

Authors examine China's anti-piracy efforts

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Professor Andrew Erickson discussed his new book, *No Substitute for Experience: Chinese Antipiracy Operations in the Gulf of Aden*, on Feb. 27 at the Naval War College Museum's Eight Bells Lecture Series. Co-written with Austin Strange, the book is a look at the long-term implications of the Chinese move into operating in the "Far Oceans" environment.

Forced into the role because of pirate attacks on Chinese crews that pushed up insurance rates and endangered Chinese citizens, the Peoples' Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) has conducted 16 overseas deployments to protect their interests since 2008.

They have gained useful experience upon which to build, developing the skills and flexibility required from both a planning and



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Professor Andrew Erickson holds a copy of his new book, *No Substitute for Experience: Chinese Antipiracy Operations in the Gulf of Aden*, at the Naval War College Museum's Eight Bells Lecture Series last week.

an operational point of view.

Seen as a coming of age for the PLAN, they were able to test new technologies and build lines of communication for coordinating operations with civilian organizations and other bureaucratic entities.

As described in the study, Erickson points to the accomplishments attained and states that the Chinese quickly absorbed the many lessons with speed and resourcefulness while mastering the logistical skills that saw them needing to visit new ports for resupply and exchange.

All of this has contributed to a new confidence being gained by the PLAN. They have taken the lessons learned and used them to make procedural and operational improvements. Their successes have also led to heightened expectations.

Some of the changes brought up by Erickson were in the need for better

purification equipment, enhanced training in quasi-combat operations, and the need to re-think the design of ships to accommodate spaces for equipment maintenance.

Rather than approaching these deployments as a threat, Erickson believes the United States should welcome Chinese efforts in helping to secure the maritime commons. The increased presence could be a building block for understanding as the ships and sailors of various navies learn to work together on the maritime waterways of the world.

Proceed to Peshawar: The Story of a U.S. Navy Intelligence Mission on the Afghan Border, 1943, by George Hill will be the topic at the March 13 lecture.

It is a previously untold story of an intelligence mission involving two American

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Middendorf elected to R.I. Heritage Hall

PROVIDENCE – Former Ambassador and Navy Secretary J. William Middendorf II has been elected to the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame, Patrick T. Conley, Hall of Fame president, announced recently.

"We are delighted that Secretary Middendorf will take his rightful place among the outstanding citizens who have contributed so much to the state of Rhode Island. He will be inducted on April 26 in ceremonies at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet in Cranston," Conley said.

Middendorf, a resident of Little Compton, was nominated for entry into the Hall of Fame by Newport resident and member of the board of directors, Ken Dooley.

Middendorf was born in Baltimore, Md., and graduated from the College of the Holy Cross in 1945, after which he served in World War II as an engineering officer and navigator aboard LCS 53. He graduated from Harvard College and received his master's in business administration from the Stern School of Business, New York University, in 1954. He became an investment banker and founded Middendorf, Colgate and Co. with a seat on the New York Stock Exchange.

"Having learned how to make money," he writes in his memoir, "I wanted to learn how to make a difference.

He became actively

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Master-at-Arms 2nd Class James Bell, assigned to Naval Station Newport Police Department, familiarizes himself with one of the new handheld ID card scanners that will be used at the gates 1 and 17 beginning this weekend. Security will upload information during weekends and non-peak hours over the next several weeks before the new system becomes mandatory for daily access to NAVSTA. All hands should make time soon to stop at the gates and have their ID card data inputted. Story, more information on Page 5.



Familiar mustang visits LDO/CWO

Capt. Rick Valentine, former executive officer at Naval Station Newport, speaks about his mustang experience to the current LDO/CWO class at Officer Training Command Newport.

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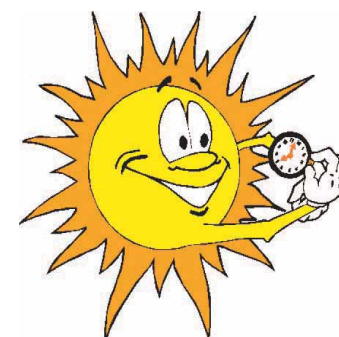


NWC students rethink strategy

Two hundred ten National Security and Decision Making (NSDM) students complete the 2014 course and pass the Final Exercise last Friday at the Naval War College.

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'Spring' forward this weekend



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday at 2 a.m. Don't forget to turn clocks ahead one hour before retiring Saturday night, March 8.