

National Government (G-229)

Introduction

National Government: *Background & Experience*



Commenced active duty with the **Pacific Submarine Force** in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii in 1963, and served aboard the **USS TANG (SS-563)** as Quartermaster SN (SS) (qualified in submarines), until appointment to the **U.S. Naval Academy**, Annapolis, Maryland in 1964. Graduated with the **Class of 1968**. Later attended and graduated from **Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) Training (Class 56)**. Following BUD/S joined **Underwater Demolition Team THIRTEEN (UDT 13)** and deployed to Vietnam as Officer-in-Charge of the forward-deployed detachment conducting river reconnaissance and combat demolitions operations based out of **Da Nang, Vietnam**. Subsequent assignments included two tours with **SEAL Team ONE** as a Platoon Commander, and later as Executive Officer; and a return to Vietnam as a **SEAL advisor** conducting maritime operations and clandestine actions ashore in enemy held areas. Upon return from Vietnam was reassigned to **Basic UDT/SEAL training (BUD/S)** as Senior Instructor for **SEAL Tactics, Weapons, Demolitions, and Land Warfare**. Other subsequent tours included: **Inshore Undersea Warfare Group ONE** as Executive and later **Commanding Officer**; **Naval Special Warfare Group ONE** as Operations Officer; and two Pentagon-Washington area tours with the **Strategy, Plans, and Policy Division (OP-60)** of the **Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Staff (OPNAV)**, and the **Chief of Naval Personnel** as **SEAL and Navy Diver program coordinator**. Following the Pentagon tour was assigned to **Naval Special Warfare Unit TWO** as **Commanding Officer** of all forward deployed **Navy SEALs** and **Special Boat Detachments** assigned for special operations contingencies throughout Europe. Just prior to completion of military service served as the **Chief of Staff** for the **Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC)**, at Fort Bragg, NC. Also served as JSOC's **Director of Exercise and Evaluation** prior to promotion to Chief of Staff. Other senior level major assignments included **Chief of Policy and Strategy** and **Deputy Director of Plans, Policy, and Doctrine (J5)** for the Commander and Chief of the **United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM)**. During the tour at USSOCOM earned a **Master's Degree in Political Science** from the **University of South Florida** and became a member of **PHI KAPPA PHI** and **PI SIGMA ALPHA** National Honor Societies. Am also a 1977 graduate of the **Naval War College**, a 1983 graduate of the **National War College of National Defense University**, Washington D.C., and have been designated a "proven sub-specialist" in **Political and Military Strategic Planning** by the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS).

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Syllabus Overview

- *National Government* is a semester long survey:
 - American Federal Government system
 - Introductory study of the *U.S. constitutional framework*
 - Role and context of American political process
 - Key individuals & groups
 - directly and indirectly influence US political process
- Second half of the study concentrates on the examination of:
 - *U.S. Government institutions*
 - Their role in formulating *US public policy*.