



Academic Year
2025-2026

Academic Awards
Ceremony

Monday, 1 June 2026

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

Sequence of Events

Attention

Entrance of Official Party

Welcoming Remarks by

*Brigadier General Matthew W. Tracy
Commanding General, Education Command and
President, Marine Corps University*

Presentation of Awards

Concluding Remarks

Brigadier General Matthew W. Tracy



Official Party

Brigadier General Matthew W. Tracy
*Commanding General, Education Command and
President, Marine Corps University*

Dr. Megan J. Hennessey
Provost, Marine Corps University

Marine Corps War College

Colonel Andrew Kelley
Director, Marine Corps War College

Dr. Christopher Yung
Dean of Academics, Marine Corps War College

School of Advanced Warfighting

Colonel Cornelius Hickey
Director, School of Advanced Warfighting

Dr. Gordon Rudd
Dean of Academics, School of Advanced Warfighting

Command and Staff College

Colonel John Lehane
Director, Command and Staff College

Dr. Jonathan Phillips
Dean of Academics, Command and Staff College

Official Party

Expeditionary Warfare School

Colonel Christopher Steele

Director, Expeditionary Warfare School

Dr. Kirklin Bateman

Dean of Academics, Expeditionary Warfare School

College of Enlisted Military Education

Colonel Robert Barnhart

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Mr. Terence Kerrigan, Colonel (Ret.), USMC

Director, College of Distance Education and Training

Mr. Scott Erdelatz, Colonel (Ret.), USMC

Dean of Academics, College of Distance Education and Training



Matthew W. Tracy
Brigadier General, USMC
Command General, Education Command
and President, Marine Corps University

Brigadier General Matthew Tracy assumed the role of Commanding General, Education Command and President, Marine Corps University on 11 June 2024.

Brigadier General Tracy's command assignments include Platoon Commander and Executive Officer with 3d Battalion, 8th Marines; Company Commander with the Chemical Biological Incident Response Force and 2d Battalion, 3d Marines; Commanding Officer of Recruiting Station Chicago; Battalion Commander of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines; and Commanding Officer of the 4th Marine Regiment. He has combat experience in Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq and supported humanitarian relief operations in Albania, Turkey, the Philippines, and the United States.

His staff assignments include Future Operations and Plans Officer at United States Marine Corps Forces, Pacific and Future Operations Officer at United States Special Operations Command. On two separate occasions, he served as Assistant Chief of Staff, War Plans (G5) and Operations (G3) for III Marine Expeditionary Force. He most recently served at Headquarters, Marine Corps as the Future Operations Branch Head within Plans, Policies, and Operations.

Brigadier General Tracy's military education includes The Basic School, Expeditionary Warfare School, College of Naval Command and Staff, and College of Naval Warfare. He is a graduate of the Maritime Advanced Warfare School.

His awards and decorations include Legion of Merit (with gold star), Bronze Star (with valor distinguishing device), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with two gold stars), Navy Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (with two gold stars) Combat Action Ribbon (with gold star), and various unit and service medals and ribbons. He was the 2006 recipient of the Leftwich Award for leadership.

The Marine Corps University Foundation

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, emphasizing innovation and creativity.

Recipient: Major Thomas C. Johnson, USMC, SAW

“Institutionalizing Bilateral Littoral Denial: A Campaign Analysis of MWX and the Marine Littoral Regiment in Japan’s Southwest Islands”

Sponsors the *SAW Staff Ride Excellence Prize*. Staff rides are some of the most impactful experiences for students during their time at MCU. These immersive exercises require preliminary research, onsite visits to the actual terrain, and keen analysis and reflection to derive leadership and military lessons. The award is presented to the student who contributes most to this experiential learning component of the curriculum.

Recipient: Major Jess M. Hessock, USMC

Sponsors the *Colonel Franklin Brooke Nihart Writing Award*. This award is presented in memory of the late Colonel Brooke Nihart, USMC, to the Marine infantry officer whose paper demonstrates the greatest depth of scholarship, clarity, and originality.

Recipient: Major Ian S. Lynch, USMC

“The Marine Corps at a Crossroads: Crisis Response, Strategic Identity, and the Weight of History”

Sponsors the *Streusand-Cooper Award*. Endowed by the current Command and Staff College Professor Dr. Douglas Streusand in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Alan L. Streusand, and Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Francis L. “Gus” Cooper. The award is presented to the Command and Staff College student who wrote the best paper on “information and operations,” or “information as an instrument of national power.”

