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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.”*

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*3 June 2020*

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## PROGRAM

*The Washington Post March*

*Attention*

**Entrance of Official Party**

**Invocation**

Lieutenant Commander Cristiano S. DeDousa, USN

**Posting of Colors**

*The National Anthem*

**Retirement of Colors**

*Honors*

**Introduction of the Guest of Honor**

Brigadier General Jay M. Bargeron, USMC  
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**Remarks by the Guest of Honor**

Lieutenant General Eric M. Smith, USMC  
Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat  
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**Conferring of Degrees**

**Presentation Awards and Diplomas**

Marine Corps War College  
School of Advanced Warfighting  
Command and Staff College  
College of Distance Education and Training

*Service Hymns*

**Departure of Official Party**

## COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

University programs participating in today's ceremony:

### **Marine Corps War College**

MCWAR provides a ten-month resident program to educate selected senior officers and civilians for decision-making across the range of military operations in a joint, interagency, and multinational environment. Graduates are prepared to assume senior leadership positions of increasing complexity through the study of national military strategy, theater strategy and plans, and military support to those strategies within the context of national security policies, decision-making, objectives, and resources. Graduates who meet admission requirements earn the University's Master of Strategic Studies degree.

### **School of Advanced Warfighting**

SAW provides an eleven-month course designed to amplify and complement the curriculum provided at the Command and Staff College. This follow-on course for select intermediate level school graduates focuses on developing decision-making skills and complex problem-solving abilities at the operational level. Graduates are certified as Marine Air-Ground Task Force Planners and earn the University's Master of Operational Studies degree.

### **Command and Staff College**

CSC provides a ten-month course that educates and trains joint, multinational, and interagency professionals in order to produce skilled warfighting leaders able to overcome diverse 21<sup>st</sup> century security challenges. Those students who apply and meet the requirements for the optional degree program also earn the University's Master of Military Studies degree.

### **College of Distance Education and Training**

CDET provides a worldwide Marine Corps network that supports the professional growth of students through Distance Education with an emphasis on warfighting, leadership, and battle-staff employment, in both joint and multinational environments, at the tactical, operational and strategic levels of warfare. Participating students in today's ceremony are graduates of the Command and Staff College Distance Education Program.

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## MCU 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. 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.

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**Eric M. Smith**  
*Lieutenant General, USMC*  
*Commanding General, Marine Corps*  
*Combat*  
*Development Command*  
*Deputy Commandant, Combat*

Lieutenant General Smith is from Plano, Texas and entered the Marine Corps in 1987 through the NROTC program at Texas A&M University. After completing The Basic School and Infantry Officer's Course, he was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines; participating in Operations Desert Shield / Desert Storm. Following a tour as an Officer Selection Officer, he attended the Amphibious Warfare School and then reported to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines for duty as Commanding Officer of Weapons and Echo Companies. During this tour he participated in Operation Assured Response in Monrovia, Liberia.

After a tour as a Marine Officer Instructor at Texas A&M University, he attended the United States Army Command and General Staff Course. His next assignment was as the Naval Section Chief at the U.S. Military Group in Caracas, Venezuela from 2001-2003.

From 2003 until 2006, he served in the 1st Marine Division as the Division Current Operations Officer; Executive Officer of Regimental Combat Team 1; Commanding Officer of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines; and Assistant Chief of Staff G3. During this period he completed two deployments to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Subsequent assignments were as a student at the Marine Corps War College, Senior Aide to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Director of the Fires and Maneuver Integration Division at the Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

From 2009 until 2012 he served in the 2nd Marine Division as the Assistant Chief of Staff G3 and Commanding Officer of 8th Marine Regiment; completing a one-year deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

In June of 2012 he reported for duty as the Director of Capability Development Directorate, and in May of 2013 he was assigned as the Senior Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

From July through November of 2015 he commanded Marine Corps Forces Southern Command in Miami, Florida, and was then transferred to the Pentagon to serve as the Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense.

