From a personalized message from the International Space Station to the final triumphant flourish of John Philip Sousa’s “Stars and Stripes Forever” conducted by the composer’s great granddaughter, the Naval Postgraduate School celebrated the week that was, of the year that was, of the Century that was in its Centennial Finale, May 27-31.

As the Del Monte Brass band played “Anchors Away,” the close of the university’s first 100 years kicked off with a welcome by Centennial spokesperson and NPS National Reconnaissance Office Chair Dan Bursch in King Auditorium, May 27. “Of all my accomplishments in 26 years of service as a naval flight officer and astronaut, one of my proudest achievements is earning my graduate degree [Engineering Science, 1991] from the Naval Postgraduate School,” Bursch told the packed audience of students, faculty and staff before introducing President Dan Oliver for the State of the School address, “A Year of Tradition, Celebration and Discovery.”

“Thank you for joining us on this remarkable weekend as we bring to a close our Centennial Celebration and embrace the beginning of our second century of providing unique, defense-relevant education and research,” Oliver opened. “One year ago we gathered in this very auditorium to launch a year-long commemoration, and it has been a truly remarkable year.”

“This Centennial year has given us a renewed sense of purpose,” Oliver said. “We held our first-ever Alumni reunion and are building an annual tradition of such events. We showcased some of our university’s greatest assets – our students – to leaders throughout the defense infrastructure in Washington, D.C. We held an Astronaut reunion, inviting our long list of space-travelling alumni back to campus, and hosted an educational event directly from the International Space Station to nearly 1,000 local 8th graders here in King Auditorium. We created a time capsule soon to be buried in the newly renovated Spruance Plaza that will offer future NPS generations a snapshot of what our institution is like today. And we placed a lasting memorial timeline stretching the length of Root Hall that will forever honor our history. “I congratulate you for being part of NPS during this remarkable time, and ask you to join me as we cross this auspicious threshold into our second century.” Oliver closed.

Bursch then introduced Director of Alumni Relations and Centennial Planning Kari Miglaw, who energized the audience with a “100 Years of NPS’ review of the year’s celebrations. “NPS approached the Centennial as more than just a big birthday party,” Miglaw said. “We took this as a golden opportunity to highlight our heritage as the nation’s leading graduate-level, research-based defense university. Throughout this centennial year, we set the stage to ensure NPS’ next century is even more productive than its first … One of you in this auditorium will be the next great leader and will be in the new NPS Bicentennial Hall of Fame. The next chapter of NPS history and the NPS legacy is now yours to write.”

Memorabilia from the first 100 years of that history will be buried in a Centennial Time Capsule in the center of the newly renovated Spruance Plaza in a dual dedication ceremony June 9, the actual 101st anniversary of the founding of NPS at Annapolis in 1909. The capsule, capped by a giant bronze Centennial seal emblazoned with the school’s informal peacock mascot, is intended to be opened by NPS students, faculty and staff 100 years in the future.

On May 28, campus officials celebrated the ground-breaking of NPS’ new Centennial Park next to Lake Del Monte, and NPS graduate (Aeronautical Engineering, 1995) and Astronaut Navy Capt. Alan “Dex” Poindexter regaled an audience in the Mechanical Engineering Auditorium with his experiences as commander of the recent STS-131 Space Shuttle mission to the International Space Station (ISS). Just seven weeks earlier, it was Poindexter who led the live downlink from the ISS to local grammar school students in King Auditorium. The day was capped by a Centennial wine and beer tasting and charitable auction in the evening under a grand tent on Herrmann Hall’s east lawn, hosted by the Alumni Relations Office and NPS Officer Students’ Spouses’ Club.

“Greetings from the International Space Station,” Col. T. J. Creamer, an Army aviator and Flight Engineer on ISS Expedition 23, said from a big screen in the Herrmann Hall lobby. “Although my path to the stars didn’t include the Naval Postgraduate School, I know that NPS was the path for 38 of my fellow Astronauts. I want to wish the Naval Postgraduate School congratulations on the accomplishments of your first 100 years. Enjoy the Centennial Finale Gala, and here’s to the bright future of NPS and space in the next 100 years!”

Photos in clockwise order: It was the place to be Thursday night! The Barbara McNitt ballroom returned to the elegant glory of its past as nearly 200 members of the NPS community danced the night away at the Centennial Finale Gala, raising their collective glasses in “Toasting the Next Century.”

The NPS Color Guard, in perfect unison, kicks off the 2010 edition of NPS’ popular annual Concert on the Lawn. The yearly tradition packed the grounds surrounding the front of Herrmann Hall while the Monterey Bay Symphony played a variety of patriotic music.

