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CHAIR OF UNDERSEA WARFARE

The USW Chair Professor is involved in the review of USW curriculum to assure appropriate content relative to undersea and antisubmarine warfare principles and technology applications. The Chair provides liaison with Navy laboratories, acquisition programs managers, program sponsors, and operational commands to identify prioritized needs for research topics in the USW area. Concurrently assigned as the Director of the Undersea Warfare Center, the Chair is responsible for USW research planning and program execution. The inaugural incumbent of the Chair, VADM Roger F. Bacon, USN (Ret.) reported to NPS in July 2003.

VADM Bacon graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Naval Academy in 1959, and holds a master's degree in Computer Science from NPS. He also attended the National Defense University Flag and General Officer CAPSTONE course and the Harvard University National and International Security course. He serves on the Advisory Board of the Applied Physics Laboratory at the University of Washington.

VADM Bacon served thirty-four years of active U. S. Navy duty that culminated in the assignment as Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for Undersea Warfare, the head of our nation's submarine force. He was responsible for 64,000 Navy personnel, a \$14 billion annual budget, and U.S. submarine force strategy and policy. He managed submarine construction, maintenance, training, and operational readiness for 140 nuclear-powered submarines and ships and their base infrastructure.

VADM Bacon's career included progressive commands. He commanded two nuclear powered submarines in the Pacific, a submarine tender in Guam, a submarine squadron in Pearl Harbor, HI, a U.S. and NATO group of submarines in the Mediterranean, and a carrier battle group. He served as Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and Commander Submarines Allied Command Atlantic, a force of 106 ships with 82 submarines, from 1988 to 1990.

After retiring from active duty in 1993, he served as Vice President of the Pacific Northwest office for Sonalysts, Inc. In 1995, he became Vice President and manager of Tank Waste Remediation Systems in Richland, Washington. He was responsible for ensuring the safe storage and remediation of radioactive and chemical wastes, and resolving safety issues. He was the President and Manager of Safe Sites of Colorado from 1996 to 1999. His company was responsible for nuclear operations, material stabilization, cleanup and closure of the Department of Energy's Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site in Colorado.

In 1992, VADM Bacon was decorated with the French Legion of Honor. He was also the recipient of the nation's highest peacetime decoration, the Distinguished Service Medal, in 1988, 1990, and 1993. He and his beloved wife, Joan, of 41 years, (deceased, January 2001), have two grown children and five grandchildren. His father, the late Rear Admiral Barton E. Bacon, USN (Ret.), commanded the submarine, USS Pickerel in the Pacific during WWII. His younger brother, Commander Daniel K. Bacon, USN (Ret.), commanded USS Haddock, and his twin brother, Captain Barton E. Bacon USN (Ret.), commanded USS Trout and USS Cleveland during the Cold War.