Recipient: Major David Fuentes, USMC

“Contested Legitimacy: Russia’s Information Campaign and the Erosion of U.S. Credibility”

The Marine Corps Association

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: Major Raymond T. Rickenbach, USMC

"From Project Affirm to Indo-Pacific Deterrence: Historical Continuities in Naval Aviation under Contested and Degraded Conditions"

2nd Place Recipient: Major Michael J. Blankenbeker, USMC

"Holding the Line: Mitigating the Operational Impacts of Defense Policy Review Initiative (DPRI)"

Sponsors the *MCWAR Academic Excellence Awards*. Presented to the top 20% of the MCWAR graduating class based upon an evaluation of leadership qualities and superior academic performance.

Recipient: Lieutenant Colonel Oyvind A. N. Berg, Norwegian Army

Recipient: Lieutenant Colonel Eric T. Hoffman, USMC

Recipient: Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin W. Phillips III, USMC

Recipient: Colonel Matthew A. Strand, USA

Recipient: Commander James E. Toomey, USCG

Recipient: Colonel Jason M. Woodley, USAF

Sponsors the *Marine Corps Association Writing Award*. Presented to the MCWAR student whose paper is determined to be most suitable for publication in a professional journal for this academic year.

Recipient: Lieutenant Colonel Eric T. Hoffman, USMC

"Expanding Aviation Maintenance Capabilities Afloat"

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: Lieutenant Colonel Joshua W. Connors, USMC

SAW Recipient: Major Thomas C. Johnson, USMC

CSC Recipient: Major John Goulding, USMC

Marine Corps Heritage Foundation & Marine Corps History Division

The *McClellan Award* is named in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Edwin North McClellan, USMC, the first Marine to head the Historical Section of Headquarters, Marine Corps. This award recognizes the best student paper completed as part of an Academic Year 26 curricular requirement which makes use of some aspect of Marine Corps History supported by at least one primary source drawn from the Marine Corps Archives.

Recipient: Major Seth C. Billingsley, USMC, SAW
"Somewhere in China: Robert H. Barrow and Irregular War"

Marine Corps Heritage Foundation

The *Colonel Robert D. Heinl, Jr. Award*, presented by the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, honors the memory of the distinguished Marine Corps officer, journalist, and historian. The award is given to the author of the best article pertinent to Marine Corps history published in a newspaper, magazine, journal, or other periodical during the preceding year.

Major Robert Billard, USMC, CSC

The Navy League of the United States

Sponsors the *General Clifton B. Cates Awards* in memory of the nineteenth Commandant of the Marine Corps. The awards are presented to exemplary students in the School of Advanced Warfighting for their sustained demonstration of problem-solving capabilities far exceeding their military experience.

1st Place Recipient: Major Zachary D. Schwartz, USMC

2nd Place Recipient: Lieutenant Colonel Rebecca M. Bodtke, USAF

The American, British, Canadian, Australian, and New Zealand Armies Program

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

*MCWAR Recipient: Colonel Fumiyasu Morishita,
Japan Ground Self-Defense Force*

“The Protraction Trap: Why a Regional Conflict Could Be Hard to End”

SAW Recipient: Lieutenant Colonel Jonathon Lee, Australian Army
*“Integrating Information Warfare to Enhance Battle-Network
Survivability: A Campaign Analysis of the Australian Defence Force’s
Outer-Arc Defence”*

CSC Recipient: Lieutenant Colonel Aran J. Sandiford, Royal Marines
*“The United Kingdom Commando Force: Command and Control
Structures for a 21st Century Amphibious Advance Force”*

The Foreign Area Officers Association

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.

MCWAR Recipient: Lieutenant Colonel Louis Evans III, USMC
"The Lincoln Paradox: Preserving Freedoms & the State in the Era of Deepfakes"

CSC Recipient: Major Shakir Robinson, USMC
"The Value of Defense Attaches"

*CSC Recipient: Lieutenant Colonel Chikara Okamoto,
Japan Ground Self-Defense Force*
"Evaluating Russia's Nuclear Coercion Against Western Military Assistance for Ukraine"

*CSC Recipient: Major Zara Nicole Toh,
Singapore Armed Forces*
"Strengthening the Force: The Recruitment and Retention of Women in the Singapore Armed Forces"

The Marine Corps League

Sponsors the *Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune Award* in memory of the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps. The award is presented to the CSC student whose paper is determined to be the best paper on a military topic.

Recipient: Major Andrew J. Litecky, USMC
"How Properly Timed Conflict Interventions Support Stability Operations and the Marine Corps' Role in Getting It Right"

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 an intelligence-related topic by a CSC student.

