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Wednesday, November 14, 2018

1130 Reception
1200 Luncheon

Downtown Philadelphia

Speaker

John Maurer

***Winston Churchill, Naval Power and
the Great War: Lessons for Today***

Winston Churchill served as Great Britain's First Lord of the Admiralty at the outbreak of the First World War. That era, as ours today, witnessed rising naval competition involving the great powers. As First Lord, Churchill was responsible for ensuring Britain's security in this contest for naval mastery. The story of his leadership holds valuable lessons for current-day American leaders as they confront the growing threat posed by China's rising naval ambitions and power.

Professor John H. Maurer serves as Alfred Thayer Mahan Professor of Sea Power and Grand Strategy at the Naval War College. He is a graduate of Yale College and holds an M.A.L.D. and Ph.D. in International Relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He is the author or editor of books examining the outbreak of the First World War, military interventions in the developing world, naval rivalries and arms control between the two world wars, a study on Winston Churchill and British grand strategy, and numerous articles on international

relations, strategy, and war. Before coming to the Naval War College, he held the positions of research fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute and executive editor of *Orbis: A Journal of World Affairs*.

As the Chairman of the Strategy and Policy Department, Professor Maurer led a major change in the Naval War College's curriculum on the teaching of strategy. At the College, he teaches a popular course on Winston Churchill as statesman, strategist, politician, soldier and war leader. He also serves as a lead professor in the Colleges' advanced strategy program. He served on the Secretary of the Navy's advisory committee on naval history. In recognition of his contribution to professional military education, he received the U.S. Navy's Meritorious Civilian Service Award, Superior Civilian Service Award, and he holds the title of Distinguished University Professor at the College.



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