

Summer 2021

NDU I.F. ALUMNI NEWS

A Warm Welcome from the NDU President.

Dear NDU Alumni,

Greetings from Washington, D.C.! I am honored to lead the National Defense University as the 17th President. It is my pleasure to address and thank you for your continued engagement with NDU. Our network of many thousands of graduates from nearly 150 nations is one of the most strategically important things we produce, and it only exists because of your support and continued participation. So, thank you for being an important part of this community of national security professionals.

Prior to joining NDU in February, I served as the Military Deputy Commander at United States Southern Command. There, we engaged many of our partners and allies throughout Central and South America and the Caribbean to confront complex security challenges facing our nations. Through four assignments at combatant commands (including EUCOM, CENTCOM, and SOUTHCOM) and a career in special operations, one of the most important lessons I've learned is that partnerships are key to solving complex issues. Without them, each of us is isolated; but with partners, anything is possible. The fact is, today's global security environment is so complicated and dynamic that having partners and allies is a strategic imperative.

We are now mid-way through 2021, and our nations continue to battle the COVID pandemic while we also continue to confront humanitarian crises, terrorism, transnational criminal organizations, and the effects of climate change, among many other pressing security issues. These are the types of challenges that none of us can—or should—face alone.

So, as you continue your interest and engagement in global security affairs, whether you are still in uniform or serving as a civilian in defense of your nation or even enjoying retirement, I encourage you to remember the relationships you forged while at NDU and rekindle those that may have gone dormant. Together, we can successfully face the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. I urge you to take advantage of our alumni network and stay connected with NDU in this important work. I look forward to meeting you at our next Alumni Continuing Education Security Seminar or in another forum.

With my warmest respects,

MICHAEL T. PLEHN, Lt Gen, USAF
President, National Defense University



Alumni On The Move



Lieutenant General Jan Kaše

NWC 2013

Named the Chief of the Military Office of the President of the Republic and Castle Guard, Czech Republic



Major General Chowdhury Mohammad Azizul Haque Hazary

CISA 2012

Promoted to Major General and named the Commandant of School of Infantry and Tactics of the Army, Bangladesh



Major General Andres Centino

ES 2013

Named the Commanding General of the Army, the Philippines



Mr. Alfredo de Souza Lima Coelho Carrijo

CISA 2018

Named Secretary of Joint Operations at the Minister of Justice and Public Security, Brazil



From the Classroom

Read an article from the most recent volume of *Prism*, NDU's Journal of Complex Operations.

[Time for a New National Innovation System for Security and Prosperity](#)

Other articles and further reading:

[Countering China on the Continent: A Look at African Views](#)

US Institute of Peace by Thomas P. Sheehy & Dr. Joseph Asunka

[A Global Democratic Renaissance or a More Volatile World?](#)

US Institute of Peace by Anthony Navone

[The Promise of the African Genome Project](#)

The Economist

[How to Capture the Pandemic's Productivity Potential](#)

Foreign Affairs Journal

Check out the NDU Press' most recent publications and journals: [click here](#).

Check out a list of publications by topic published by United States Institute of Peace: [click here](#).

Keep in Touch!

Be sure to follow ISMO on Facebook and LinkedIn for updates on your Fellow Alumni, upcoming events, and life at NDU.

Updates

Congratulations, Class of 2021!

On June 8 and June 17, over a hundred international students graduated and are now a part of the NDU alumni community. You may meet some of them in your work or in future alumni seminars, welcome and congratulations to them!

ACCESS EVENT



The National Defense University presents:
**ALUMNI CONTINUING
EDUCATION SECURITY
SEMINAR 2021**
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Interested in self-funding and participating in one of the Alumni Continuing Education Security Seminars (ACCESS) in D.C., Berlin, or Dubai? Fill out the survey here (click [here!](#))

Space is limited. NDU will confirm your spot and collect fees on 2 August. Do not incur expenses until NDU has confirmed your space!

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