



The USS Hyman G. Rickover Commissioning Committee presents

“ADRIFT: WHY THE U.S. NEEDS A NEW NAVAL STRATEGY”

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FORMER DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY OF THE NAVY IN THE REAGAN AND GEORGE H. W. BUSH ADMINISTRATIONS

**THE HONORABLE SETH CROPSEY**

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The USS Hyman G. Rickover (SSN-795) Commissioning Committee invites you to join us when we welcome Admiral John M. Richardson, USN (Ret.) for this timely discussion of “Adrift: Why the U.S. Needs a New Naval Strategy.”

During the Cold War, the Navy succeeded in changing its role from convoying ships that would have supplied US and NATO forces had there been a war with the USSR to threatening the Soviet Union on its seaward flanks, from the northern seas to the Mediterranean to the Pacific. The Navy argued successfully and publicly that US naval forces could make a profound difference in diverting the Soviets and Warsaw Pact from the central front along the border of West and East Germany. This forced a diversion of Soviet effort that played a large role in their eventual collapse. There is no similar idea of US naval strategy today in deterring, much less, defeating China in a conflict which geography and economic interest dictates must be naval. A discussion within and beyond naval circles is needed to agree on US political and military objectives in a conflict with China.

Seth Cropsey is director of Hudson Institute’s Center for American Seapower. He served as an officer in the Navy with Special Boat Squadron 2 and as deputy Undersecretary of the Navy in the Reagan and George H. W. Bush administrations. He served as a strategic advisor to Special Operations Command South and has lectured regularly at the Marine Corps University in Quantico and at the National Defense University and is a member of the Board of Advisors to the *Naval War College Review*. Mr. Cropsey is the author of two books, *Mayday* and *Seabindness*. His articles are published in the United States Naval Institute’s *Proceedings*, the *Wall Street Journal* and other national journals.

Mr. Cropsey received his B.A. from St. Johns College in Santa Fe, New Mexico, his M.A., from Boston College, and his PhD from the medieval Romanian University of Babes-Bolyai in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

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