From February 2017 until June 2017, he served as the Assistant Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies and Operations. From June 2017 until July 2018, he served as the Commanding General, 1st Marine Division. From August 2018 until June 2019, Lieutenant General Smith served as the Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

On 13 June 2019, Lieutenant General Smith assumed responsibility as the Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, and the Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

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*Jay M. Bargeron*  
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*President, Marine Corps University*



Brigadier General Bargeron enlisted in the Navy in 1984 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1989 after graduating from the University of Florida.

His command tours include platoon and company level commands in 2d and 8th Marine Regiments, Commanding Officer of 2d Battalion, 8th Marines, Commanding Officer, 7th Marine Regiment, and Commanding Officer, Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force—Crisis Response—Central Command.

Brigadier General Bargeron's operational deployments include Operations DESERT SHIELD/STORM, Haitian Migrant Relief Operations in Guantanamo Bay Cuba, Operation NEW HORIZONS in Port Au Prince, Haiti, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, and Operation INHERENT RESOLVE.

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- \*◇ Maj Shawn P. Connor, USMC
- \*◇ Maj Justin M. Coons, USMC
- Maj Mychal A. Creeden, USMC
- ◇ Maj Kyleigh M. Cullen, USMC
- ◇ Maj Shawn D. Daley, USAF
- Maj Claude T.D. Dallas Sr., USAF
- ◇ LCDR Anthony R. DeJoy, USN
- Maj Ernesto Dominguez-Tenorio, Colombian Marines
- \*◇ *Maj Randy F. Donaldson, USMC*
- Maj Thomas M. Driskell, USMC
- \*◇ *MAJ Sean W. Dugan, USA*
- ◇ Maj David S. Elliott Sr., USMC
- \*◇ Maj Spencer M. Everingham, USMC
- ◇ Maj George P. Fenton II, USMC
- ◇ MAJ Angel E. Figueroa, USA
- Maj John Florea, USMC
- ◇ Maj Peter C. Foster, USMC
- Maj Charmel. C. Fouda Ngobo, Cameroon Navy
- ◇ MAJ Austin L. Franklin, USA
- \*◇ Maj Justin A. Frickie, USMC
- ◇ LCDR Kelly A. Fulks, USN
- ◇ Maj Vanessa Galvan, USAF
- ◇ Maj Todd J. Gaston, USMC
- ◇ Maj Sherley K. Genna, USMC
- Maj Iegor Gladkov, Armed Forces of Ukraine
- ◇ Maj Michael S. Griner, USMC
- ◇ Maj Andrea N. Gulliksen, USMC
- \*◇ *Maj Jason E. Gwinn, USMC*
- \*◇ *Maj Richard W. Hanberg, USAF*
- ◇ CPT Charles L. Harris, USA
- CPT Sarah M. Hernandez, USA
- \*◇ **Maj Joshua E. Higgins, Australian Army**
- \*◇ *Maj Jared D. Himes, USMC*
- Maj Clayton S. Holland, USMC
- ◇ Mr. William R. Holloway, MCIA
- ◇ Mr. Russell H. Hoole, MCIA

## GRADUATES

The resident class of 2020 consists of 268 students including 140 Marine officers, 28 Army officers, 12 Navy officers, 25 Air Force officers, 2 Coast Guard officers, 25 civilians from various US Government Agencies and 36 foreign military officers from 27 countries.