Following the State of the School address by President Dan Oliver, NPS officials braved a little wet weather while reviewing the Centennial Time Capsule in Spruance Plaza. Shown, from left to right, are Director of Alumni Relations and Centennial Planning Kari Miglaw, Oliver, Centennial Spokesman and NPS Chair Professor Dan Bursch, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Kerri McCann, Public Works Officer in Charge Matt McCann and NPS Base Director Pete Dauzen.

KSBW-TV Anchorman Dan Green gets into character as guest conductor for the Monterey Bay Symphony during this year’s Concert on the Lawn. NASA Astronaut Navy Capt. Alan Poindexter, NPS alumnus and Commander of the recent Space Shuttle Discovery mission, served as a guest of honor for the Centennial Finale, outlining his latest mission to the International Space Station to a packed house during his lecture in the ME Auditorium.
A Message From Dean ofSIGS James Wirtz

The School of International Gradu-
ate Studies (SIGS) focuses on building
security within our nation and abroad
through education, research and part-
nership building. We actively engage our
U.S. and international allies and partners
in educational and research initiatives
through the multitude of programs and
activities that encompass SIGS.
The National Security Affairs
(NSA) department and the Center for Home-
land Defense and Security (CHDS)
remain focused on one of our core mis-
ions – providing graduate education to
today’s U.S. and international military
and security leaders on the key issues
they face. The NSA focuses on regional
security studies and counterterrorism
while CHDS focuses on U.S. homeland
security.
SIGS also reaches out to our interna-
tional partners and allies via in-residence
short courses and mobile education teams.
The Center for Civil-Military Rela-
tions (CCMR), the International Defense
Acquisition and Resource Management
(IDARM), the Defense Resources
Management Institute (DRMI), and CHDS
will send teams of faculty to locations
around the world to provide education to
our U.S. and international partners along
with offering graduate-level courses here
in NPS. Most recently DRM1 solidified
a three-year relationship with the Iraqi
Ministry of Defense and Ministry of the
Interior by hosting 30 senior Iraqi officials
in Montery for a course on Defense Re-
sources Management.
The Leadership Development and Edu-
cation for Sustained Peace (LDESP) and
the Regional Security Education Program
(RSEP) also send teams of instructors
to train foreign military leaders and war-
fighters preparing for deployments and engaged in forward operations. Their
instructors provide cultural and intel-
llectual knowledge that will help our military members succeed when working in inter-
national environments.
SIGS also focuses on building
diplomatic relationships with our interna-
tional partners and helping those leaders
navigate the conflicts they face. The Joint For-
egign Area Officer Skill Sustainment Pilot
Program (JFSSPP) brings together our
military FAQs to refocus on the skills
and knowledge they need to succeed in
their diplomatic missions. The Center for
Stabilization and Reconstruction Stud-
ies (CSRS) links together diverse
groups of people, civilization, and military,
that are committed to rebuilding nations
through workshops focused on ending
violence and rebuilding communities and
economies.
All of these SIGS educational activi-
ties are directly supported by the research
done here at NPS. Within SIGS, the
Center on Contemporary Conflict
(CCC) and the Program for Conflict and
Counterterrorism Studies (CCS) specifically
focus on policy-relevant research within politi-
cal and social sciences, while anticipat-
ing the critical issues and problems that
tomorrow’s leaders will face. All of the
exceptional faculty across SIGS remain
committed to expanding their breadth of
knowledge through research initiatives,
collaboration, and academic pursuits.
I know this is a commitment that SIGS
shares with all of the schools at NPS.
In an increasingly global world, SIGS is
on the forefront of building the partner-
ships, the communities and the cultural
understanding necessary for our nation
and our allies to continue to flourish
for our leaders to make sound policy deci-
sions. SIGS educates the warfighter,
the peacekeeper and the officials that keep
our cities and towns safe – preparing
them for the challenges they will face
today and into the future.

Executive Vice President and Provost Leonardo Ferrari an-
nounced the following promotions on May 20, 2010:
Research Professor: Peter Guest, Meteorology, for his academic
research, atmospheric measurements and physics. Oleg Vida-
chenko, Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering, for his in-
novative research, classroom instruction and thesis advising
and his leadership as the Director of the Center for Aero-

nautical Deceleration and service to NPS and the larger technical
community. Promotion to Senior Lecturer: Greg Miller and
Mark Nissen of Systems Engineering, for recognition of their in-
struction, research, thesis advising and service.
Computer Specialist Joan Murray was honored by Capt.
Barbara Ford and the GSFBPP staff for her dedication, hard
work, and 25 years of Federal government service.

John Dillard presented his paper on “Evolutionary Acquisition and Risk: Spiral Development – We Hardly Know Ye’ at the 22nd Annual Systems and Software Technology Conference in Salt Lake City. The conference was hosted by the Software Technology Support Center at Hill Air Force Base, and featured speakers from academia, industry and government.

