



Academic Year
2023-2024

Academic Awards
Ceremony

Monday, 3 June 2024

The Warner Center for Advanced Military Studies
Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia

Sequence of Events

Attention

Entrance of Official Party

Welcoming Remark by

*Brigadier General Maura M. Hennigan
Commanding Officer, Education Command
President, Marine Corps University*

Presentation of Awards

Concluding Remarks

Brigadier General Maura M. Hennigan



Official Party

Brigadier General Maura M. Hennigan

Commander, Education Command

President, Marine Corps University

Dr. Rebecca J. Johnson

Provost

Sergeant Major Stephen Lutz

Sergeant Major, Marine Corps University and

Education Command

MCWAR

Colonel Brian Sharp

Director, Marine Corps War College

Dr. Christopher Yung

Dean of Academics, Marine Corps War College

SAW

Colonel Greg Poland

Director, School of Advanced Warfighting

Dr. Gordon Rudd

Dean of Academics, School of Advanced Warfighting

Official Party

CSC

Colonel Andrew Winthrop

Director, Command and Staff College

Dr. Jonathan Phillips

Dean of Academics, Command and Staff College

EWS

Lieutenant Colonel Steven Valenti

Deputy Director, Expeditionary Warfare School

Dr. Kirklin Bateman

Dean of Academics, Expeditionary Warfare School

CEME

Sergeant Major Michael Hensley

Director, College of Enlisted Military Education

Mr. James Cohn

Dean of Academics, College of Enlisted Military Education

Maura M. Hennigan

Brigadier General, USMC

Commander, Education Command

President, Marine Corps University



Brigadier General Hennigan was commissioned through Officer's Candidate Course as a Second Lieutenant, June 1994 after graduating from Mary Washington College and studying abroad in 1993.

Brigadier General Hennigan has had the honor of commanding at various levels. She served as a platoon commander, C Company with 3d Support Battalion, 3d Force Service Support Group and as Headquarters and Services Detachment Commander, with Marine Expeditionary Unit Service Support Group 31, III Marine Expeditionary Force; Headquarters and Service Company Commander with 2d Radio Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force; Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Support Squadron 372, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing; and Commanding Officer Combat Logistics Regiment 3, 3d Marine Logistics Group.

Brigadier General Hennigan's staff assignments include: Protocol Officer, III Marine Expeditionary Force; Battalion S-4 at 2d Radio Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force; Facility S-4 and S-6, Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay; G-4 Operations and Plans Officer, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing; G-4 Maritime Prepositioning Force Officer and G-4 Operations and Plans Officer, I Marine Expeditionary Force; and as the Chief of Staff for 3d Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

In the Supporting Establishment, Brigadier General Hennigan served as a Legislative Liaison for the Office of Legislative Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps and as the Director, Marine Corps Legislative Liaison Office, United States House of Representatives.

Brigadier General Hennigan's Joint and Coalition assignments include: G-3 Watch Officer, Marine Forces Europe, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM; Deputy, Plans and Programs Vulnerability Officer, J-3 and Deputy Capabilities and Plans Officer, J-8, United States Pacific Command; and CJ-4, Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan and in Special Operations Command – Yemen, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

Brigadier General Hennigan is a graduate of The Basic School, Logistics Officer Course, U.S. Army Combined Logistics Captains' Career Course, and Marine Corps Command and Staff College. She attended the United States Institute of Peace as a Commandant's Fellow and studied Women's Peace and Security. Brigadier General Hennigan holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies from Mary Washington College and a Masters' Degree of Public Administration and Policy from American University.

The Marine Corps University Foundation

Sponsors the ***Streusand-Cooper Award***, endowed by Dr. Douglas E. Streusand, Marine Corps University faculty, and presented in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Alan L. Streusand, and Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Francis L. "Gus" Cooper, to a CSC Student for the best paper on information and operations, or information as an instrument of national power.

Recipient: Maj Jonathan Andropoulos, USMC

"A Particular Logic: Russian Influence Operations in North Macedonia Ahead of the 2018 National Referendum"

Sponsors the ***Colonel F. Brooke Nihart Writing Award***, endowed by Colonel and Mrs. F. Brooke Nihart, USMC (Ret), and presented in honor of the late Colonel Nihart to the Marine infantry officer at CSC whose Master of Military Studies paper demonstrates the greatest depth of scholarship, clarity and originality.

Recipient: Maj Robert Mortenson, USMC

"Proxy Warfare: Cold War Relic or Preferred Strategy for 21st Century Great Power Competition?"

Sponsors ***The Colonel Arthur Corbett Award*** in honor of the late Colonel Arthur Corbett, USMC, to the student whose paper best exemplifies the contributions made by Colonel Corbett to the Marine Corps in the realm of the force design and capabilities with an emphasis on innovation and creativity.