### Marine Corps War College

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| ◇ LtCol Darryl G. Ayers, USMC           | ◇ LtCol Michael S. Keane, USMC                           |
| ◇ Ms. Kara S. Barnes, U.S. DoS          | ◇ COL Sean P. Kelly, USA                                 |
| ◇ LtCol Russell A. Belt II, USMC        | ◇ Lt Col Branin W. Klausman, USAF                        |
| ◇ COL Kirk E. Brinker, USA              | ◇ Ms. Rebecca L. Landis, U.S. DoS                        |
| ◇ Lt Col Ahave E. Brown Jr., USAF       | ◇ LtCol Aaron C. Lloyd, USMC                             |
| ◇ LtCol Garth W. Burnett, USMC          | ◇ LtCol John M. Nash VII, USMC                           |
| ◇ LtCol Jade Campbell, USMC             | ◇ LtCol Misty J. Posey, USMC                             |
| ◇ LtCol Michael A. Cap, USMCR           | ◇ Lt Col William R. Ryerson, USAF                        |
| ◇ Mr. Demetrius L. Craig, USSS          | ◇ LtCol Mark T. Schnakenberg, USMC                       |
| ◇ Mr. Joseph F. Garbato, FBI            | ◇ CAPT Adria R. Schneek, USN                             |
| ◇ LtCol Daniel J. Gaskell, USMC         | ◇ LTCOL Jonathan K. Shaffner, USA                        |
| ◇ COL Sebastien Gay, French Gendarmerie | ◇ COL Christopher L. Tomlinson, USA                      |
| ◇ LtCol David J. Gustafson, USMC        | ◇ CAPT Luis Felipe Valentini Da Silva,<br>Brazilian Navy |
| ◇ Lt Col Dory L. Hasson, USAF           | ◇ CDR David B. Vicks, USCG                               |
| ◇ Mr. Kevin D. Heaton, DIA              |  |
| ◇ Col Kojiro Ika, JGSDF                 |  |

\* Distinguished Graduates

◇ Master of Strategic Studies

### School of Advanced Warfighting

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| ◇ LtCol Peter E. Ankney, USMC           | ◇ LtCol Nathaniel T. Lauterbach, USMC      |
| ◇ LtCol Stephen J. Boada, USMC          | ◇ Maj Matthew L. Lisa, USAF                |
| ◇ Maj Christopher J. Buscemi, USMC      | ◇ Maj Charles E. Miller II, USMC           |
| ◇ Maj Katharine E. Carlson, USMC        | ◇ Maj Kirby W. Mills, USMC                 |
| ◇ Maj Samuel Colclough, Australian Army | ◇ Maj Sarah Murphy, USMC                   |
| ◇ Maj Jody L. Cooley, USMC              | ◇ Maj Travis C. Onischuk, USMC             |
| ◇ Maj Joshua K. Dove, USAF              | ◇ LtCol Joern Qviller, Norwegian Army      |
| ◇ Maj Geoffrey S. Englund, USMC         | ◇ MAJ Gordon T. Richmond, USA              |
| ◇ Maj Russell L. Fluker, USMC           | ◇ Maj Timothy F. Riemann, USMC             |
| ◇ Maj Jacob O. Gray, USMC               | ◇ LtCol Rosario M. Simonetti, Italian Army |
| ◇ Maj Travis L. Hord, USMC              | ◇ Maj Robert A. Spodarek, USMC             |
| ◇ LtCol Zachary M. Knight, USMC         | ◇ MAJ Bradley J. Young, USA                |
| ◇ Maj Nathan K. Knowles, USMC           |  |
| ◇ LtCol Christopher E. Larson, USMC     |  |

SAW does not select distinguished graduates

◇ Master of Operational Studies

## STUDENT AWARDS

### The **MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION & FOUNDATION**

Sponsors the *Colonel Bevan G. Cass Awards*, presented in honor of Colonel Bevan G. Cass, United States Marine Corps, 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.

*First Place: Maj Hannah M. Paxton, USMC*

“Stepping Smartly: The Role of Healthy Feet in the Prevention of Musculoskeletal Injuries”

*Second Place: Kelly P. Reaves, NGIA*

“Modernity in Antiquity: The Asymmetry of the Campaign of Syracuse (213-212 BCE)”

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 that academic year.

