
ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027 TOP LEVEL SCHOOL SELECTION BOARD RESULTS

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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. Purpose. This message announces the results
of the Academic Year 2026-2027 (AY26-27) Top Level School (TLS)
Selection Board, which convened on 5 August 2025. Reporting
instructions, security clearance information, and passport
requirements for each school and fellowship will be included in
follow-on orders.

2. The board, composed of two general officers and nineteen colonels
screened the records of the eligible population and selected the
officers listed below. The small number of TLS assignments
available relative to the number of eligible officers makes
selection a highly competitive process.

3. Primary selectees

3.a. Department of Defense (DoD) schools. The board selected the following officers to attend the DoD schools listed below.

Name	MOS	School
Boersma, Jonathan L.	7318	Air War College
Bowring, Daniel E.	7563	Air War College
Bryant, Michael D.	6002	Air War College
Hartnett, Zachary P.	7518	Air War College
Janecke, David A.	3002	Air War College
Peterson Iv, Frederick H.	3002	Air War College
Whitlow, Allen R.	7532	Air War College
Anthony, Tyler J.	0302	Army War College
Bailey, Paul G.	0370	Army War College
Fontanetta, Joseph A.	0302	Army War College
Fout, John M.	7566	Army War College
Fromm, Bradley C.	0302	Army War College
Graham, Colin A.	0402	Army War College
Hoyt, Todd A.	0402	Army War College
Mcmenamin, James P.	0302	Army War College
Moeller, Joseph E.	0302	Army War College
Odonnell, Andrew W.	0370	Army War College
Perez, Freddie.	6002	Army War College
Rawson, George A.	7566	Army War College
Zimmerman, Travis Q.	0802	Army War College
Evangelista, Adrian R.	7532	Army War College (Blended)
Trower, Paul C.	0302	Army War College (Blended)
Bates, Antoine.	0202	College Of Info And Cyber Stud
Duncan, Austin M.	0202	College Of Info And Cyber Stud
Link, Adam V.	1702	College Of Info And Cyber Stud
Astacio, Nicholas	7202	College of Intl Security Affairs
Anub Jr, Tyrone G.	7202	College of Naval Warfare
Beck, Daniel G.	0802	College of Naval Warfare
Croskey, Joel E.	7565	College of Naval Warfare
Dickson, Walter R.	0370	College of Naval Warfare
Dufresne Jr, William F.	1803	College of Naval Warfare
James, Calischara G.	6002	College of Naval Warfare
Jernigan, Daniel V.	1302	College of Naval Warfare
Mallow, Joshua C.	7557	College of Naval Warfare
Mullen, John P.	0370	College of Naval Warfare
Newman, Matthew M.	0302	College of Naval Warfare
Patton, Tara E.	0402	College of Naval Warfare
Pitchford, Hanson W.	7566	College of Naval Warfare

Quinn, Tyler C.	5803	College of Naval Warfare
Reagles, Robert D.	0202	College of Naval Warfare
Stefanski, Mark A.	7532	College of Naval Warfare
Salter, Brandon A.	0302	Joint Adv Warfighting School
Taranto, Christine M.	0402	Joint Adv Warfighting School
Ward, Brandon M.	0302	Joint Adv Warfighting School
Blumenfeld, Geoffrey T.	7532	Marine Corps War College
Brewer, Jeffrey M.	0202	Marine Corps War College
Davis, Stephen T.	7518	Marine Corps War College
Dick, John	0302	Marine Corps War College
Dineen, Matthew P.	7566	Marine Corps War College
Gwin, Jason E.	0202	Marine Corps War College
Hornfeck, Andrew P.	0302	Marine Corps War College
Love, Timothy W.	0302	Marine Corps War College
Rollins, Nathan M.	0302	Marine Corps War College
Spillane, Brian P.	7566	Marine Corps War College
Allen, Jarrod D.	7523	National War College
Bayley, Brian R.	7525	National War College
Caton, Scott W.	7202	National War College
Collins, Brett C.	7565	National War College
Henderson, John C.	0602	National War College
Hinrichs, Brian A.	0302	National War College
Holland, Clayton S.	7318	National War College
Kelly, Donald P.	7318	National War College
Kovatch, Daniel T.	0802	National War College
Noe, Gerald I.	0302	National War College
Oconnell, Daniel J.	0802	National War College
Renfro, Norman L.	0302	National War College
Sladek, Matthew E.	7202	National War College
Unger, Clark C.	0802	National War College
Abchidonado, Joussef J.	3002	The Eisenhower School
Barrion, Tyrone A.	1302	The Eisenhower School
Christ, Andrew R.	7518	The Eisenhower School
Coleman, William M.	0802	The Eisenhower School
Hawkins, Matthew T.	0302	The Eisenhower School
Jewett, Daniel L.	8059	The Eisenhower School
Lybeck, Nicholas S.	0402	The Eisenhower School
Monday, Frederick D.	1803	The Eisenhower School
Pegram, Brian S.	0802	The Eisenhower School
Spriggs, Tabatha R.	0402	The Eisenhower School
Stow, Lynn M.	3404	The Eisenhower School
Vallely, Elena N.	8061	The Eisenhower School

