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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

In the July-August 1981 issue of the *Review* I mentioned the establishment of the Center for Naval Warfare Studies (CNWS) at the Naval War College. The Center is well underway with a full head of steam, under the able directorship of the Honorable Robert J. Murray, our former Under Secretary of the Navy, as its first Director. Four organizations have been consolidated under Mr. Murray's direction: the Strategic Studies Group is to review and provide greater direction to strategic thinking within the naval service; the Center for Advanced Research will enable War College students, academics, and other researchers to participate in individual and group research projects related to tactical and strategic interests; the Center for War Gaming will test strategic and tactical ideas and warfighting concepts developed here and in the fleet; and the Naval War College Press will publish in both classified and unclassified forms the products of such studies, research and wargaming.

All of these functions have been set in motion or redirected, and in the first three months of the Center's consolidated effort the four organizations have been merged into an effective team, well on its way to fulfilling the mission

projected by the Chief of Naval Operations. The Strategic Studies Group—the six Navy officers and two Marines selected by the CNO and the Commandant—have coalesced into a strong interactive group, representing a variety of warfare disciplines—and not at all bashful about challenging sacred cows. The present SSG Fellows who will spend about a year in research and formulation of their ideas, are:

SSG Fellow and Background

Capt. Stu Landersman
COMDESRON 23. CO
TACTRAGRUPAC. OP-03. DD

Capt. Dan Wolkenstorfer
COMPATWING TWO. OP-95. VP

Capt. Sam Leeds
CO, AMERICA. OP-05. VF

Col. Joe Ruane
JOINT STAFF. FIELD ARTILLERY.
LOGISTICS

Capt. Frank Julian
MIDEASTFOR. OP-64. DD

Lt. Col. Bull Bland
CO HMM 165 HQMC.
HELICOPTERS

Cdr. Bill Owens
PCO CORPUS CHRISTI. CO SAM
HOUSTON. SECNAV OFFICE

Cdr. Art Cebrowski
CO FITRON 41. OP-96. VF

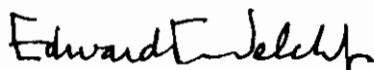
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The first efforts of the SSG were dedicated to an intensive workup through readings and sessions with Naval War College Faculty. They also laid out a demanding work plan for the year ahead. The SSG has had the unique advantage of in-depth discussions with the top leadership of the Navy. Visits were made in rapid succession to Atlantic Fleet Command headquarters and Second Fleet in Norfolk; Naval Forces Europe and the NATO Channel Command headquarters in the United Kingdom; NATO Southern Command and U.S. Sixth Fleet headquarters in Italy; and Pacific Fleet and Third Fleet headquarters in Hawaii. There have also been a series of meetings in Washington and here in Newport with the CNO, the VCNO, the Commandant and Assistant Commandant of Marines, Admiral I.C. Kidd, Jr., and other distinguished retired and active military officers, civilian members of government, and scholars and experts from around the country.

CNWS is also sponsoring a series of several-day conferences at the War College. Three have been completed; one on advanced technologies, a second concerning ship-launched cruise missiles, and, just completed, a symposium on "NATO and U.S. Maritime Strategy." The guest list is impressive, and we hope to publish conference results in future issues of the *Review*.

The Center for Naval Warfare Studies is shaping up as an effective and much-needed activity, helping to ensure that Navy warfighting and doctrinal issues are thoroughly examined and that naval missions and capabilities are developed and understood in the context of national objectives, the capabilities and responsibilities of the other services, prospective changes in technology, and the unique character of naval forces.

Another reason for enthusiasm is the editorial newcomer noted in this issue's masthead. Mr. Frank Uhlig, Jr., for many years the Senior Editor of the Naval Institute and Editor of the world-renowned *Naval Review*, has joined the Naval War College faculty as the Naval War College *Review's* newest Editor. Many of you already know Frank either personally or by reputation; he is highly respected both for his writing and editing ability and for his qualifications as a naval historian. With Frank aboard as an integral part of the War College and CNWS staff, we predict great things for the *Review*.



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