Welcome to the United States Naval Academy and this dress parade by the Brigade of Midshipmen. Parades and military drill are part of the professional training program directed by the Commandant of Midshipmen. In addition to a world-class education, all midshipmen receive more than 2,000 hours of education and training in physical fitness, leadership, seamanship, navigation, and other elements of naval science.

Dress parades are also part of the color competition among the Brigade’s thirty companies. The winning company is selected after each semester based on parades and other professional activities, athletics, and extracurricular activities, and is honored during Commissioning Week.

The current color company is the Sixteenth Company, whose guidon is decorated with a blue border.

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Admiral John B. Nathman, USN (Ret.)

A native of San Antonio, Texas, Admiral Nathman graduated with distinction from the United States Naval Academy in 1970. Serving in a variety of sea, shore, and joint assignments, he flew over 40 different types of aircraft during his career.


Ashore, he served as Commander, Naval Air Forces; Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Requirements and Programs; the 33rd Vice Chief of Naval Operations; and most recently, he commanded U.S. Fleet Forces from 2005 until 2007.

Admiral Nathman continues to support the Navy in various roles, including serving as the Vice Chairman of the Naval Academy’s Board of Visitors.

His personal decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Combat V, and numerous individual, campaign, and unit awards.