Recipient: MAJ Matthew Scott, Australian Army

"Follow the Robot: Finding Gaps through Littoral Obstacles"

Sponsors the ***SAW Staff Ride Excellence Award***, presented to the student who contributes most to this component of the curriculum. SAW conducts the most extensive staff ride program of all DOD PME schools, investing more than six weeks in this form of experiential learning. Its students walk the ground of many of the campaigns they study in the classroom, including battlefields such as Gallipoli, Anzio, Normandy, Peleliu, and Dien Bien Phu.

Recipient: **Maj Ted Rose, USMC**

The Marine Corps Association & Foundation

Sponsors the ***Colonel Bevan G. Cass Awards***, presented in honor of Colonel Bevan G. Cass, USMC, who served as the Executive Director of the Marine Corps Association from 1971 to 1978, to two CSC students whose papers are judged to be the best on a topic concerned with the profession of arms bearing directly on the Marine Corps.

1st Place Recipient: **Maj Brian Prior, USMC**

"Systems Overmatch 2030: Generative AI and the Marine Corps"

2nd Place Recipient: **Maj Gene Harb, USMC**

"A Holistic Approach to Military Innovation"

Sponsors the ***Lieutenant General P. K. Van Riper Writing Award***, in honor of the University's first President, Lieutenant General Paul K. Van Riper, USMC (Ret). It is presented to the MCWAR student whose paper is determined to be most suitable for publication in a professional journal for this academic year.

Recipient: **Col Margaret Sullivan, USSF**

"Grappling with Space: the PLA Strategic Support Force as an Indicator of China's Approach to Great Power Competition and Conflict in the Space Domain"

Sponsors the ***Krulak Center Award for Innovation***, presented to a MCWAR, SAW, and CSC student that best embodies the spirit and creativity of LtGen Brute Krulak. These students continually challenged instructors as well as their fellow students with their creative thinking and consistently presented novel, imaginative, and unique contributions to class discussions, planning exercises, and writing assignments.

MCWAR Recipient: LTC John Collins, USA

SAW Recipient: MAJ Mark Thomas, USA

CSC Recipient: MAJ David Coleman, Australian Army

The American, British, Canadian, Australian, and New Zealand Armies Program (ABCANZ)

Sponsors the ***ABCANZ Armies Staff College Award***, which is presented to a MCWAR, SAW, and CSC student for the best papers on coalition operability.

MCWAR Recipient: Mr. Jay Epping, DOS
"Democratic Nations Must Fight for the World Order"

SAW Recipient: LTC Jeffrey Caselton, Canadian Army
"Casualty Treatment and Evacuation: Bringing Care to Dispersed Forces
in Denied Environments"

CSC Recipient: Maj Aaron Staggs, USMC
"Beyond Mateship: Analyzing Cultural Complexities within the AUKUS
Context"

The Marine Corps League

Sponsors the ***Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune Award*** in memory of the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps. It is presented to the CSC student who produces the best paper on a military topic.

Recipient: **CDR Marco Nepomuceno, Brazilian Army**

"Departing from the Myth: a Cross-Analysis of Galula's Counterinsurgency Principles in the Algerian War"

The Navy League of the United States

Sponsors the ***General Clifton B. Cates Awards*** in memory of the 19th Commandant to SAW students most deserving of special recognition for sustained demonstration of problem solving capabilities far exceeding their military experience, and outstanding performance in written assignments, participation in practical exercises, and the daily exchange of ideas.

1st Place Recipient: **LTC Jeffrey Caselton, Canadian Army**

2nd Place Recipient: **MAJ Matthew Scott, Australian Army**

The Central Intelligence Agency Associate Director for Military Affairs

Sponsors the ***William J. "Wild Bill" Donovan Intelligence Writing Award*** for the most outstanding paper on intelligence or an intelligence-related topic.

Recipient: **Maj Jacqueline Fischer, USMC**

"The Eastern Front Revisited: A Comparison of Operation Bagration and the 2022 Russian Invasion of Ukraine to Inform Future United States Military Deception Planning"

The Foreign Area Officers Association (FAOA)

Sponsors the *FAOA Award for International Affairs*, presented to Marine Corps War College and Command and Staff College students for the best papers demonstrating academic research, strategic thought, and professional writing skills on international affairs and related intelligence issues.

Recipient: Col Marietta Sanders, USAF
"North Korea: Future US Policy Directions"

Recipient: Lt Col Tristan Stewart, Royal Marines
"Evaluating the US and NATO's Response to Russia's Nuclear Threats During Putin's War on Ukraine"

Recipient: Maj Patrick Seng, USMC
"Foreshadowing In Ukraine: Implications of the Ukraine Conflict On The Taiwan Strategy Of The People's Republic Of China"

Recipient: Maj John Loper, USAF
"Treasured Swords and Spears: Reevaluating the U.S. Military's Regional Counter-Missile Strategy Against a Nuclear-Capable Korean People's Army"

The Military Officers Association of America

Sponsors the *Joint Service Planner Awards*, presented to a MCWAR and SAW student who demonstrate the most acumen in joint planning or submits the best research paper on the topic of future and/or joint warfighting.

