

# Secretary of the Navy Announces New President of the Naval Postgraduate School

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MONTEREY, Calif. (NNS) – Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer announced today that Vice Adm. (retired) Ann Elisabeth Rondeau will be the next president of the Naval Postgraduate School.

Spencer made the announcement during an all-hands call with NPS students and faculty where he praised Rondeau for her proven experience as an educator.

“Admiral Rondeau brings with her an unparalleled record of leadership and achievement as a university president, change agent, officer, and leader,” said Spencer. “At every level, she’s been a champion for students, teachers, and cutting-edge research and I am confident she is the right person to build on the great evolutionary work that’s been done so far and to take this institution, and the Naval enterprise it serves, to the next level.”

Rondeau served for 38 years and will be the 50th president in the history of the Naval Postgraduate School. Her most recent position is as the sixth president of the College of Dupage, the second largest school in the state of Illinois.

Rondeau is replacing outgoing president Vice Adm. (retired) Ronald Route, who was lead NPS since 2013.

“Admiral Route has been the much-needed steadying hand as NPS regained its position as a preeminent educational and research enterprise, said Spencer. “His leadership as an educator, businessman and officer will live on in the achievements of all of those students lucky enough to have benefited by his experience.”

Spencer closed his remarks by discussing the importance NPS.

“The amalgamation of top tier leadership, faculty, and students at NPS produces the foundation the Navy needs to foster professional education and relevant research for National security. Today’s research will lead to the capabilities of tomorrow. I am proud to have this premier institution within the Navy-Marine Corps team. And I’m excited about working to ensure that NPS continues to grow its reputation as an elite institution by attracting the best faculty, the best students, the best research opportunities and the best industry and academic partnerships.”

NPS provides relevant and unique advanced education and research programs to increase the combat effectiveness of commissioned officers to enhance the security of the United States.

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