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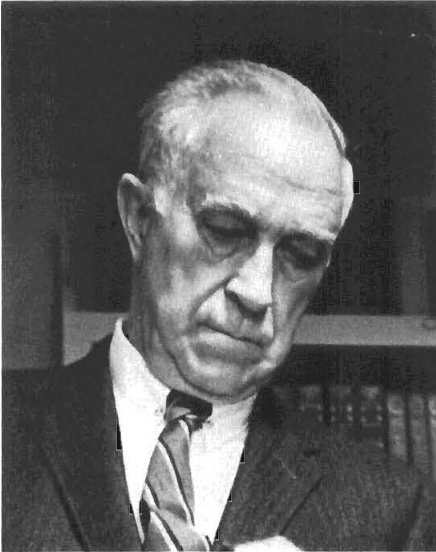
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Rear Admiral Henry E. Eccles
U.S. Navy (Ret.)

The subject of logistics can hardly be raised at the Naval War College without reference to Admiral Eccles, the man or his ideas. As a widely recognized expert in the field of logistics and military planning, he continues to serve the Naval War College as an active lecturer, consultant, and as the director of the seminar in Military Logistics.

Admiral Eccles' long association with the college began as a student in 1943 and was later renewed as Head of the Logistics Department in the late 1940's. He subsequently assumed the duties of Chief of Staff for Logistics to Com-

mander Allied Forces Southern Europe, a position he held until his retirement from active naval service in 1952. With his experience and professional interest in logistics, it would appear only fitting that he select Newport as a residence in which to pursue his academic interests in the field.

Besides his activities at the Naval War College, he has lectured at the service colleges of the other services, and he is a consultant to The George Washington University's logistics research project. A prolific writer, Admiral Eccles has authored numerous works for professional journals, including the *Naval War College Review*, and has written several books on logistics and military strategy, including *Operational Naval Logistics*, *Logistics in the National Defense*, and *Military Concepts and Philosophy*. He is also an editor for the *U.S. Naval Research Logistics Quarterly*.

Presidents of the Naval War College, faculty members, and students treasure the personal association they have had with Admiral Eccles and, above all, value highly his professional expertise and competence. The Naval War College is indebted to him for his contributions both to the Naval War College and to the field of logistics.



**Rear Admiral Richard W. Bates
U.S. Navy (Ret.)**

Admiral Bates continues his long association with the Naval War College as vice president of the newly founded Naval War College Foundation—a recently chartered, nonprofit, charitable corporation whose goal is to further the educational objectives of the college.

His initial affiliation with the college began as a student in 1940, following which he was assigned as Head of the Department of Strategy, a position he held until 1943. After an extended period of combat duty in the Pacific, he returned to the college and assumed the position of Head, Department of Analysis in 1947. He subsequently retired and returned to active duty in 1951 to be Head of Special Projects, and from 1952 to 1958 he served as Head of the World War II Battle Evaluation Group at the college. His work in this area has been

widely recognized as the model for critical analyses of decisionmaking in the major naval engagements of the war. Through it, Admiral Bates gained a wealth of knowledge for his subsequent work as a consultant and lecturer in the decisionmaking process at the college.

As vice president of the Naval War College Foundation, he will make still another contribution in advancing the educational objectives of the Naval War College. Nineteen hundred and seventy marks 30 years since his initial affiliation with the college. The close relationship that Admiral Bates has maintained with the Naval War College has resulted in untold challenges and inspiration for the students and has been a continuing source of counsel and expertise for the President and faculty of the institution.