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CHALLENGE!

The educational programs of the Naval War College are a matter of personal interest to every career naval officer. They represent our best efforts to meet the professional needs of those who will provide tomorrow's leadership. The key phrase in the mission of the College is ". . . to improve their professional competence for higher responsibility." This same phrase states a valid personal mission for every naval officer, regardless of his rank and whether he ever attends a resident course in Newport or takes advantage of the correspondence courses available.

Every naval officer today must function effectively in an environment of change. In recent years great stress has been placed upon the increased technical knowledge required to operate the new ships, aircraft, and weapons systems of the Navy. Hand in hand with technical knowledge must go professional knowledge of the art and science of naval warfare, joint operations and planning, economics, defense management, international relations, and the interrelationships between maritime strategy and national policy. It is to these areas that the Naval War College educational programs are directed. The educational philosophy of the College is to emphasize the opportunities for intellectual growth by the individual in response to the challenge.

To meet this challenge, each officer must establish his own course for professional development. Each duty assignment, including the Naval War College, offers only the opportunity for improvement. It is for the individual to grasp the opportunities presented and make the most of them.

As you read the information on the programs of the Naval War College, I hope you will find assistance in forming your own plan for professional growth and development.

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