MCWAR Recipient: LtCol Sean Ryburn, USMC
"How the Joint Force can Achieve JADC2"

SAW Recipient: Maj Richard Majette, USMC
"The Linchpin of Lethality: A Case for Improving Sortie Generation for the Stand-in Force"

The Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association International

Sponsors the *Lieutenant General Edward W. Snedeker Award* for superior research and writing by a CSC student on a topic related to command, control, communications, and information systems or intelligence issues.

Recipient: Maj Patrick Burns II, USMC

"Enhanced Analysis and Geospatial Logistics Enabler (EAGLE): The Integration of Artificial Intelligence in Military Planning"

The National Naval Officers Association

Sponsors the *Women, Peace, and Security Writing Awards*, which are presented to students who best demonstrate critical thought and the creativity focused on United States strategy, the international strategy as proposed by the UN, or the value of a gendered perspective relating to conflict prevention and resolution.

1st place Recipient: MAJ Abigail Gumbiner, USA

2nd place Recipient: Maj Paulina Ali, USAF

"The Evolving Role of Women in Conflict: Surveying the Last Decade in Latin America"

3rd place Recipient: CPT Bronwyn Kirkpatrick, USA

"Afghanistan is not the Only Application: Why the United States Army Needs to Restore the Cultural Support Team"

The Marine Corps War College

Sponsors four awards:

National Strategy and Policy Award: For the paper that best exemplifies a military advice or strategy recommendation memo or paper.

***Recipient:* LtCol Douglas Pugh, USMC**

Senior Staff and Senior Advisor Award: For the best performance in briefing a topic in Great Power Rivalry in the fall and/or spring oral boards.

***Recipient:* COL David Gaugush, USA**

Master of Operational Warfare and Campaigning Award: For superior achievement in war gaming, campaigning for strategic effect, and exercise play.

***Recipient:* LTC Derek Di Bello, USA**

Senior Staff Briefing Award: For displaying excellence in MCWAR's Strategic Communications Practical Application. The awardee deftly presented policy positions and engaged in a robust exchange of information and question and answer period with a simulated press.

***Recipient:* LTC Sunny Kuehl, USA**

SECDEF/CJCS Essay Contest

SECDEF Essay Category

3rd Place Recipient: Maj Anthony Bertoglio, USMC
Command & Staff College

"The U.S. Defense Industrial Base: Regression or Resilient?"

CJCS Article Category

4th Place Recipient: Capt Ryan Coacher, USMC
Expeditionary Warfare School

"The Future of Infiltration: Updating Marine Corps Doctrine and Tactics
in the Shadow of Hamas' Infiltration."

Brigadier A. W. Hammett Award

Presented in memory of Brigadier A. W. "Tony" Hammett, Royal Australian Regiment, by the members of his US Marine Corps Command and Staff College Class of 1975-76 to the International Military Student whose paper is considered most outstanding on a subject of value to the individual student's country.

Recipient: Maj Lawrence Medina, Philippine Marine Corps

"Multi-sectoral Approach for Archipelagic Coastal Defense: A
Reformative Way to Optimize the Philippine Financial Resources"

The Marine Corps University Foundation

Sponsors the *Dr. Elihu Rose Award for Teaching Excellence*, endowed from the family of Dr. Elihu Rose, a founding member and a former trustee of MCUF, in 1994 in honor of his 60th birthday, to recognize outstanding MCU faculty. Six awards are bestowed each academic year - one each to a civilian, officer and enlisted resident and non-resident faculty member.

Recipient: Resident Enlisted Faculty:

GySgt Michelle Rhea, Deputy Director -
Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy Hawaii

Recipient: Resident Officer Faculty:

Maj Eric Cash, Curriculum Development Faculty -
Expeditionary Warfare School

Recipient: Resident Civilian Faculty:

Dr. Lauren Mackenzie, Professor of Cross-Cultural Competence -
Command & Staff College

Recipient: Non Resident Enlisted Faculty:

Mr. Allen Long, CWO5 USMC, Ret., Adjunct Faculty -
Enlisted College Distance Education Program Fort Worth

Recipient: Non Resident Officer Faculty:

Mr. Mark Desens, Col USMC, Ret., Blended Seminar Program Faculty -
Command & Staff College Blended Seminar Program Camp Pendleton

Recipient: Non Resident Civilian Faculty:

Mr. Timothy Davis, SSgt USMC, Ret., Regional Chief Instructor and
Adjunct Faculty - Enlisted College Distance Education Program
Camp Lejeune



“This school is a revolution...

We want to make this post and the whole Marine Corps a great University. We want to find out who our most capable men are and to give them opportunities accordingly.”

***Brigadier General Smedley Butler, USMC
Commander, Marine Corps Schools, 1920***

