Rear Admiral Shoshana S. Chatfield

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Rear Admiral Chatfield graduated from Boston University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and French Language and Literature. She received her commission through NROTC and earned her naval aviator wings in 1989. Continuing her education, she graduated from Harvard University in 1997 with a Master of Public Administration, and from the University of San Diego in 2009 with a Doctor of Education.

Chatfield served as a helicopter pilot and flew the SH-3, CH-46D, and MH-60S. She commanded the "Island Knights" of HSC-25, the only forward-deployed MH-60S expeditionary squadron. Her service overseas includes multiple deployments to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf. In 2008, Chatfield took command of a joint provincial reconstruction team in Farah Province, Afghanistan. Returning to the Pacific in 2017, she assumed command of Joint Region Marianas in Guam.

In 2019, Admiral Chatfield was appointed the 57th President of the Naval War College, becoming the first woman to hold this position. She led the College during a time of extraordinary challenges stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. Chatfield oversaw the successful transition of the college's education and research programs to virtual and hybrid formats. For these efforts, the College received the Meritorious Unit Citation.

Chatfield emphasized the importance of diversity and inclusion, fostering a culture of respect and collaboration within the institution. She also focused on enhancing the college's strategic initiatives, fostering academic innovation, and expanding partnerships with other military and academic institutions. Her tenure was marked by a commitment to excellence, innovation, and the development of future leaders.