

ALUMNI NEWS

NDU International Fellows Alumni



Winter 2023

Happy (almost) end of winter to our NDU International Alumni!

We inducted our **first International Fellows Hall of Fame recipient of 2023, Lieutenant General Hans-Peter Walser** for his service as the Chief of Training and Education Command and Deputy Chief of the Swiss Armed Forces. Congratulations!

Current students at all NDU campuses also partook in a variety of **activities inside and outside the classroom**. At the Ft. McNair campus, Fellows have gone on a **variety of FSPs, including ones to New York City, Texas, and San Francisco**. Visits included Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, Texas State Governor's Office, Coalition On Homelessness, Chinese Historical Society of America, Stanford University, The New York Times, NYPD, and much more!

Students at the **Norfolk campus** visited NDU, different government agencies, and participated in joint activities with both American and Swedish counterparts.

Recent alumni are making laudable moves in their career, and we featured eight of them in this newsletter. Please let us know if you would like to have your recent career updates shared with your peers. If you have published research you would like to share, we would be glad to include it in the academic section of the newsletter.

Mark your calendars for ACESS 2023! More information about the August event held in Bucharest, Romania can be found at the end of this newsletter. ISMO hopes you and your families are doing well.

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INTERNATIONAL HALL OF FAME

(NDU)



Congratulations to **LTG Hans-Peter Walser, Chief of Training and Education Command and Deputy Chief of the Swiss Armed Forces, and ICAF Class of 2003 graduate** for his induction into the NDU International Fellows Hall of Fame.

He is the fourth of his International Fellows '03 Class to be inducted into the Hall of Fame and it was our honor to celebrate his achievements at NDU with his daughter and wife in attendance.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES (NORTH CAMPUS)



CISA and JSOMA students participated in a New York City FSP during the holiday season. Visits included the NYTimes, NYPD, ACLU, and much more. CIC, ES, and NWC students attended FSPs to Texas and San Francisco.



Topics and visits focused on the TX and SF programs included **border and migrant issues, economic development, the cultural history of places visited**, and much more.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES (NORTH CAMPUS)



Top row - The **ES Tigers** currently have the lead in the annual **President's Cup** with their basketball championship win. Go Tigers!

Left column - The **Women in National Security (WINS)** group along with **CIC** and **CISA** hosted a sandwich making event for a **local charity**.



Top right - The NDU community hosted a plethora of **holiday events** with socializing, food, and "ugly sweaters" for all!

Bottom left - WINS hosted a **networking event** at NDU.

Bottom right - NDU celebrated the **start to the long-awaited renovation project for Eisenhower Hall** and held a wall breaking ceremony.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

(SOUTH CAMPUS)



Time flies when you're having fun...

JCWS 22-4 left behind lasting memories with the faculty and staff in Norfolk. From apple picking to country briefs, they enthusiastically participated in everything thrown their way. Seminar leaders had nothing but praise for their classroom engagement.

Think. Learn. Accomplish.

A BIG shout out to COL Ahmed Aleid (Kuwait) and MAJ Park Donghyun (ROK). COL Aleid was awarded the **JCWS Director's Writing Award** and MAJ Park received the **MOAA Joint Campaign Planners Award**.



COL Aleid third from the left



MAJ Park on the left

One of our favorite memories!

Seminar 2 winning the softball championship, maintaining their undefeated record. LTC Singca was not only outstanding in the classroom but also on the field, helping out classmates who were unfamiliar with the game. He had great communication and coordination and the IFs were represented well.



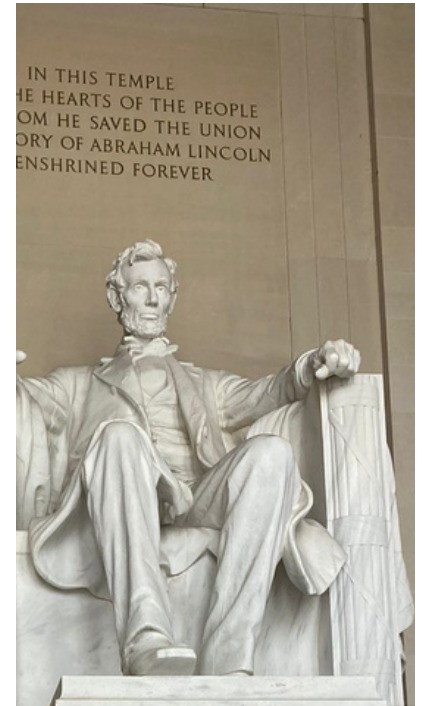
LTC Singca on the left

STUDENT ACTIVITIES (SOUTH CAMPUS)

Norfolk, Virginia might not be the place that comes to mind when you think of winter, but the latest JCWS class might have a word or two to say about that. Arriving just in time to ring the New Year's with ISMO, the fellows jumped right into the joint seminar environment. In between studying and presentations, they have been busy with cultural activities as well. They have visited the historical city of Richmond, Virginia, George Washington's Mansion at Mt. Vernon, and eventually made their way up to D.C.

Class Events:

1. Seminar Volleyball
2. Community Sponsor Dinner
3. FSP DC
4. FSP Richmond
5. 23-1 & 23-2 Mixer



SPICE IN WINTER



With the support of the NDU Foundation, some families participated in cultural tours with CISA Fellows in NYC. At NDU, SPICE members gave country presentations, and we're excited for the upcoming International Fellows Luncheon!



