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“A Path to the Navy Force Structure the Nation Needs”
Proceedings, February 2025



VADM THOMAS MOORE, USN (RET)

Tom Moore is the corporate vice president of customer affairs at Huntington Ingalls Industries where he is responsible for outreach to executive branch principals and the fleet for the Mission Technologies portfolio. He was named to the position in November 2021 and works in HII's Crystal City office. Prior to joining HII, Moore served 39 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring as a vice admiral.

During his last four years, he served as the commander of the Naval Sea Systems Command where he managed an 85,000 workforce and an annual budget of \$55 billion in the design, construction and life cycle management of the Navy's ships, submarines and combat systems.

Previously, Moore was the program executive officer for aircraft carriers, where he led the Navy's largest acquisition program in the design and construction of the Navy's Ford-class carriers. Moore is a 1981 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and earned master's degrees in information systems from The George Washington University and in nuclear engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Honorable Mention

“Get the People off the Boat: Unmanned is the Essence of Autonomy”
Proceedings, September 2025



DR JAMES WIRTZ

James J. Wirtz is a professor and former chair of the Department of National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in Monterey, California. He served as Dean of the School of International Graduate Studies and Director of the Global Center for Security Cooperation. Wirtz helped establish the Center for Homeland Defense and Security at NPS, which trains officials to respond to natural and deliberate threats. He was also a visiting professor at Stanford's Center for International Security and Cooperation.

A past president of the International Security and Arms Control Section of the American Political Science Association, Wirtz was honored as a Distinguished Scholar by the International Studies Association in 2016. He earned degrees in Political Science from Columbia University (MPhil, PhD) and the University of Delaware (MA, BA) and was a John M. Olin Pre-Doctoral Fellow at Harvard.

His publications include numerous books and articles on strategy, deterrence theory, and intelligence. His Oxford University Press textbooks—Strategy in the Contemporary World (7th ed.) and Intelligence: The Secret World of Spies (6th ed.)—have introduced thousands to international security and intelligence studies. He recently updated Colin Gray's War, Peace and International Relations (Routledge, 2024)