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Dr. J. Scott McPherson joined the Naval War College at NPS faculty in 2017 following 14 years as a Permanent Military Professor in the resident program at Newport. He earned his Pd.D. from Salve Regina University and retired from the U.S. Navy in 2016 at the rank of Captain. He is a recipient of the 2012 Admiral Thomas Weschler Award for Inspirational Teaching and a distinguished graduate of the Naval War College class of 2000, where he received the James V. Forrestal Award for Force Planning as a member of his NSA seminar. From 2000-2003, he served at the Pentagon in the Joint Chiefs of Staff's Directorate of Operations (J-3) as Executive Assistant to the Director for Information Operations and Chief of the Special Activities Division. While there, he was involved in the immediate response to 9/11 and planning of operations ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan and IRAQI FREEDOM. In 2003 he reported to Newport, where he served as a professor and Executive Assistant to the Chair of the Strategy and Policy Department, then as Director of the NSA Leadership Concepts course. His operational experience includes duty as a Naval Flight Officer in the E-2C Hawkeye during operation EARNEST WILL in 1987, transition to the A-6E Intruder and participation in operations SOUTHERN WATCH in Iraq and RESTORE HOPE in Somalia, and transition to the EA-6B Prowler, where he earned Air Wing Strike Lead while deployed to the PACOM and CENTCOM area of operations in USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72).