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Jerome Burke Receives 2025 Larry D. Welch Award for Best External Publication

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (July 2025) — Jerome “Jerry” Burke received the 2025 Larry D. Welch Award for Best External Publication for “Analogous Response Redux: Vladimir Putin’s Aspirations for Altering the Maritime Balance.” The article was published by the Naval War College Press in 2024.

Burke’s paper examines Russian national security and maritime doctrine, policies and public statements, and ongoing Russian naval programs in the context of the return of the Analogous Response strategy of the 1980s.

“I am deeply impressed with the quality and thoroughness of Jerry’s work. This study exemplifies General Welch’s high standards of analytic excellence and relevance,” said IDA President Norty Schwartz.

Analogous Response was a term American strategists and intelligence analysts developed in late 1983 and early 1984 to characterize a Soviet maritime strategy of deploying submarines armed with nuclear sea-launched cruise missiles off the U.S. coast. Russian President Vladimir Putin is at present reprising that Soviet era strategy. Burke’s research has been published as a Newport Paper — a book-length research project that Naval War College leadership considers to be of particular interest to policy makers, scholars and analysts.

Burke joined IDA in 2008 and currently serves as an Adjunct Research Staff Member in the Global Dynamics and Intelligence Division. His fields of expertise include intelligence planning operations and assessments; forces and strategy assessments; combatant command planning and analytical support; and resource and support analysis. He holds a master’s degree in national security studies from Georgetown University and a bachelor’s degree in classics, biology and psychology from the College of the Holy Cross.

IDA established the Welch award in 2011 in honor of retired U.S. Air Force General Larry D. Welch, who was IDA’s president from 1990 to 2003 and again from 2006 to 2009.

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