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**COMMAND SPONSORED PROGRAMS**

**Master of Science in Space Systems Operations**
The NPS Space Systems Academic Group is now offering a Master of Science in Space Systems Operations (MSSSO) beginning on 25 September 2006. It is open to all qualified uniformed officers, federal employees, and a limited number of Defense contractor civilians. This is an accredited, 24-month part-time program delivered via a combination of online courses and video tele-education (VTE) courses augmented with video streaming.

Students must be sponsored by their service, command, or company. Price includes all tuition, faculty transportation and per diem for onsite visits, and VTC communications costs. Textbooks or additional class materials or student travel costs not included.

Enrolled DL students meet the same degree requirements as on-campus students. If a candidate student has completed the NPS Space Systems certificate then they have already completed three of the required courses for the MSSSO-DL program. Details are available online at http://www.nps.edu/dl/NPSO/degree_progs/MSSSO.html or contact the Program Manager, Dr. Walter Owen at (636) 925-2982 or wowen@nps.edu.

**A Word from George Zolla, CAPT, USNR (Ret.)**
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The Naval Postgraduate School’s (NPS) Distributed Learning (DL) programs are growing rapidly: for example, we have active programs in San Diego, Whidbey, Pensacola, Washington, D.C., Norfolk, and Hawaii.

Plans are underway for an increased NPS presence in the PACNORWEST area. NPS will soon be conducting a site survey and discussing long term plans with command representatives. Meetings will also be held with local Navy College Offices to determine areas of collaboration for providing graduate education opportunities to officers, enlisted, and civilian Navy/Marine Corps personnel.

NPS is accepting applications starting this fall. We offer a wide selection of online certificates and VTC delivered Master’s programs, both in and outside the continental United States.

**NETC SPONSORED PROGRAMS**

**Certificates**

Seats are currently available in several online certificate programs, including Space Systems, Information Systems and Operations, and Information Systems Technology. Priority admittance is offered to active duty URLs, but programs are open to restricted line officers, enlisted personnel, and DoD civilians. NPS has partnered with NETC to offer these programs as fully-funded in FY06 for USN and USMC military students, and GS employees reporting to a USN/USMC command. For these groups, there is no tuition required from the student or his/her command. Tuition fees will apply for all other students, to be funded through sponsorship from their command.

Details are available online at http://www.nps.edu/dl/ or contact NPS San Diego Office Area Director CAPT George Zolla, (619) 556-3282, or by phone at (619) 556-3282, (gazolla@nps.edu).

**Executive Master of Business Administration**

The Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) program is a 24-month, defense-focused part-time graduate program that includes a financial management concentration. The majority of the program is delivered via video teleconferencing (VTC), the internet, and other DL modes. Graduates will receive an executive MBA degree and officers will be assigned a 3100P subspecialty code, Financial Management–Defense Focus. Tuition for the EMBA program is Navy-funded for all enrolled personnel. Officers participating in this program shall incur a service obligation, to be discharged concurrently with any other obligation already incurred. Details are available online at www.nps.navy.mil/gsbpp/emb or by e-mailing emba@nps.edu. The EMBA application deadline is 21 July 2006.