military position was as the President of the National Defense University, a consortium of five colleges and nine research centers in Washington, D.C. During her career she held leadership positions at U.S. Transportation Command, Navy Personnel Development Command, Naval Service Training command at Great Lakes, Pacific Fleet, and Naval Support Activity in Tennessee among other staff and command roles. Rondeau retired from the U.S. Navy as a three-star admiral in 2012 and at the time, was the second woman to have achieved that rank in the Navy.



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Dr. Britta Hale

Dr. Hale is a cryptographer and Assistant Professor in Computer Science at the Naval Postgraduate School. Her research expertise is in both the design and analysis of cryptographic protocols, as well as cryptographic applications to UxS, e-voting, and blockchain. Hale holds a doctorate from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, and a Master of Science in the Mathematics of Cryptography and Communications from Royal Holloway, University of London. She is an active member of the Message Layer Security working group of the Internet Engineering Task Force working on the standardization of group key exchange under maximal security guarantees and a member of the International Association for Cryptologic Research.



Hale has recently developed a course on Advocating Technological Change to run in the Winter '22 quarter, and the 2021 winner of the [NPS Foundation/U.S. Naval Institute Annual Essay Contest](#).

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Women of NPS

Vice Adm. Jan Tighe, USN



Retired Vice Adm. Tighe graduated from NPS in 2001 with a doctorate in electrical engineering and a Master of Science in applied mathematics. In 2012, she came back to NPS to serve as the second woman president of the school. She now serves as a member of the [NPS Foundation Advisory Council](#). Tighe retired from the U.S. Navy in 2018 after serving as the Deputy Chief of Naval

Operations for Information Warfare and as the 66th Director of Naval Intelligence. Previously, she served as the Commander of U.S. Fleet Cyber Command and U.S. 10th Fleet, where she was the first woman to command a numbered fleet.

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Dr. Dorothy Denning



Dr. Denning is an Emeritus Distinguished Professor in the Department of Defense Analysis at the Naval Postgraduate School. As a renowned expert in cybersecurity, Denning has authored more than 200 articles, published four books, and testified several times before congressional subcommittees studying cyberterrorism. She was inducted into the National Cyber Security Hall of

Fame in 2012 after nearly a decade of teaching in the Department of Defense Analysis at NPS. She is a Fellow of the Association for Computing Machinery, the leading professional society for computing.

Recently, Denning was recognized for her many years of service to the cybersecurity community with a “CyBear” character named in her honor. The CyBears are part of the University of Texas at San Antonio’s Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security (CIAS) Culture of Cybersecurity Campaign.

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Cmdr. Karima Greenaway Hantal, USCG

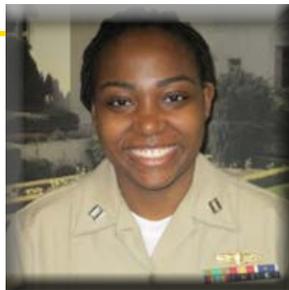
Cmdr. Hantal, a native of St. Thomas, has made history two separate times. Hantal has the distinct honor of being the first female of U.S. Virgin Islands descent to achieve the rank of commander in the U.S. Coast Guard, and she is now the most senior officer from the U.S. Virgin Islands presently serving in the U.S. Coast Guard. She is also the first woman from the Virgin Islands to graduate from the United States Coast Guard Academy, which she did in 2005. She earned a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in 2015, receiving an outstanding distinction for her thesis on a [Novel Nonelectrolytic Process for Chromium and Nickel Coating](#).



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Lt. Keyaira Jackson, USN

Lt. Jackson graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School in March 2021 with a master's degree in Manpower System Analysis. Her thesis focused on retaining underrepresented demographics — specifically African Americans and Hispanics — in the Navy. While at NPS, she served as the vice president of the Monterey National Naval Officers Association and as NPS liaison to the Naval Junior Officer Council. In both roles, she helped create a more inclusive and high-performing Navy through improving relationships between different units, divisions, and people groups.

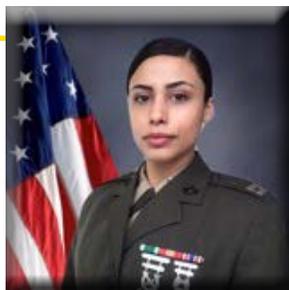


“NPS has provided me models and theories of human resource management at both strategic and operational levels to improve overall organizational competitiveness,” she said. “I have learned to develop strategies for an internal environment of diversity and inclusion that recognizes the global environment in which it operates.”

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Capt. Yvonne Sanchez, USMC

Capt. Sanchez is the first generation of her family to grow up in the U.S. She graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a Bachelors in Theoretical Mathematics, and is currently in the Computer Science master's program at NPS with an interest in Artificial Intelligence. She is also working with command at the Pentagon to focus her research efforts on a modeling project that could help the Marine Corps save money by no longer needing contract support in that area.



Sanchez took first place at the Marine Corps' first Hybrid Logistics Symposium held at the University of California, San Diego, in 2018. She recently established a group called Women in Computing (WIC) at NPS with the help of Dr. Elizabeth Gooch. We wanted to create a supportive community aimed at positively impacting women now and into the future.

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Lt. Cmdr. Ashley McAbee, USN

After completing her master's degree in electrical engineering at NPS in 2013, Lt. Cmdr. McAbee returned in 2017 for her doctorate. She graduated in September 2020 with a doctorate in Electrical Engineering. After graduation, she went to her follow-on assignment with the Navy Cyber Warfare Development Group in Washington, D.C., where she is one of several Cyber Warfare Engineers working to solve some of the most complex cybersecurity problems facing our Department of Defense. McAbee says that after spending nearly six years total at NPS, she has gained an education not only in electrical engineering, but in problem solving, critical thinking, communication, and leadership.

McAbee authored the article [“The Navy Needs Problem-First Innovation”](#) published in the July edition of *Proceedings*.

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Lt. Kahra Kelty, USN

Lt. Kelty joined the Navy in 2015 after her graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy. While at the Academy, she played Division I soccer through all four years. She served four years as a Surface Warfare Officer before moving to Engineering Duty Officer. Her first tour as a SWO was on USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54) in Yokosuka, Japan. While aboard, she worked in the Engineering Department as both the repair officer and the auxiliary officer. She then moved to San Diego and served onboard USS America (LHA 6) as the fire control officer. After her last ship duty, Kelty went to Panama City Beach to attend the Joint Diving Officer course at the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center. In 2018, her background as a naval officer and soccer player qualified her to join the most elite military soccer players in the world as she played for Team USA at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire World Military Women's Football Championship. She is currently a year into her studies at NPS in the mechanical engineering program and has recently started research using the [Xerox 3D printer](#).

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