*Recipient: Rebecca Landis, US Department of State*

“Domestic, International, and Regional Changes: Now is the Time to Pivot on Cuba”

Sponsors the *Krulak Center Award for Creativity*, presented to the student that best embodies the spirit and creativity of LtGen Brute Krulak. This student continually challenged instructors as well as their fellow students with their ‘outside the box’ thinking and consistently presented novel, imaginative, and unique contributions to class discussions, planning exercises, and writing assignments.

*MCWAR Recipient: LtCol Dory Hassen, USAF*

*SAW Recipient: Maj Timothy Riemann, USMC*

*CSC Recipient: Maj Joshua Higgins, Australian Army*

*EWS Recipient: Capt Alexander Irion, USMC*

# STUDENT AWARDS

## 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: Maj Joshua E. Higgins, Australian Army*  
“ACHTUNG – BOXER! How to Employ Cavalry in the Mid-Twenty-First Century”

## 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: Maj Travis Onischuk, USMC*  
*2nd Place: Maj Robert Spodarek, USMC*

## 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: COL Christopher Tomlinson, USA*  
"Multi-Domain Intelligence: The Foundations for Successful Joint Operations"

*SAW Recipient: Maj Joshua Dove, USAF*  
“Stand-Off or Stand-In: Evaluating Air Force Distributed Basing of Fighter Aircraft through Unclassified War Games”

## THE AMERICAN, BRITISH, CANADIAN, AUSTRALIAN, AND NEW ZEALAND ARMIES PROGRAM (ABCAZ)

sponsors the *ABCAZ Staff College Award*, presented to the CSC or SAW student for the best paper on coalition operability.

*MCWAR Recipient: Col Luis Felipe Valentini da Silva, Brazilian Marine Corps*  
"The Russian Gray Menace"

*Saw Recipient: Maj Samuel Colclough, Australian Army*  
“Attrition-Interception: The Case for a US-India Maritime Strategy to Balance Against China.

## STUDENT AWARDS

Capt Olivia A. Garard, USMC  
MSgt Matthew L. Higgins, USMC  
Capt Katherine R. Jackson, USMC  
CPT Charles J. Koch, USA  
Maj Daniel T. Kovatch, USMC  
LtCol Matthew D. Lundgren, USMC  
MSgt Conor M. Mahoney, USMC  
Capt Lukhma McBride, USMC  
Capt Chadd S. Montgomery, USMC  
Maj Gary J. Sampson, USMC  
Maj Shawna Sinnott, USMC  
Capt William N. Springer, USMC  
Maj Sara L. Wood, USMC  
Maj Adam Yang, USMC

### Krulak Scholars

Inspired by the challenges laid out in the 38<sup>th</sup> Commandant of the Marine Corps' Planning Guidance (CPG), the Krulak Scholars will study the history of war, the changing character of war, and the expected capabilities and capacities of adversaries in order to develop recommendations for organization of the Marine Corps and Joint Force.

LtCol Darryl G. Ayers, USMC  
LtCol Russell A. Belt II, USMC  
Maj Evan F. Bradley, USMC  
LtCol Michael A. Cap, USMC  
Capt Katherine R. Jackson, USMC  
Lt Col Branin W. Klausman, USAF  
Capt James D. Kokjohn, USMC  
LtCol Aaron C. Lloyd, USMC

*CSC Recipient: Maj D.G.C. Wylie DSD, New Zealand Army*  
"A Karakia for the Pacific:  
The Threat from China and New Zealand's Strategic Response"

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 (CSC): Mr. William R. Holloway, MCIA*  
"George Meade: Geospatial Intelligence Provides Decisive Advantage on the Battlefield"

The **ARMED FORCES COMMUNICATION AND**  
**ELECTRONICS ASSOCIATION**  
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 Charlie S. Bahk, USMC*  
"Traversing the Invisible: How to Prepare the Ground Combat Element for Maneuver Warfare in the Electromagnetic Spectrum"

The **FOREIGN AREA OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (FAOA)**  
sponsors the *FAOA Award for International Affairs*, presented to a MCWAR and CSC student for the best papers demonstrating academic research, strategic-thought and professional writing skills on international affairs and related intelligence issues.

