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I recently had the pleasure of visiting the Portuguese Naval War College in Lisbon. Both the Portuguese Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Leitão, and the Director of the Portuguese Naval War College, Rear Admiral Fonseca, have visited Newport in recent years. This visit provided an excellent opportunity for me and for our Dean of Academics, Captain Jim Kramer, to learn more about their college and their curricula. We lectured at the college and had very good discussions on subject matter and teaching methods at our respective colleges. We found a good deal of similarity in these areas. We also profited greatly from a visit to the ComberLant headquarters outside of Lisbon where Rear Admiral Tyler Dedman, US Navy, and his fine Nato staff gave us a thorough rundown on their operations and IberLant's role in the Nato structure.

Portuguese officers have attended the US Naval War College for a number of years, and I had the great pleasure of meeting a number of our graduates in Lisbon, all of whom are doing very well. Our Naval Command College (NCC) graduate of last year, Antonio Andrade e Silva, was promoted recently to rear admiral.

While I was in Lisbon, Admiral Leitão presented me with a handsome and unique set of cartographic volumes for the US Naval War College. These large volumes contain the charts of the earliest explorations and maps of the world which existed in man's limited perspective before brave men ventured out to open the ocean highways of the world. It is fitting that these volumes, contained in a fine cabinet, will journey to Newport in June aboard the Portuguese sail training ship *Sagres*. *Sagres* will be here for the "Tall Ships" visit. These volumes will be displayed at the Naval War College and will be available to scholars and historians.

In March I lectured at the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College in Toronto. The Commandant, Commodore Tino Cotaras, is NCC '71 and two members of his faculty, Commanders Basil Moore ('79) and Wilf Lund ('80) are also NCC graduates.

These visits only serve to underline the prescience of Admiral Arleigh Burke in establishing the Naval Command College over twenty-five years ago. The fast friendships formed here within each class and with their US classmates now reach out across the oceans to form a real fraternity of seagoing men.

On the domestic side, I spoke in April at the annual Eberle Mess Night at the Naval ROTC Unit at Cornell University. It was a heartwarming experience to meet with these young men and women and to witness the enthusiasm and intellect which they will soon be bringing to the fleet. These prospective Navy and Marine Corps officers are leaders on campus and have outstanding scholastic records. Out of the 31 graduates this year, 10 will enter nuclear power training where the Navy sorely needs their talent and education. In conversations with President Rhodes and other leading officials at Cornell, it was evident that the NROTC unit is very much a part of the university and that the antimilitary biases of the Vietnam years in our universities are clearly on the downswing. The NROTC unit is in the forefront of the sailing program at Cornell and, under the able leadership of their commanding officer, Captain Don Meyer, sailed the *China Doll*, a large oceangoing ketch, some 4,500 miles in Lake Ontario and the Atlantic in the summer of 1981.

It was a great experience for me to visit with these fine young midshipmen. I would encourage all naval officers who have not done so, to make such a visit. You will leave with a good feeling.

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The end of June marks the completion of Admiral Thomas B. Hayward's tour as Chief of Naval Operations. He has clearly been one of the very best CNOs since the inception of that office. A great deal has been accomplished during his tenure in the betterment of life for Navy people and in the quality of naval forces across the board. From the perspective of the Naval War College, he has contributed immeasurably through his presence, his interest and his backing. Many of the good things that are now happening at the Naval War College are directly attributable to his leadership. All of us at the Naval War College owe him a great deal of gratitude, and we all wish him well in the future.



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