Maldonado, Adan A. 0602 US Space Force (Johns Hopkins)
School specific requirements. These schools will generally
convene in July 2026 and graduate in May or June 2027. PMOS
monitors and senior service school points of contact will provide
more information following acceptance.

3.b. Foreign senior service colleges. The board selected the
following officers to attend a foreign senior service college.

Name	MOS	School
Devries, Christopher D.	0302	Argentine National Defense School Senior Course
Kahak, Sean H.	0202	Inter-American Defense College
Lakhani, Daniel Z.	0302	Japanese National Institute for Defense Studies
Mendizabal, Federico W.	7565	NATO Defense College
Tye, Bryan L.	1702	NATO Defense College

Given the diversity of requirements for these schools,
selectees should contact the MCU POC listed in paragraph (9) below
with questions about report dates and requirements.

3.c. Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) fellowships. The board
selected the following officers for assignment to CMC fellowships.

Name	MOS	Fellowship/Program
Meade, Brian W.	0202	Advanced Strat Leadership Studies
Tarsiuk, Alissa L.	1302	Department of Homeland Security
Harkness, Leslie A.	0102	Department of State (DOS)
Bancroft, Steven M.	1302	Hoover Institution (Stanford)
Hornbaker, Zacharias B.	0402	Intl Security Studies Pgm (Yale)
Jordan, Charles D.	7532	JFK School of Government (Harvard)
Landas, Enricoleo L.	6002	Lincoln Laboratory (MIT)
Fitzgerald, Chad T.	0402	Logistics Fellowship (Penn State)
Wissler, Thomas J.	0370	School of Advanced Intl. Studies
Bergman, Patrick D.	7518	SECDEF Strategic Thinkers Program
Godby, Jacob R.	0302	SECDEF Strategic Thinkers Program
Gutierrez, Mabel B.	0202	SECDEF Strategic Thinkers Program
Mastromauro, Frank J.	0802	Security Studies Program (MIT)
Sweet, Spencer D.	0402	Stockdale Ctr for Ethical Leadshp

CMC fellows will report to their respective ADCON commands
NLT July 2026 and complete the fellowship June 2027. Orders
from PMOS monitors will include information on ADCON commands.
Selectees should contact the MCU POC listed in paragraph (9) with
questions about fellowships.

4. MMOA-3 will place a letter annotating selection in the official
military personnel files of all officers selected as primaries or

alternates.

5. MMOA will publish the list of officers selected as alternates on the MMOA-3 Top Level Schools and Programs tab in the Top Level Schools Historical Data sub-tab webpage located at [https:\(slash\)\(slash\)www.manpower.marines.mil/Divisions/Manpower-Management/Office r-Assignments/Plans-and-Programs-MMOA-3/#tab/top-level-schools-and-p rograms](https://www.manpower.marines.mil/Divisions/Manpower-Management/Office-r-Assignments/Plans-and-Programs-MMOA-3/#tab/top-level-schools-and-programs). MMOA will list alternates alphabetically by full name and MOS.

6. Coordinating instructions

6.a. Primary selectees. Primary selectees are to accept or decline via email to their monitor listed in paragraph (9) NLT 10 days after the release of this message.

