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Rondeau to be 13th National Defense University President

(Washington, DC) On Friday, July 10th, Vice Admiral Ann E. Rondeau, USN, will assume duties as the 13th President of the National Defense University from Lieutenant General Frances C. Wilson, USMC, in a ceremony presided over by Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen, USN.

Admiral Rondeau will be responsible for leading the premier center for joint professional military education in the United States. The university provides an educational and research environment to prepare future leaders of the armed services, State Department, other civilian agencies, and international friends and allies for high-level policy, command, and staff responsibilities. Admiral Rondeau served most recently as the Deputy Commander of the U.S. Transportation Command.

General Wilson will be retiring after more than 36 years of military service.

Since its founding in 1976, the university has grown organizationally and broadened its educational focus as a center for joint, multinational and interagency education.

NDU is comprised of the National War College; Industrial College of the Armed Forces; Joint Forces Staff College; Information Resources Management College; College of International Security Affairs; Institute for National Strategic Studies; Center for Technology and National Security Policy; Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction; Center for Joint Strategic Logistics Education; Institute for National Strategic Leadership and Ethics; and seven special programs including Capstone, Pinnacle, Keystone, Joint Reserve Affairs Center, International Student Management Office, Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellows Program, and the NATO Education Center.

Education, research, and outreach are the University's primary missions. With facilities located in Washington, D.C. and Norfolk, Va., more than 6,000 students study annually at the University, more than 1,000 students are in class on any given day, approximately 500 conferences and 20,000 visitors are hosted each year, and University faculty members conduct research and outreach in scores of countries around the world. NDU is an accredited graduate-level university, awarding more than 500 master's degrees annually.

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