



**Naval Submarine League  
Pacific Southwest Chapter  
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**Our Zoom Program for February 9th, 2021 at 11:45am PST  
"Women at the Naval Academy and in Submarines"  
\*The Beginning, The Present and The Future\*  
Featuring a Panel of Three Naval Officers  
Among the First Women at the Naval Academy and on Submarines**



**In our first panel discussion since the Rickover Roundup and CO's Roundtable, we are going to meet three outstanding Naval Officers. One was among the first women to attend the Naval Academy, one was among the first African American women in the Women in Submarines Program and one was among the first 100 women to enter the Navy's Nuclear Submarine Program. This amazing trio will be moderated by Retired Captain Barbette Lowndes and she will be joined with Commander Select Lindsay Anderson and Lieutenant Andrea Howard. Their detailed resumes are on the following pages.**

**Please join us to meet these groundbreakers and ask all of the questions that you have ever wanted to ask. As we always do in February, we extend a special invitation to spouses and others who might find this program of particular interest.**

Zoom Meeting Details are Below

- Agenda (Pacific Standard Time)
- 11:45—Zoom Link Open
- 12:00—Call the Meeting to Order
- 12:20—Panel Discussion
- 12:50—Q and A's
- 1:15—Adjourn



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## Captain Barbette Lowndes, USN, (Ret.)



**The USNA Class of 1980 Women**  
**The First Class to Graduate Women**

Barbette Lowndes retired from federal employment after 35 years. She served 27 years of active duty service in the US Navy and 8 years as a Navy civil servant. Barbette was a Captain in the Supply Corps at the time of her retirement from the military. During her military career, Barbette served at 10 commands including two tours at sea on USS MCKEE (AS-41) and USS CAPE COD (AD-43). She was the Commanding Officer of Defense Contract Management Area Boston. As a civil servant, Barbette was the Director of Total Force Management for Space and Naval Warfare System Command.

Barbette graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in May 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Oceanography. She was a member of the first class to graduate women. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Business Management from Webster University and a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. She is a graduate of the Senior Executive Institute at the University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School.

Barbette is currently the President of the USNA Women's Shared Interest Group and was formerly the President of the San Diego Chapter and a Trustee of the Alumni Association Board of Trustees. She also volunteers for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society San Diego, the Armed Services YMCA San Diego, and in various roles for her church.



**USS McKee (AS-41)**



## Commander Select

### Lindsay R. Anderson, USN

A native of San Diego, CA, Lieutenant Commander Anderson, recently selected for Commander, graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor's Degree in Science and was commissioned in the U. S. Navy in May 2005. Lieutenant Commander Anderson earned her Master's in Business Degree, studying Acquisition and Contract Management and completed Joint Professional Military Education, Phase I at Naval Postgraduate School in 2016

Lieutenant Commander Anderson reported to USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65) in 2006 after completing her Navy Supply Corps Basic Qualification Course in Athens, GA.

In addition to receiving both her Surface Warfare and Aviation Warfare Supply Corps pins, Lieutenant Commander Anderson completed all requirements, and was boarded and became a fully qualified Officer of the Deck (Underway).



Ashore, she served as a Petroleum Intern at Manchester Fuel Depot, Fleet Industrial Supply Center Puget Sound. Successfully completing her two-year internship in less than 12 months, Lieutenant Commander Anderson also obtained both her Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act Level One and Level Two qualifications in Acquisition Logistics from the Defense Acquisition University.

In 2009 Lieutenant Commander Anderson reported to Commander Logistics Group Pacific, as the Petroleum Officer where she successfully managed and simultaneously tracked fuel states for over 20 U.S. Navy and Military Sealift Command vessels operating in and throughout the 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet Area Of Responsibility (AOR); as well as providing oversight for the approximate three million gallons of fuel stored and issued from Senoko Fuel Terminal, Singapore.

In 2011 Lieutenant Commander Anderson reported to USS LAKE ERIE (CG-70), in Pearl Harbor Hawaii as the Supply Officer/Supply Department Head. Prior to completing her full tour in 2012, Lieutenant Commander Anderson, was hand selected to be one the first African-American women and the first African-American Women Supply Officers to enter the Women In Submarines program. After completing Submarine Basic Officer School in December of 2012 Lieutenant Commander Anderson went on to serve as the Supply Officer Department Head of the USS GEORGIA (SSGN-729) (Blue) and earned her Submarine Supply Officer warfare pin.

Lieutenant Commander Anderson served as a Contracting Specialist at the Office of Special Projects in Washington D.C. in 2017 and received her acceptance into the Acquisition Corps Professional Community in 2018. She currently works as the U. S. Northern Command/U. S. Southern Command Desk Officer in the Agency Synchronization Operations Center at Defense Logistics Agency Headquarters on Fort Belvoir, VA.

Lindsay and her husband, Dennis, live in Alexandria, VA with their dog, Petey and are parents to two children: Ezra – 5 and Evangeline – 1. Her personal decorations include three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals and various unit and service awards.



**USS GEORGIA (SSGN-729)**

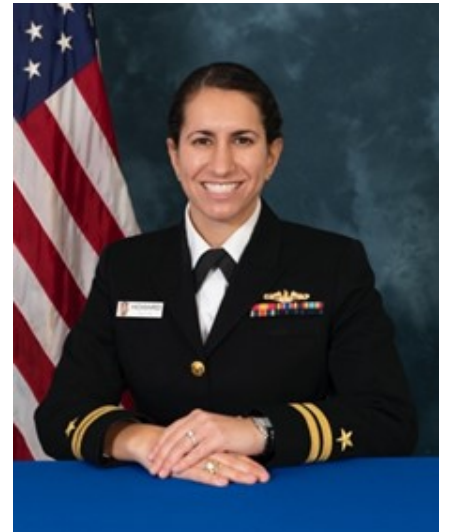




## Lieutenant Andrea R. Howard, USN

Lieutenant Andrea Howard, of Norcross, Georgia, is among the first one hundred women in the United States Navy's nuclear submarine force, currently serving as a division officer aboard USS *Ohio* (Blue) (SSGN-726) in Bangor, Washington. She has experience as the Reactor Control Assistant, the Damage Control Assistant, the Assistant Operations Officer, the Assistant Engineer, the Operational Safety Officer, and the Ship's Diving Officer.

Following her graduation in the top two percent of the United States Naval Academy Class of 2015, Lieutenant Howard was selected as one of 32 Marshall Scholars across the nation, earning an MSc in Global Governance & Diplomacy (with Distinction) from the University of Oxford and an MA in Science & Security (with Distinction) from King's College London.



Named among the Atlantic Council's twenty-five LGBTI Next Generation Leaders to Watch, Lieutenant Howard is an upcoming "warrior scholar" within the submarine community. She is a Trustee in the USNA Alumni Association Pacific Northwest Chapter, a Defense Council member in the Seattle Chapter of the Truman National Security Project, a host for CIMSEC's "Sea Control" podcast, and a recurring author for *War on the Rocks* and the U.S. Naval Institute's *Proceedings*, where she won the 2019 Emerging and Disruptive Technologies Essay Contest.

A trusted Officer of the Deck, Contact Manager, and Engineer Officer of the Watch aboard one of eight gender-integrated crews in the submarine forces, LT Howard represented her command at the 2020 Submarine Junior Officer Symposium and is *Ohio*'s nominee for the 2020 CAPT Joy Bright Hancock Leadership Award. She hopes to continue her career in the submarine force as one of the first six officers afforded the Direct-to-Department-Head option and one of the first women to integrate *Seawolf*-class or new *Virginia*-class submarines.



**USS Ohio (SSGN-726)**