



## Bryan Clark

Senior Fellow

### SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

As a Senior Fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, Bryan Clark directs studies and analyses on the future of warfare, the implications of new technologies, and naval strategy and operations. He has led research sponsored by the Department of the Navy, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), and Office of the Secretary of Defense to help guide decisions on how the U.S. military should organize, train, and equip its forces. Mr. Clark has also published studies on the future of electronic and electromagnetic spectrum warfare, undersea warfare, naval surface warfare, strike operations, and air and missile defense.

### CURRENT POSITION

Mr. Clark is a senior fellow at CSBA, an independent policy research institute established to promote innovative thinking about defense planning and investment strategies for the 21st century.

### PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mr. Clark enlisted in the Navy in 1982, and following Recruit Training in Great Lakes, Illinois he entered the enlisted Naval Nuclear Propulsion Training pipeline as a Machinists Mate. At the end of enlisted nuclear training, he was selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program (Nuclear Option) and majored in Chemistry and Philosophy at the University of Idaho, graduating in 1988. He then completed the officer Nuclear Propulsion Training pipeline and reported to USS ALABAMA (SSBN-731) (Gold) in November 1990.

While on ALABAMA, Mr. Clark served as Torpedo/Fire Control Officer, Chemistry and Radiological Controls Assistant, and Assistant Weapons Officer, contributing to ALABAMA's receiving the Battle Efficiency "E". He then served temporarily on USS ALEXANDER HAMILTON (SSN-617) before returning to ALABAMA to qualify as Engineer Officer and Weapons Officer. Mr. Clark transferred to shore duty at Trident Training Facility in Bangor, Maine in November 1993, where he was the Tactics Training Division Officer and led implementation of the Tactical Weapons Proficiency Phase 1 training program for Trident submarines.

Mr. Clark returned to sea in June 1996 as Engineer Officer of USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) (GOLD), where he completed five patrols and the first-ever Trident submarine Extended Refit Period. Following GEORGIA, Mr. Clark relieved as Executive Officer in Moored Training Ship 635 (Ex-Sam Rayburn) at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit (NPTU) in Charleston, South Carolina. On MTS 635, he led the qualification of more than 2000 nuclear propulsion plant operators and implemented improvements that helped establish NPTU as the standard for the nuclear fleet.

In August 2001, Mr. Clark relieved as the NPTU Operations Officer, where he oversaw Base Operations Support, including facilities and physical security. Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, he led improvements in physical security to protect the command's two nuclear powered ships and more than 1600 personnel, including increased manning, new shore infrastructure, and waterborne patrols.

### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Strategy Development  
Undersea Warfare  
Electromagnetic Warfare  
Force Planning  
Long-Term Military Competition  
Military Readiness



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Mr. Clark then transferred to the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations (Assessment Division), where he led studies in the Assessment Division and participated in the 2006 and 2010 Quadrennial Defense Reviews. His areas of emphasis were modeling and simulation, strategic planning, and institutional reform and governance. After graduating from the National War College in 2011, Mr. Clark was selected to be Special Assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations and Director of his Commander's Action Group, where he led development of Navy strategy and implemented new initiatives in electromagnetic spectrum operations, undersea warfare, expeditionary operations and personnel and readiness management. He came to CSBA in November 2013.

### **EDUCATION**

*Master of Science in National Security Studies*  
National War College

*Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Philosophy*  
University of Idaho

*Recipient of the Department of the Navy Superior Service Medal and the Legion of Merit.*

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