

ALUMNI NEWS

NDU International Fellows Alumni



Fall 2022

Happy fall to our NDU International Alumni!

We had much to celebrate this fall, including the induction of our **82nd International Hall of Fame recipient, Lieutenant General Pasi Välimäki**. LTG Välimäki, a NWC Class of 2016 graduate, was recognized for his position as Commander of the Finnish Army. In addition to his induction, he also gave a lecture to current students and kicked off the International Fellows Fall Reception. Congrats to our third Finnish inductee for his achievements!

Current students also partook in **fall activities inside and outside the classroom**. Students in programs at the Joint Forces Staff College went on an FSP trip to DC and visited Mt. Vernon. Besides attending their classes, students also went apple-picking and decorated pumpkins.

At the Ft. McNair campus, CIC, NWC, and ES students went on their Boston FSP with many worthwhile visits. In addition to their classes, **students from all 4 colleges participated in NDU's annual fall 5K, soccer, and softball competitions**. Go NDU!

In the spirit of this season, we wanted to give a special thank you to the families of our Fellows. As part of our **Spouses International Cultural Exchange Program (SpICE)**, **74 participants from 29 different countries** encompassing all world regions went to the Cox Farms Fall Festival and celebrated Halloween at the offices.

As always, we've included the latest academic materials from NDU. All of us at ISMO hope you and your families are doing well.

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INTERNATIONAL HALL OF FAME (NDU)



Congratulations
to **LTG Pasi Välimäki**,
**Commander of the Finnish
Army, and National War College
Class of 2016 graduate** for his
induction into the NDU
International Hall of Fame.

In addition to his induction, LTG
Välimäki presented to current
NDU students and kicked off the
International Fellows Fall
Reception.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES (NORTH CAMPUS)



Our American Studies elective students went to Boston in September. Visits included the **IINE Refugee Center, Harvard, a local high school, the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the US Senate, USS Constitution**, and much more!



STUDENT ACTIVITIES (NORTH CAMPUS)



NDU students and International Fellows took part of many activities outside of the classroom. The annual **Fall 5K run, softball, and soccer competitions** all took place in ideal DC fall weather on the Ft. McNair campus.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES (SOUTH CAMPUS)

Short course Fellows at the Norfolk campus participated in a **Field Studies Program to Washington DC**. One of their stops included George Washington's Mt. Vernon.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES (SOUTH CAMPUS)



Year-long and short course Fellows **explored a full-range of fall activities in the Norfolk area.** Apple-picking, hayrides, and pumpkin carvings were enjoyed by all!



SPICE IN AUTUMN



Our Spouses International Cultural Exchange (SpICE) program enjoyed many fall activities such as pumpkin carving at NDU, costume contests, and hayrides!

