In 2008, Maj Newell arrived at NPS. He had a passion for alternative power and how it could impact the Marine Corps.

Despite virtually no alternative power study opportunities available, Maj Newell paved his own way. He reached out to all services seeking advice and guidance. He created an internship opportunity for himself at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. He invited himself to the Commandant of the Marine Corps’ Energy Symposium. He vocalized his opinion at this symposium and became known as a Marine with a unique skill set in critical need by the Marine Corps, as the Commandant stood up the Expeditionary Energy Office (E2O).

He was by name requested to join the office upon graduation and has since become the E2O Technology Lead and deployed to Afghanistan as the Regional Command (Southwest) Expeditionary Energy Liaison Officer.

Some of the points Major Newell will address include:

- Encouraging Students to Follow Their Passion
- Share How He Made the Most of NPS
- Discuss USMC Expeditionary Energy