Mark Nissen and student Air Force Maj. Tara Laveling, published “Knowledge Sharing as a Contingency in the Design of Counterterrorism Organiza-

Regine Prie Tze Oh, Susan Sanchez, Thomas Lucasc, Hong Wan, and Mark Nissen published “Efficient Experimental Design Tools for Exploring Large Simulation Models” in Computational and Mathematical Organization The-

Wanted! Your Comments on the Latest WASC Report

By Joan Ackerman
The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Planning Group and Steering Committee, led by Drs. Doug Moses and Rob Dill, have been finalizing the Educational Effectiveness Review Report (EER), to advance the accredita-
tion team’s visit to NPS from October 26-28, 2010. The report is divided into three themes – Strategic Planning for the Next Centennial; Integrating a Campus-Wide Program of Continuous Improvement; and Supporting the Evolving Academic Enterprise.
Dr. Mary Lyons, President of the University of San Diego, will chair the visiting WASC team which also includes Drs. Linda Buckley, Associate Vice President of Academic Plan-
ning and Educational Effectiveness at San Francisco State University; Dr. Sharon La Voy, Director of Institutional Research and Planning at the University of Maryland, Dr. Earl Potter, President of St. Cloud University; and Dr. Ralph Wolff, President and Executive Director of WASC.
Theme one, Strategic Planning for the Next Centennial, defines planning that incorporates the opportunity for stake-
holder input at appropriate and frequent intervals, resource allocations linked to planning, and highlights the development of an updated strategic plan and communications structure.
Theme two, Integrating a Campus-Wide Program of Continuous Improvement, includes a more complete picture of effectiveness within an integrated framework for aligning resources that improve quality at the school, including a facult-
ity development program, enhancements to current assessment tools and the development of new assessment mechanisms. For Theme Three, Supporting the Evolving Academic Enter-
prise, the development and implementation of comprehensive service support assessment tools, benchmarking data, and the development and adoption of performance metrics and an external review process for the major administrative areas of NPS are addressed.
Changes to the budget process, including the implementa-
tion of the Kuali Financial Systems, have been highlighted to demonstrate effective governance practices and evidence-
based decision making at NPS, while interviews with key campus stakeholders clarify issues and formulate planning for additional administrative improvements. Documentation of committees such as the Business Practices Committee, Implementation Task Force, as well as the Organizational Structure Analysis conducted by LMI document the school’s progress in streamlining its business practices and processes.
Although the EER has already benefited from the author-
ship and review of others, the document will be available for campus-wide review from June 15 to 30, check the NPS In-
ternet site for the announcement of the report’s availability. You will find the EER on the WASC Web site at http://intranet.nps.
edu/WASC/. The final copy of the report is due to WASC on August 3, 2010.


HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Approximately 25,000 people were on hand at the Wash-
ington Navy Yard on June 12, 1927 to welcome pioneering
aviator Charles A. Lindbergh as he returned to the United
States after his trans-Atlantic flight in the Spirit of St. Louis.
Naval Postgraduate School alums Eugene E. Wilson
had been dispatched to Paris by the Bureau of Aeronau-
tics Officer to accompany Lindbergh for the voyage home
aboard the USS Memphis (CL-13). According to Wilson’s
papers in the Naval Academy’s Special Collections & Ar-
chives (see http://www.usna.edu/Library/SpecialCol-
lections/findaids/wilson.html), the two spent many
hours in conversation on that trip and established a lifelong
friendship.
Wilson resigned his commission in 1930 to become
president of Hamilton Standard Propeller Corporation.
He would later be president of Chance Vought Corpora-
tion, Sikorsky Aviation Corporation and United Aircraft
Corporation. He would also serve as president of the Air-
craft Industries Association of America and author several
books about aviation.

Aviator Charles Lindbergh prepares to depart the USS
Memphis after arriving at the Washington Navy Yard. Behind
him are the ship’s commanding officer, Capt.
Henry E.
Lackey, and NPS alumnus
Cmdr. Eugene E.
Wilson, representing the Bureau of Aeronautics. Photo
courtesy of Naval History and Heritage Command.

Historical Highlights are provided by the Dudley Knox Library.

June 8
Spring Quarter Awards Ceremony
King Auditorium
POC Sonya Solomon Ext. 2075

June 15-17
Naval Higher Education Information Technology Consortium
Chief Information Officers: Naval War College, U.S. Naval Academy
POC Rachel Sandberg Ext. 3275

June 17-18
Dr. Irwin Mark Jacobs
Co-founder, Chairman Emeritus, President/
CEO Qualcomm
Spring Quarter Graduation Speaker
POC Sonya Solomon Ext. 2075

June 18
Spring Quarter Graduation Ceremony
King Auditorium
POC Sonya Solomon Ext. 2075

June 21- July 2
Summer break

June 24
Dr. Clifford Stanley
Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness
POC Vickie Hoy Ext. 7748

June 28
New Student Reporting/Orientation
POC Sonya Solomon Ext. 2075