6.b. Alternate selectees. No action is required by officers on the alternate list. If an assignment becomes vacant due to a declination or other circumstances, Manpower Management will fleet-up an officer from the alternate list.

6.c. Declinations. Officers who decline TLS must submit a declination in writing (AA Form) to HQMC via MMOA-3 NLT 10 days after the release of this message. No endorsement is necessary. Officers who decline TLS are ineligible for future TLS assignments, unless otherwise approved by the Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. A letter will be placed in an officer's official military record annotating declination.

6.d. Deferrals. Officers selected for TLS who are unable to execute orders due to extraordinary circumstances may request a deferral. If approved, the Director, Manpower Management will defer the officer to a future TLS selection board. Primary selectees may submit a deferral request in writing (AA Form) to HQMC (MMOA-3) via the first general officer in their chain of command.

6.e. Once an officer accepts their selection and receives orders they are subject to references (d) and (e).

7. Registration. Officers selected to attend service colleges or National Defense University colleges and schools are directed to orient themselves to, and if required initiate registration for, their respective school as outlined in the below links. Contact Senior Service School Representatives listed below with questions.

7.a. Air War College (AWC).

Website: [https:\(slash\)\(slash\)www.airuniversity.af.edu/AWC/Inbound-S tudents/](https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/AWC/Inbound-Students/)

POC: Col Gary Thompson

Comm: (334) 953-4970
Email: gary.d.thompson@au.af.edu

7.b. US Army War College (USAWC).
Website: <https://www.armywarcollege.edu/>
POC: Col William Donnelly III
Comm: (571) 821-8226
Email: william.donnelly.mil@armywarcollege.edu

7.c. College of Naval Warfare (CNW).
Website: <https://usnwc.edu/college-of-naval-warfare/>
POC: Col Zachary T. Schmidt
Comm: (401) 856-5137
Email: zachary.schmidt@usnwc.edu

7.d. Marine Corps War College (MCWAR).
Website: <https://www.usmcu.edu/Students/New-Student-Check-In/>.
POC: Mr. Jake Bilyew
Comm: (703) 432-5503
Email: mcu_registrar@usmcu.edu

7.e. U.S. Space Force College.
Website: <https://sais.jhu.edu/admissions/masters-program-admissions/how-apply/us-military-and-veteran-applicants/us-space-force-schriever-west-space-scholars-program-ile-sle>
POC: Mr. Jake Bilyew
Comm: (703) 432-5503
Email: mcu_registrar@usmcu.edu

7.f. Joint Advanced Warfighting School (JAWS).
Website: <https://jfsc.ndu.edu/Registrar/>
POC: Col Zebulon C. Philpott
Comm: (757) 443-6276
Email: zebulon.c.philpott@ndu.edu

7.g. National War College (NWC).
Website: <https://nwc.ndu.edu/Students/Incoming-Students/>
POC: Col Dan J. Wittnam
Comm: (202) 685-3644
Email: daniel.j.wittnam.mil@ndu.edu

7.h. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy.
Website: <https://es.ndu.edu/New-Student-Information/>
POC: Col George J. David
Comm: (202) 685-8634
Email: george.j.david.mil@ndu.edu
POC: Col Ian D. Stevens

Comm: (202) 685-1786

Email: ian.d.stevens.mil@ndu.edu

7.i. College of International Security Affairs (CISA).

Website: <https://cisa.ndu.edu/Students/Incoming-Students/>

POC: Col George J. David

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Email: george.j.david.mil@ndu.edu

POC: Col Ian D. Stevens

Comm: (202) 685-1786

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7.j. College of Information and Cyberspace (CIC)

Website: <https://nwc.ndu.edu/Students/Incoming-Students/>

POC: Col George J. David

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POC: Col Ian D. Stevens

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7.k. Officers selected to attend a fellowship or foreign PME are directed to contact the MCU POC listed in paragraph (9) for applicable registration, indoctrination, and language training.

8. Security Clearance. Officers selected as a primary should immediately consult their local security manager-special security office (SSO) to confirm their eligibility for those programs requiring TS/SCI access. Failure to coordinate clearance-access requirements may negate eligibility to attend TLS.

9. Points of contact are:

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10. This message is not applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.

11. Release authorized by BGen Fridrik Fridriksson, Director,
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