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New Chief of Staff Assigned to Naval War College



Rear Admiral Joseph C. Wylie, Jr., U.S. Navy, reporting from the post of Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe, assumed duties as Chief of Staff, Naval War College in October 1967. Admiral Wylie relieved Rear Admiral Frederick H. Schneider, U.S. Navy, who has been assigned to the Strategic Plans Division of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Admiral Wylie has served two previous tours at the Naval War College. In 1948-1949 he was a Commander student in the Senior Class, and in 1950, as a Captain, he spent 1 academic year on the staff in the Department of Strategy and Tactics and 2 academic years in a special course of Advanced Study in Strategy and Seapower.

Born in 1911, Admiral Wylie entered the U.S. Naval Academy and was first commissioned in 1932. Subsequently, he served aboard the cruiser U.S.S. *Augusta*, flagship of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet; the destroyer U.S.S. *Reid*; the destroyer tender U.S.S. *Altair*; and in the Executive Department of the U.S. Naval Academy.

In July 1939 Admiral Wylie reported aboard the destroyer U.S.S. *Bristol*, and he was aboard *Bristol* in the Atlantic when the United States entered World War II. He became Executive Officer of the destroyer U.S.S. *Fletcher* in May 1942, and served in the South Pacific in several actions around Guadalcanal for which he was awarded the Silver Star Medal. As Commanding Officer of the destroyer U.S.S. *Trever*, he also earned the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon for subsequent action in the Solomon Islands Campaign.

During the remaining years of World War II Admiral Wylie served as Combat Information Center Officer on the Staff of Commander Destroyer Force, Pacific; as Commanding Officer of the destroyer U.S.S. *Ault* in the Pacific; and in the office of Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.

Between previous tours at the Naval War College Admiral Wylie served as Operations Officer on the staff of Commander, Destroyer Flotilla One. Since leaving the College in 1953 he commanded the attack cargo ship U.S.S. *Arneb*; he was Operations Officer and later Chief of Staff and Aide to Commander, Amphibious Group Two; he commanded the heavy cruiser U.S.S. *Macon* which steamed through the newly opened St. Lawrence Seaway into the Great Lakes in 1959; and he served on the staff of Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic.

Attaining flag rank in 1960, he served as Commander, Cruiser Division Three and Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla Nine in the Pacific. He was later assigned as Deputy Chief of Staff, Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; and, immediately prior to reporting to the Naval War College as Chief of Staff, was assigned as Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe.

Admiral Wylie is the author of a book, *Military Strategy*, which was reviewed in the October 1967 issue of the *Naval War College Review*, and of several articles in the *U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings*.

Board of Advisers. The 12-member Board of Advisers to the President, Naval War College, conducted the second of three annual meetings at the College on 3-4 November 1967.

At the inaugural meeting held 5-6 May 1967, the seven members of the Board in attendance established rules of procedure and became familiar with the College's educational programs, current operations and future plans. This was accomplished through a series of briefings, informal meetings with members of the student body and staff/faculty, as well as observing student committees and discussions, witnessing a Navy Electronic Warfare Simulator (NEWS) game, and touring the facilities.

At the conclusion of this first meeting, the Board indicated it was most favorably impressed with the War College and anticipated that a greater majority of the Board would attend the fall meeting.



The rarest gift that God bestows on man is the capacity for decision.

*Dean Acheson: Speech at Freedom House, New York City,
13 April 1965*