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## **THE GLOBAL STRATEGY DISCUSSIONS PROGRAM**

Towards the end of each Naval War College year a period is set aside for the purpose of discussing National and world strategy for the United States. This is a scholarly investigation of facts and factors designed to help each participant to become aware of the problems confronting our nation, and to form his own ideas of the measures necessary to attain the national objectives. This period is entitled the *Global Strategy Discussions*.

This year the Global Strategy Discussions will be held during the period 4-8 May. The Naval War College will invite a group of distinguished civilian and military guests to participate with officers of the College in a series of round table discussions. In addition to the other guests attending these discussions, there will be seventy-five Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Officers from the continental United States. These officers comprise the senior reserve officer class trained annually at the Naval War College. The final week of training is scheduled so that it coincides with the Global Strategy Discussions period.

The subject matter of these discussions will range from the basic factors influencing the world situation to considerations of national and military strategy necessary to deal with situations of:

- (1) precarious peace,
- (2) quasi-war or limited wars and
- (3) all-out war resulting from the present world situation.

Discussions will provide for the integration of military, economic, spiritual and political elements of strength of the United States. Views will be aimed at only the most fundamental factors in order

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to take advantage of many diverse opinions and still achieve discussion goals in the limited time available.

It has been found in the past that the experiences and views of our guests have an enlightening and a leavening effect on those of our student officers, and that a fuller awareness of the military problem involved helps our guests, in turn, to form more fully rounded judgments of their own. It is the firm belief at the Naval War College that the free and objective interchange of ideas is the one best means by which Americans can arrive at sound decisions of their own for the solution of the serious and potentially dangerous problems which confront the United States.