*Recipient: Mr. Cornelius L. Varone,
Marine Corps Systems Command*

"Competitive AI and Rapid Prototyping in Modern Air and ISR Kill Chains: A comparative assessment of U.S., Russian, and Chinese approaches to AI-enabled capability development and fielding"

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: Commander José Ricardo Assur, Brazilian Navy

"Learning Under Fire: How Ukraine Sustained C2ISR Under Russian Electronic Attack"

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: Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Dunaway, USMC

"For excellence in planning in support of CENTCOM Forward-Israel during Operation Epic Fury"

SAW Recipient: Major Jacqueline Fisher, USMC

"Proposed Future Command Relationships for the United States Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority."

The Association of Marine Corps Logisticians

Sponsors the *Strategic Logistics Award*. This award recognizes the student from the Marine Corps War College who wrote the best paper or memo on advancing logistics as a warfighting function and tying logistical concepts to support the national security.

Recipient: Lieutenant Colonel Vincent K. McLean, USAF

"Sustainment Under Fire: Why Logistics Capacity Wins Wars"

Sponsors the *Advanced Warfighting Logistics Award*. This award recognizes the student from the School of Advanced Warfighting who wrote the best paper or memo highlighting the role of logistics in military plans and operations.

Recipient: Major Laura C. Derouin, USMC

"Selective Denial in an Economy-of-Force Theater: Partner-Enabled Constraints on People's Republic of China Port Access in East Africa"

Sponsors the *Command and Staff College Top Logistician Award*. This award recognizes the CSC student with the highest-grade point average and performance with a logistics-related military occupational specialty.

Recipient: Major Michael J. Blankenbeker, USMC

Brigadier A. W. Hammett Award

Presented in memory of Brigadier A. W. "Tony" Hammett, Royal Australian Regiment, on behalf of 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: Major Ruben Getz, Norwegian Army

"From Force Structure to Combat Power: Institutional Conditions for Generating Norway's Brigade South On Crisis Timelines"

Military Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Writing Award

Presented to the student who best demonstrated the value of empirical study applied to improving military education. The winning student's paper will be published in the Marine Corps University Press journal, *International Perspectives on Military Education*.

Recipient: Major Jayna K. Feinauer, USAF, CSC

“Beyond knowledge transfer: Why Non-resident JPME I Must Change to Cultivate Joint Acculturation”

The Marine Corps War College

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

Recipient: Mr. Nicolas R. Wisecarver, DOS

“A Way Forward After New Start”

Senior Staff and Senior Advisor Award: For excellent academic performance in the MCWAR Strategic Advisors program and for excellence in performance of staff and strategic advising work during “Operation Epic Fury”.

Recipient: Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin W. Phillips III, USMC

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

Recipient: Lieutenant Colonel Oyvind A. N. Berg, Norwegian Army

Senior Staff Briefing Award: For the best performance at the MCWAR Strategic Communication Practical Application Press Conference.

Recipient: Lieutenant Colonel Garron J. Garn, USMC

Distinguished International Officer Performance Awards

Each of these officers demonstrated an unwavering commitment to scholarship, collaboration, and the shared purpose that binds military leaders across nations. Through intellectual curiosity, discipline, and resilience, they have strengthened the bonds of international military education, leaving a lasting impact on their respective programs and the broader military community.

MCWAR Recipient: **Lieutenant Colonel Oyvind A. N. Berg,
Norwegian Army**

SAW Recipient: **Major Patrick J. Carew,
Canadian Army**

CSC Recipient: **Lieutenant Colonel Chikara Okamoto,
Japan Ground Self-Defense Force**

CDET Recipient: **Major Ivan Strok, Croatian Army**

The Marine Corps University Outstanding Faculty Awards

The *MCU Outstanding Faculty Mentor Awards* are designed to recognize and reward one military MCU faculty member and one civilian MCU faculty member who demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the academic relationship with their students.

Military Recipient: **Major Nathan A. Berg, USMC, EWS**

Civilian Recipient: **Dr. William Morgan, MCWAR**

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.

