



# Celebrating 50 years of NU Trailblazers!

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## Norwich Women Securing the Future: Kim Baumann '87 and Cheri Caddy '90

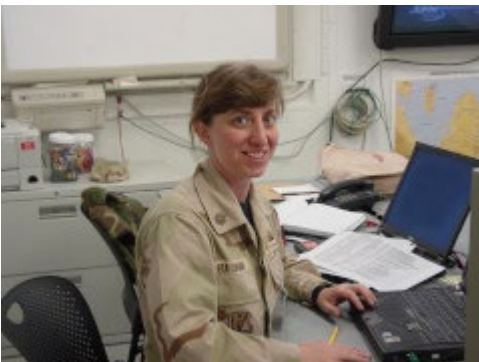
In the ever-evolving landscape of cybersecurity, the contributions of Norwich women have been instrumental in shaping this critical area for the nation through earning key roles in government, industry and academia.

While seeking a Master of Science in Information Assurance, Dr. Jan Buitron M'09, became the first Industry Specific Case Study student because she “wanted the best.” Norwich University is one of only a handful of institutions that has been designated a Center of Academic Excellence by the National Security Agency (NSA). It has also been named a Center of Digital Forensics Academic Excellence by the Defense Cyber Crime Center, the Department of Defense's Federal Cyber Center that integrates intelligence information from inform law enforcement, cybersecurity, and national security partners.



Navy Rear Admiral **Grace Hopper**

Before cybersecurity was even a recognized term, Norwich University became a hub for research and collaboration spanning all aspects of information assurance. In the fall of 1983, U.S. Navy Rear Admiral **Grace Hopper** spoke to a large audience of Norwich students and faculty in Plumley Armory. Admiral Hopper was one of the first leaders in the world to recognize the importance of computer security and the potential vulnerabilities inherent in computer systems. RADM Hopper's commitment to education played a crucial role in nurturing future talent in the field of cybersecurity.



Brig Gen **Kim (Jones) Baumann '87**

Brig General, **Kim (Jones) Baumann '87**, remembers the impact Admiral Hopper's lecture had on her as a freshman. Kim went on to technical careers in the Air Force and industry, leading one of the Department of Defense's first network warfare units (i.e., cybersecurity) and was a key contributor in establishing USCYBERCOM along the way. Dr. Baumann currently serves as the national chair for a Joint Cybersecurity Task Force.



**Cheri Caddy '90**

Likewise, **Cheri Caddy '90** trained at Norwich for a career in intelligence analysis in the federal government. She quickly moved into roles applying threat intelligence to securing critical and emerging technologies in telecom-munications, satellites, and increasingly networked critical infrastructure. During her 30-year federal career, Cheri has achieved key roles at the nexus of national security, technology, and cyber policy, including serving as the Executive Director of Enduring Security Framework at National Security Agency (NSA), Director for Cyber Policy at the National Security Council, Senior Technical Advisor for Cybersecurity at the Department of Energy, and most recently, the Deputy Assistant National Cyber Director in the White House.

In each of these positions, Cheri has helped Norwich build its role in cybersecurity and created experiences for Norwich cybersecurity students. At NSA, she helped set up student internships and mentored new graduates entering the Agency. She helped shape DoD policy to increase the role of Senior Military Colleges with special focus on supporting the cybersecurity mission. And her favorite role has been to host Norwich students for the past 10 years for "D.C. Policy Week," arranging for visits to the Situation Room at the White House, tours of the West Wing, Oval Office, and Security Operations Center at NSA, and briefings from senior leaders including the Director of NSA, Deputy Director of U.S. Cyber Command, and the "Cyber Czar" at the White House.

Through their trailblazing efforts, Norwich Women have epitomized "running towards the cannon fire"—a skill learned at Norwich!—and have taken on challenging roles in a highly dynamic and critical area of national security. In doing so, Norwich Women have left an indelible mark in safeguarding our digital world and paving the way for future generations of women in technology.

*Records documenting women's history and experience at Norwich are available through the University Archives. <https://archives.norwich.edu/>*

In 1972, Vermont College merged with Norwich University. 2024 marks the **50th anniversary** of the first women to live on the Northfield campus and the first to join the NU Corps of Cadets—two years prior to the US Service Academies!

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### **Women Kicking Glass is hosting Dressing for Success**

An event providing our female students with professional work attire and support to succeed in work and life.

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