*MCWAR Recipient: LtCol Mark Schnakenberg, USMC*  
"China-Russia Relations: A Sustainable Strategic Partnership"

*CSC Recipient: Ms. Rebecca Danis Webb,*  
"Sacred and Strategic:  
The Russian Orthodox Church as a Conduit of Soft Power"

*2nd Place: MAJ Angel E. Figueroa, USA*  
"BREXIT and the End of the United Kingdom's Nuclear Deterrence "

## STUDENT AWARDS

**COLONEL MARVIN A. WESTPHAL, USMC (RET), AND  
THE LATE COLONEL WILLIAM G. PRICE, USMC (RET),  
PRESIDENT OF THE COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE  
CLASS OF 1976**

sponsor the *Brigadier A. W. Hammett Award* in honor of the class and in memory of their classmate, the late Brigadier Anthony W. Hammett, Australian Medal, Royal Australian Regiment, and presented to the CSC foreign student for the most outstanding paper on a subject of value to that student's country.

*Recipient: CDR Leandro Marinho Moreira, Brazilian Navy*  
"Road to Venezuelan Crisis: A Systemic Analysis from Clausewitz's Trinity Perspective"

**THE NATIONAL NAVAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION**  
sponsors the *Women, Peace, and Security Writing Award*, presented to the student who best demonstrates 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.

*Recipient: Sgt Dakota Kotuna, USMC*  
"Gender-Mainstreaming: Changing Perceptions of Female Engagement in Terror Analysis"

**The MARINE CORPS UNIVERSITY**  
sponsors the **SPARTAN SHIELD Award**, presented to the team of students who dominate wargaming through joint planning. Teams from across Marine Corps University fight each other in a 2025 scenario set in Eastern Europe.

*Recipients:*  
**Maj Justin Roberts, USAF**  
**Maj Kevin Schuler, USMC**  
**Maj Collin Bell, USMC**  
**Maj Elliot Arrington, USMC**

## STUDENT AWARDS

**The MARINE CORPS UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION**  
Sponsors the Krulak Center essay contests associated with major events throughout the academic calendar.

Training and Education  
1st: Maj Stephanie Mafrici, USMC  
2nd: Maj Eric Hovey, USMC  
3rd: SSgt Beau Curtis, USMC  
Honorable Mention: Maj Brian Kerg, USMC

sponsors the **Dr. Elihu Rose Award for Teaching Excellence** is sponsored through an endowment from the family of Dr. Elihu Rose, a founding member and a former trustee of MCFU, in 1994 in honor of his 60th birthday, to recognize outstanding MCFU faculty. Three awards are bestowed each academic year - one each to a civilian, officer and enlisted faculty member.

*Recipient: Enlisted Faculty:*  
**GySgt Michael A. Gallucci, USMC, SMCOA, Quantico, VA**

*Recipient: Officer Faculty:*  
**Maj Daniel J O'Connell, Expeditionary Warfare School**

*Recipient: Civilian Faculty:*  
**Dr. Lauren Mackenzie, Center for Advanced Operational Culture Learning**

### The Krulak Center

sponsors two new scholar programs that started this year

### Barrow Scholars

The intent of the General Robert H. Barrow Fellowship is to increase the collective understanding of China's role in world affairs as it relates to strategic competition with the United States. Given the recent national return to great power competition, it will be increasingly necessary for US military service members to holistically understand our competitors beyond a single military dimension. This fellowship aims to expose members to academics, the media, and other professionals within the National Capital Region who have unique insight and expertise on US strategic competitors.

**Mr. Christopher D. Booth, Dept of State**  
**Maj Denise Chiu, USN**  
**Maj Jared Cooper, USMC**  
**Maj Austin M. Duncan, USMC**