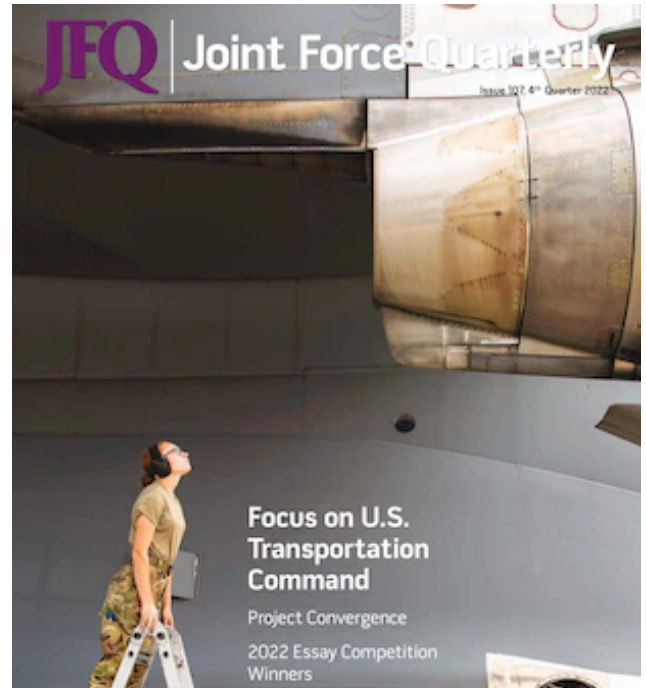


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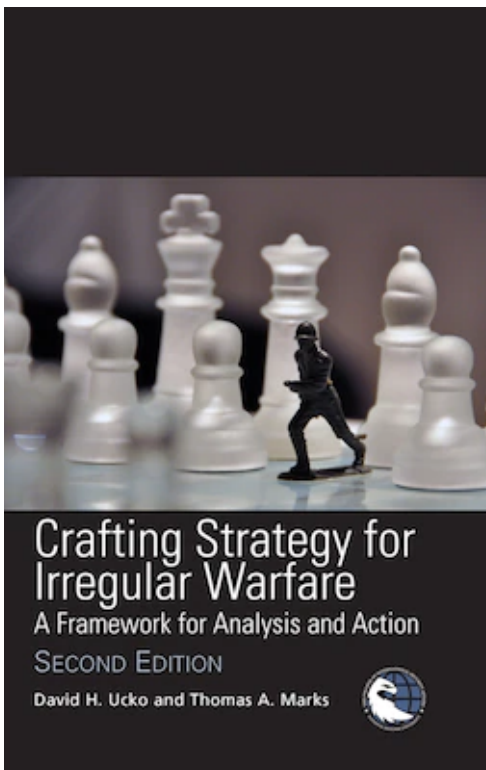
September's PRISM Vol. 10, No. 1
journal available to all.

Featured: The BRI and Its Rivals, an
Interview with Kevin Rudd



Joint Force Quarterly 107 (4th
Quarter, October 2022)

Featured: Strategic Considerations
and Opportunities in Drone Warfare,
Joint Maritime Mobility



The United States, and the West, struggle to understand and respond to irregular warfare, whether by states or nonstate actors. Attempts to master the art have generated much new jargon, ranging from “hybrid war” to “the gray zone,” and most recently “integrated deterrence.” The terminology belies a struggle to overcome entrenched presumptions about war—a confusion that generates cognitive friction with implications for strategy. To inform a better approach, **this monograph presents an analytical framework to assess and respond to irregular threats.** The framework is based on the pedagogical approach of the College of International Security Affairs (CISA) within the National Defense University (NDU), the only U.S. irregular warfare college. Though an analytical framework is no panacea for the malaise facing Western strategy, it is an indispensable starting point for all that must follow.

ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

Our congratulations to any and all alumni.

MG Shewanth
Asela
Sri Lanka



MG Luis Carlos
Cordoba Avendaño
Colombia



MG Siravuth
Wongkantee
Thailand



RADM Anurat
Siriwong
Thailand



Congratulations to:

- Shewanth Asela (CISA '18) for his promotion to Major General in the Sri Lankan Army
- Major General Luis Carlos Cordoba Avendaño (CISA '12) for his appointment as Commander in Chief of the Colombian Air Force
- General Siravuth Wongkantee (JCWS-1 '00) for his promotion to Deputy Chief of Defense of the Royal Thai Army
- Anurat Siriwong (ES '12) for his promotion to Rear Admiral

HAVE YOU RECENTLY BEEN PROMOTED, ASSIGNED TO A NEW POSITION, OR RETIRED? LET US KNOW! SEND AN EMAIL TO ISMO@NDUALUMNI.ORG OR [FILL OUT THIS SURVEY](#).

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UPDATES AND NEWS



MG Michel-Henri St-Louis (NWC '14), current Canadian Defence Attaché, organized a meet-up with other NWC International Fellows Alumni in DC. He also connected with MG Marcus Fontoura de Melo (ES '14) who was part of a Brazilian delegation visiting DC. We enjoy seeing our alumni keep in touch with each other 8 years later!



NDU President LTG Plehn welcoming spouses to the historic Arnold Auditorium for this year's Spouse's National Security Elective.



Congrats to LCDR Rafael Pires Ferreira (JCWS '18) for his second award as 'Best Instructor' at Brazil's Naval War School.