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Rear Admiral Margaret "Peg" Klein '81, USN (Ret.).

A member of the second Naval Academy class with women, Rear Admiral Klein was a trailblazer for the entirety of her 36-year career on active duty. She excelled at every level, serving in the White House Military Office, as a legislative fellow for Senator Snowe, as a Squadron and Wing Commander and as an Expeditionary Strike Group and Task Force Commander. Notably, Rear Admiral Klein was selected as the 82nd Commandant of Midshipmen at USNA, the first woman to hold this position. In 2011, she became the Chief of Staff for U.S. Cyber Command, directly responsible for organizing requirements, resources, processes and budgets for this newly formed command. Her extraordinary leadership, analysis and persistence were pivotal in turning the concept of a cyber force into an operational reality.

Throughout her career, Rear Admiral Klein has lived the values instilled in her at the Naval Academy, in particular the "highest ideals of duty and honor." In response to ethical lapses at several levels within the Department of Defense in 2014, she stepped forward and answered Secretary Hagel's call to strengthen the department's ethical foundation, serving as the Secretary's Senior Advisor for Military Professionalism. Rear Admiral Klein worked directly with the Vice Chiefs and Service Under Secretaries to identify and share best practices in ethics, leadership development and values-based decision-making across all branches of service.

After retirement from active duty, she transitioned to the Naval War College and established its College of Leadership and Ethics. As Dean of this college, she positively impacts the ethical leadership of senior and flag-level Naval officers and civilians.

Rear Admiral Klein continues to give back to the Naval Academy and the Alumni Association and Foundation. She served as an Athletic and Scholarship Programs trustee. In her current role at the Naval War College, she maintains close ties with the Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership and works with Naval Academy staff to share leadership development programs.

Rear Admiral Klein spends most weeks traveling between her home in Davidsonville, MD, and the Naval War College in Newport, RI.