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## NEW DIMENSIONS IN EXTENSION

*Did you know that . . .* on 19 January 1965, the Chief of Naval Personnel promulgated a Professional Study Plan for Officers and Warrant Officers on Active Duty in BUPERS INSTRUCTION 1500.49A? This Instruction provides detailed study plans whereby officers may broaden their background and increase their professional qualifications by completion of recommended reading or courses of instruction. In satisfying these study plans, particularly in the broad 'Executive' and 'Operations' areas, Naval War College Extension Courses have a prominent role.

*Did you know that . . .* the January 1965 issue of *The Officer Personnel Newsletter* contained an article on Naval War College Extension Courses? This article by the President of the Naval War College, Vice Admiral MELSON, was introduced as follows: 'The Chief of Naval Personnel heartily concurs in Vice Admiral MELSON's remarks and recommends that all officers give them careful consideration.' Admiral MELSON's article provided in pertinent part as follows:

The professional education of naval officers remains one of the most important and essential tasks faced by today's Navy. Not only is technical training playing an ever-increasing role, but the success of naval operations in support of national objectives requires that the planning for those operations be done and carried out by officers who have a firm grasp and understanding of the many varied considerations involved. These include, among others, the strategic, logistic, and international affairs factors.

The service colleges, particularly the Naval War College, continue to provide a high level of professional education for naval officers, both in the junior and senior courses. Ideally, of course, we would like to send all officers to both resident courses. Not only is this impossible, but currently, and in the foreseeable future, many naval officers will not have the opportunity to attend any of the service colleges.

To assist in bridging this unfortunate gap in professional education, the Naval War College offers a series of revised and updated extension courses.

These courses parallel, insofar as practicable, the resident courses offered at the War College. They cover the spectrum from military planning, command logistics, naval operations, and national and international security organizations, through the broader fields of strategic planning, counterinsurgency, international relations, and international law. . . .

. . . completion of any of these courses prior to attending one of the service colleges would make actual attendance a much more meaningful and rewarding experience as they provide an excellent preparatory background for such attendance. This is particularly true for those officers who may be ordered to a senior resident course, without having had the opportunity to attend a course of the command and staff level.

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*Did you know that . . .* in the month following the promulgation of BUPERSINST 1500.49A and the *Newsletter* article, new enrollments in Naval War College Extension Courses increased 338%?

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