

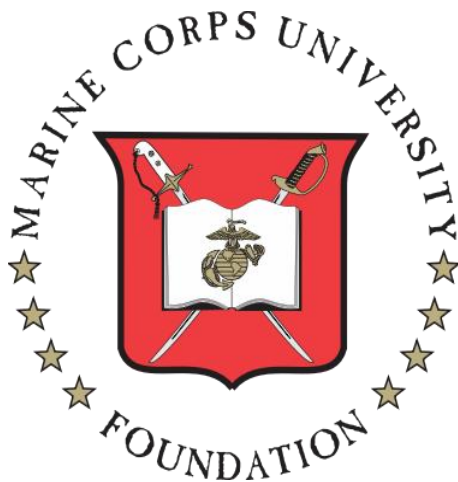
Marine Corps University

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presents

The General Graves B. Erskine Distinguished Lecture Series



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*“All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office -
Developing advanced capabilities to identify
and characterize Unidentified Anomalous
Phenomena (UAP)”*

Featuring

Dr. Jon T. Kosloski

**Director, All-domain
Anomaly Resolution Office
(AARO)**

Erskine Lecture Series

The Erskine Lecture Series was established at the Education Center, now known as the Marine Corps University, in February 1984, in honor of the late General Graves B. Erskine who, as one of the foremost proponents of education for servicemen, was instrumental in the development of modern Marine Corps professional military education.

General Erskine's military career is an integral part of the Corps' history. He fought at Belleau Wood and Saint-Mihiel, planned the seizure at Tarawa, accompanied assault forces at Saipan and Tinian, and commanded the 3d Marine Division during the battle of Iwo Jima. Between World Wars, he served in Haiti, Santa Domingo, Nicaragua and China as well as several Marine Corps Bases in the United States.

Affectionately known as the "Big E", General Erskine was an instructor at the Basic School and the Senior Course, which was later designated the Command and Staff College.

Even before the cessation of hostilities in the Pacific, General Erskine, as the Commanding General of the 3d Marine Division on Guam, organized an extensive educational system to assist his men in their proper reintegration into civilian life. So effective was this program that President Truman, with a special act of Congress, appointed General Erskine as director of the Retraining and Reemployment Administration.

He remained in that post for two years establishing, among other organization, the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. Returning to active duty, General Erskine commanded the 1st Marine Division and Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic prior to another special act of Congress in 1953 which authorized his retirement, advancement to four star rank, and appointment as Assistant to the Secretary of Defense and as the Director of Special Operations. He retired from this post in 1961 and was employed in private industry until his death in 1973.

The purpose of this lecture series, sponsored by the Marine Corps University Foundation, is to broaden the perspective of students assigned to the Marine Corps University at Quantico in the social, political and cultural dimensions of this nation and the world. Distinguished representatives from government, education, journalism and other major fields are featured guests.



Dr. Jon T. Kosloski

*Director,
All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office*



Dr. Jon T. Kosloski serves as the Director of the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO). Prior to that, Dr. Kosloski held technical and leadership positions within the Research Directorate of the National Security Agency (NSA). In that capacity, he led advanced mission-oriented research in the fields of networking and computing, and served as a subject matter expert in the area of Free Space Optics, advising various DoD agencies. In addition to his optics research and cryptomathematics, Dr. Kosloski invented an advanced language-agnostic search engine and served at the DoD Special Communications Enterprise Office.

Dr. Kosloski received Bachelor's degrees in Mathematics and Physics from California State University, San Bernardino, and a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Johns Hopkins University. The focus of his Doctoral research was the invention of novel devices that leverage principles from quantum optics to receive very weak phase-encoded signals. After completing the theoretical analysis of two new optical receiver designs, Dr. Kosloski worked with scientists from the National Institute of Standards and Technology to demonstrate the abilities of his designs to achieve record sensitivities. Dr. Kosloski is also a graduate from NSA's Cryptanalysis Development Program.

Brigadier General Matthew Tracy

*Commanding General, Education Command
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.



Marine Corps University History

Marine Corps University (MCU) was founded on 1 August 1989 by order of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Alfred M. Gray, Jr. Its schools claim a much longer history, beginning in 1891 with 29 company grade officers attending the School of Application. Today's MCU is the legacy of visionary leaders of the Marine Corps: Generals John A. Lejeune, Smedley D. Butler, James C. Breckinridge, and Alfred M. Gray, Jr. The understanding of the demands of military leadership provided the drive that culminated in the establishment of Marine Corps University.

Since the founding of the School of Application in 1891 -- the first resident school for Marine Corps officers -- MCU has evolved and expanded to meet the emerging needs of a mobile, warfighting force. By 1921, the framework for what General John Lejeune termed the "Marine Corps Schools" was established through the creation of the Field Officers Course and the Company Grade Officers course. The commitment to amphibious warfare provided the impetus behind the development of Marine Corps science, eventually leading to the establishment of the Amphibious Warfare School. The Senior Course developed into what is now Command and Staff College, and the Junior Course became the Amphibious Warfare School, now called Expeditionary Warfare School.

The establishment of the Marine Corps War College, an academy for senior-level strategic skill development, and the emergence of the School of Advanced Warfighting, which specializes in developing superior operational planning experts, completed the University's complement of schools for Officer Professional Military Education. The system of Enlisted Professional Military Education established through the Staff Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Academies and continuing education of senior NCOs was included in the mandate of MCU from its inception.

While preserving the legacy of this great tradition, MCU maintains the highest level of academic excellence as proven by Joint Professional Military Education and regional accreditation by the Joint Staff and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, respectively.

The Marine Corps is poised on the foundation of our history, moving with confidence into a new era. MCU seeks engagement with those who share our vision... of creating visionary leaders who are capable of shaping the world through the power of dynamic leadership and bold ideas.

The Marine Corps University Foundation

Incorporated in June 1980, the Command and Staff College Foundation was established to enhance the Professional Military Education and Leadership of students at the Command and Staff College when government funding was not available. On November 10, 1996, to better reflect the Foundation's mission, the name was changed to the ***Marine Corps University Foundation***.

Currently, the Foundation supports all of the schools that comprise the Marine Corps University. Within the University, over 80,000 students (including 100 sister service members, Department of Defense civilians, and international students) benefit from Foundation sponsored educational programs each year. In 1999, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) granted the University accredited status. The Marine Corps University now has master's degree-granting authority for students attending the Command and Staff College, the School of Advanced Warfighting, and the Marine Corps War College.

As the Corps looks to the future, the Commandant has emphasized that Professional Military Education is an essential element of follow-on training for all Marines and has placed the challenge to meet the Corps' educational and leadership needs squarely on the Marine Corps University. In establishing these new horizons, the Commandant has underscored and broadened the Foundation's purpose and opened the door to even greater opportunities for the Foundation to continue its mission.

The ***Marine Corps University Foundation*** is proud to support Professional Military Education and leadership programs that ensure our Marines are prepared to operate and win the Nation's battles in the complex world of the 21st Century.



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*“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 people are and to give
them opportunities accordingly.”*

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



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