

Chief of Naval Operations talks about today's capabilities

May 2, 2014 – Adm. Jonathan Greenert addressed Army War College students in Bliss Hall to explain the current situation and future goals for the U.S. Navy.

Greenert, the Chief of Naval Operations said, “We have to be where it matters when it matters.” Eighty percent of the world’s population lives within 100 miles of the coast and a majority of global trade travels by water, he said.

From a strategic perspective Greenert emphasized there are only 6 areas through which most of the maritime world trade must cross. But it takes four ships in the continental U.S. to keep one forward in a rotation, he said.

Innovations are coming online to reinforce amphibious and air capabilities. Just last year for the first time, an unmanned aerial vehicle was successfully launched and recovered on an aircraft carrier, said Greenert.

Bringing his closing remarks back to the value of attending a senior service college, “It’s about the friends you meet here.”