Resident Enlisted Faculty

Recipient: **Gunnery Sergeant Cesar D. Flores-Oliva, USMC**
Master Leadership and Warfighting Instructor, SNCO Leadership School
SNCOA Camp Pendleton, California

Resident Officer Faculty

Recipient: **Lieutenant Colonel Joseph McAlarnen, USMC**
Joint All-Domain Operations (JADO) Faculty Advisor
Command and Staff College

Resident Civilian Faculty

Recipient: **Dr. Michael F. Morris**
Associate Professor of Military History
School of Advanced Warfighting

Enlisted College Distance Education Program Faculty

Recipient: **Master Gunnery Sergeant Albert Mediate, USMC (Ret.)**
CDET Fort Worth Region

Expeditionary Warfare School Distance Education Program Faculty

Recipient: **Lieutenant Colonel Mathison Hall, USMC**
CDET Quantico Region

Command and Staff College Distance Education Program

Recipient: **Lieutenant Colonel Christiana Crawford, USMC**
CDET Hawaii Region

Faculty Publication Recognition

The MCU President and Provost take pride in their faculty's scholarship and are pleased to recognize their 2025-2026 publications. The following faculty and staff members are being presented with certificates of recognition:

Dr. Richard L. DiNardo "The German General Staff, 1866-1945," *Oxford Research Encyclopedia*.

Dr. Doga Eralp "Agonistic Democracy at Work: Managing Minorities in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo." *Peace Review* 37, no. 2 (2025): 319-331.

Doga Eralp. "Agonistic Democracy: The Way Forward to Sustain Functional Coexistence in the Western Balkans?" In *Functional Coexistence in Socio-Political Conflict*, 109-128. Routledge, 2025.

Capt Luke Gilman "Endurance and Executive Function: Implications for Military Education from a Study of Marine Officer Fitness and Cognition." *International Perspectives on Military Education* 2, 2025.

Dr. Seth Givens *Semper Fidelis: 250 Years of U.S. Marine Corps Honor, Courage, and Commitment*. Quantico, VA: Marine Corps History Division, 2025.

Seth Givens, *Withdrawal: U.S. Marines and the American Exit from Southeast Asia, 1969–1975*. Quantico, VA: Marine Corps History Division, 2026.

Maj Patrick Healy "SIF HMLA: Why the Marine Corps Needs to Rethink H-1s." *Marine Corps Gazette* 110, no. 1, (January 2026): 51-54.

Dr. Megan Hennessey "Teaching Beyond the 'Band of Brothers': Shakespeare at War." *International Perspectives on Military Education* 2 (2025).

Lauren Mackenzie, and Megan J. Hennessey, eds. *The Military Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: Amplifying Research Findings from the Fourth MSOTL Forum*. Quantico, VA: Marine Corps University Press, 2025.

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Dr. Benjamin Jensen, Ian Reynolds, Yasir Atalan, Michael Garcia, Austin Woo, Anthony Chen, Trevor Howarth. "Critical Foreign Policy Decisions Benchmark: Measuring Diplomatic Preferences in Large Language Models" *arXiv* preprint, arXiv:2503.06263, March 11, 2025.

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James Lacey and **Matthew Jones**. *World War I: A Strategist’s Guide and a Warning from the Past*. Joint All-Domain Operations Series, Book 1, Historical Foundations. Quantico, VA: Marine Corps University Press, 2026.

Dr. James Lacey “Food and Conquest: Getting beyond Engels.” In *Brill’s Companion to the Campaigns of Philip II and Alexander the Great*, 281–297. Brill, 2025.

James Lacey. *The Year God Died: Jesus and the Roman Empire in 33 AD*. New York: Bantam, 2025.

James Lacey and Matthew Jones. *World War I: A Strategist's Guide and a Warning from the Past*. Quantico, VA: Marine Corps University Press, 2026.

Dr. Lauren Mackenzie and Dan Henk. "Protecting, Preserving and Maturing the Culture Component of LREC." In *Language, Regional Expertise, and Culture in the Military: State of the Science*, edited by J. Watson, R. Wolfel, and A. Kalkstein, 37–60. West Point, NY: West Point Press, 2025.

Lauren Mackenzie, and Megan J. Hennessey, eds. *The Military Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: Amplifying Research Findings from the Fourth MSOTL Forum*. Quantico, VA: Marine Corps University Press, 2025.

LtCol Joseph McAlarnen "NATO Integration: Optimizing the Marine Corps Role in the European Theater." *Marine Corps Gazette* 109, no. 4 (April 2025): 88-93.

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Daniel Rice. "On Protracted War in the Modern Context." In *The 2024 Carlisle Conference on the PLA: Protracted War Against the PRC*, edited by J. Arostegui. Carlisle, PA: Army War College Press, January 2026.

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Dr. Paolo Tripodi *Rwanda 1994: A Failure of Leadership and a Preventable Genocide*, Quantico, VA: Marine Corps University Press, 2025.

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MARINE CORPS HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Marine Corps History Division

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*Colonel Odie Van Opdorp, USMC (Ret.), on behalf of the family of
Colonel Arnie Westphal, USMC (Ret); classmate of Brigadier
Hammett*



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

