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### LCDR STEPHEN A. TISDALE

LCDR Stephen A. Tisdale graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1989 with two masters degrees: an M.S. in operations research and an M.S. in space systems operations. His outstanding and influential thesis, *“Assessing Optimal Utilization of Potential Anti-Satellite Architectures,”* won the MORS prize, and he also won the prize for top all-around student in the space systems operations curriculum. Steve had unbounded intellectual curiosity, an unflagging desire to solve existing problems and to formulate new ones, and a complete lack of concern for grades. The MORS prize was renamed in honor of this outstanding officer-scholar after his tragic death in the collision of two P-3 Orions conducting a submarine tracking exercise at low altitude off the California coast on 21 March 1991.

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## **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

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## **FINALISTS**

**MAJOR PETER B. BAUMGARTEN, USMC**

*“Optimization of United States Marine Corps  
Officer Career Path Selection”*

Advisor: Siriphong Lawphongpanich

Second Reader: Research Assistant Professor Alexandra Newman

**MAJOR ROBERT M. LIEBE, USMC**

*“Planning Flight Training for the Transition  
to the MV22 Osprey”*

Advisor: Professor Gerald G. Brown

Second Reader: Associate Professor Robert F. Dell

**MAJOR RONALD F. A. WOODAMAN, USMC**

*“Autonomous Adaptive Agent-Based Small Unit Combat Model  
for Military Operations other than War”*

Advisor: Assistant Professor Arnold H. Buss

Second Reader: Professor Gordon H. Bradley

# OPERATIONS RESEARCH AT THE NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

## Modeling, Simulation, and Analysis

Operations research is the development and application of mathematical models, statistical analyses, simulations, analytical reasoning and common sense to the understanding and improvement of real-world operations. Improvement can be measured by the minimization of cost, maximization of efficiency, or optimization of other relevant measures of effectiveness. Operations researchers are called upon frequently to advise military and civilian decision makers on the allocation of scarce resources, the selection of new equipment and processes, and the optimal deployment of given resources to achieve required missions.

The Naval Postgraduate School's Operations Research Department offers M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. It is one of the oldest, largest, and highest ranking OR departments in the US. It is without peer in terms of the extent to which graduate education is integrated with a commitment to solving real military problems. Operations research is suggested as a discipline of study for those students who enjoy using mathematical ideas and computers to penetrate deeply into the analysis of important real-world problems. *Analysis* is a key word; NPS operations researchers use modeling, simulation and computing to influence decisions, and to serve as an agent for change.

Faculty and students of the Operations Research Department frequently perform research for the Department of Defense as part of the educational program and under formal research agreements. The MORS/Tisdale Thesis Award Presentation is but one of the many research-oriented activities conducted in the NPS OR Department. The department's home page on the World Wide Web provides up-to-date information on research products and seminars.

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