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SUBJ/ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027 NAVAL WAR COLLEGE FLEET SEMINAR PROGRAM//

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NARR/REF A IS NAVADMIN 017/26, ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027 WARFIGHTER EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (WEPS) PROGRAM AND NAVAL WAR COLLEGE FLEET SEMINAR FULL TIME PILOT OPPORTUNITY.  
REF B IS OSW MEMORANDUM, PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION TARGETED REDUCTIONS REVIEW AND PERSONNEL POLICY CHANGES.//

RMKS/1. This NAVADMIN announces the U.S. Naval War College (NWC) Fleet Seminar Program (FSP) which offers intermediate level Joint Professional Military Education (JPME-I) through a set of three courses: Strategy and War (S and W), Theater Security Decision Making (TSDM) and Joint Maritime Operations (JMO). Each course normally requires one academic year to complete, which runs from September through the following May. All three courses are not offered simultaneously at all locations. There is no tuition fee and course materials are provided on a loan basis at no cost to the students. Applicants must apply by 31 May 2026.

## 2. Background:

a. The NWC FSP will be offered in 15 regional locations in the United States for academic year 2026-2027. Planned locations and courses are:

- (1) Annapolis, MD (S and W, TSDM and JMO)
- (2) Bangor, WA (TSDM)
- (3) Dahlgren, VA (JMO)
- (4) Everett, WA (S and W)
- (5) Great Lakes, IL (TSDM)
- (6) Jacksonville, FL (TSDM and JMO)
- (7) Mayport, FL (S and W)
- (8) New Orleans, LA (JMO)
- (9) Newport, RI (S and W, TSDM and JMO)
- (10) Norfolk, VA (S and W, TSDM and JMO)
- (11) Patuxent River, MD (TSDM)
- (12) Pearl Harbor, HI (S and W, TSDM and JMO)
- (13) Pensacola, FL (Whiting Field) (S and W)
- (14) San Diego, CA (S and W, TSDM and JMO)
- (15) Washington, DC (S and W, TSDM and JMO)

b. Seminars meet once a week in the evening for 34 weeks. Completion of all three courses results in the award of a College of Naval Command and Staff

diploma, as well as credit for JPME-I. The FSP also provides a path to attain the NWC master's degree through the College of Distance Education (CDE) Graduate Degree Program (GDP). FSP students may apply for the GDP following successful completion of their first FSP course. The FSP at all locations is conducted in-step with each other, so students who transfer to or are assigned temporary additional duty at another location may attend class at the new location.

### 3. Criteria:

a. NWC accepts program applications from commissioned officers (active and reserve) and civilian employees of the federal government, subject to the following eligibility requirements:

(1) Members of the sea services (Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard) in the paygrade of O-3 or above, while officers from the other services must be in the paygrade of O-4 or above. Civilian employees of the federal government in the grade of GS-11 and above, or equivalent, are also eligible for enrollment.

(2) All applicants must have previously earned at least a baccalaureate degree.

b. Qualified individuals currently stationed in areas listed in paragraph two, or those who expect transfer to those sites prior to 1 September 2026 are encouraged to apply.

4. Application Process. Follow the enrollment procedures on the NWC College of Distance Education FSP website at <https://usnwc.edu/college-of-distance-education/Fleet-Seminar-Program>. The website contains the most current information; the application period will remain open until 31 May 2026.

5. The Naval War College Fleet Seminar - Full-Time pilot program builds upon the proven model of the Fleet Seminar Program announced in reference B for LT and senior URL and IWL officers. This program leads to a Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College via the Fleet Seminar Program and College of Distance Education. This pilot program provides officers time to attend the three required core JPME I courses (Strategy and War, Theater Security Decision Making, and Joint Maritime Operations) concurrently for 10 months as a full-time student. Upon completion of JPME I, the student officer will have up to an additional 8 months to complete the electives required to earn a master's in National Security Studies from the U.S. Naval War College's College of Distance Education per NWC program requirements. Elective coursework will be completed via NWC program requirements which includes in person and distance learning options. Officers assigned to Fleet Seminar - Full Time will be administratively assigned to the closest senior Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) or Navy Support unit. The JPME Phase I core courses will commence in early September 2026 and conclude in late May 2027. For more information regarding the NWC Fleet Seminar - Full-Time pilot program, please see reference A.

6. Applicants and selections for Fleet Seminar Full Time (FSFT) pilot opportunity will be determined by the appropriate communities per reference A. Contact your detailer for more information regarding FSFT.

7. Points of contact are Ms. Ruth Chapman who can be reached at (401) 856-5530 or via email at [fsp@usnwc.edu](mailto:fsp@usnwc.edu), Mr. Walter Stiles who can be reached

at walter.stiles(at)usnwc.edu, and Mr. Tom Alex who can be reached via email at thomas.alex(at)usnwc.edu.

8. Request widest dissemination of the above information. Regional coordinators at the sites listed in paragraph two are requested to pass this information to all Army, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard units and all reserve units located within safe-driving distance of a FSP site.

9. This message will remain in effect until superseded or 31 May 2026, whichever occurs first.

10. Released by VADM Y. M. Davids, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans, Strategy, and Warfighting Development (N3N5N7).//

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