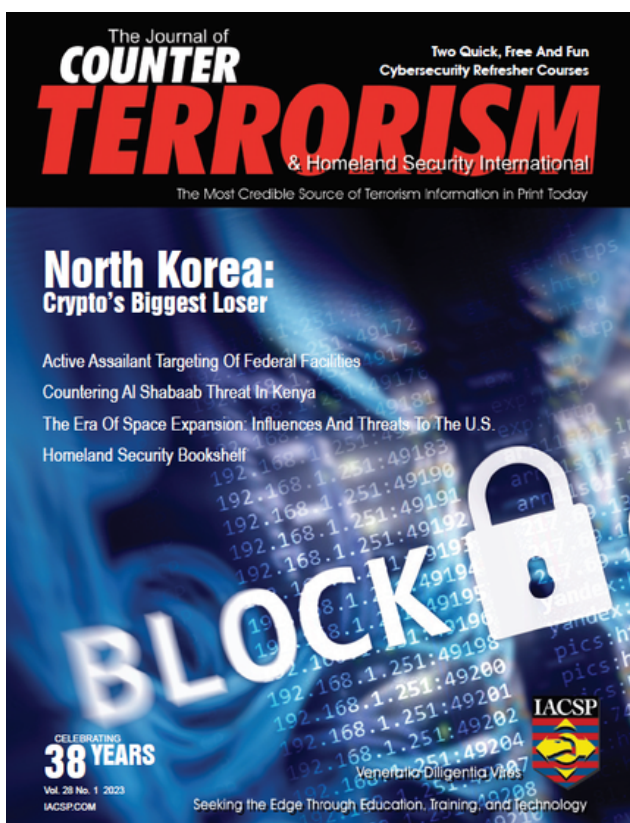
FROM THE CLASSROOM



The Institute for National Strategic Studies published a series of analysis on the topic "The Inevitable US Return and Future of Great Power Competition in South Asia."



Joint Force Quarterly 108
Assessing Russian Biological R&D
Featured: America's Special Operations Problem



A CISA alumni has been featured in the most recent edition of The Journal of Counterterrorism & Homeland Security International. **Congratulations to Brigadier General David K. Chesire of the Kenyan Army (CISA '22) for his article "Countering Al Shabaab Threat In Kenya."** BG Chesire currently commands an infantry brigade, having previously served against Al Shabaab in Kenya's coastal and northeastern regions. Other articles featured analyze topics related to intelligence operatives, space threats, and much more.

ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

Our congratulations to any and all alumni.



GEN Andres Centino
The Philippines



LTG Herzl Halevi
Israel



MG Chowdhury
Hazary
Bangladesh



VADM Toribio
Adaci Jr.
The Philippines



MG Konstantinos
Alexakis
Greece



MG Helmut
Habermayer
Austria



BG Benny Poltak
Nadeak
Indonesia



BG Edwin Adrian
Sumantha
Indonesia

Congratulations to:

- General Andres Centino (ES '13) for his appointment as 59th Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines
- Lieutenant General Herzl Halevi (ES '05) for his appointment as 23rd Chief of Staff of the Israeli Defense Forces and promotion to LTG
- Major General Chowdhury Mohammad Azizul Haque Hazary (CISA '12) for his appointment as Commander of the 17th Infantry Division of the Bangladesh Army
- Vice Admiral Toribio Adaci Jr. (ES '15) for his appointment as Flag Officer in Command of the Philippine Navy and promotion to VADM
- Major General Konstantinos Alexakis (CISA '19) for his promotion to MG
- Major General Helmut Habermayer (ES '00) for his appointment as EUFOR Commander
- Brigadier General Benny Poltak Nadeak (CISA '21) for his promotion to BG
- Brigadier General Edwin Adrian Sumantha (JCWS '22) for his promotion to BG

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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ACCESS 2023

Mark your calendars for this year's premier NDU Alumni Event.



ACCESS 2023

Alumni Continuing Education Security Seminar



Disruptive Forces: Implications for Regional Order and Global Stability

Network



Learn



Collaborate



NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY PRESENTS

Alumni Continuing Education Security Seminar (ACCESS) 2023



Disruptive Forces: Implications for Regional Order and Global Stability Bucharest, Romania | 21-25 Aug 2023



Schedule to include:

- Networking Opportunities
- Academic plenaries on topics like:
 - Existing International & Regional Regimes / Architectures for Security, Stability, & Prosperity
 - Advancing Human Security - Drivers and Disruptors
 - IW and Gray Zone Activities
- Cultural Excursion

Academics: The event will feature keynote addresses, plenaries, breakout working group sessions and electives. On the final day of the event, participants will present the findings of their discussions in brief-back sessions, and learn the culture of the host location through a program activity.

Uniform: Attendees are welcome to attend the seminar in business suit or uniform. At least one day will require Class A uniform or business suit + tie. Subsequent days may be business suit without tie.

Flights & Meals: For funded participants - covered. For self-funded participants - not covered.

Lodging: For funded participants - NDU will book and pay for all rooms in the to-be-finalized hotel. For self-funded participants - Can book a room in NDU's courtesy block.

Spouses: A Spouse Program will run concurrently with the security seminar, taking advantage of local cultural and sightseeing opportunities. Spouses are encouraged to participate in the program and invited to attend the week's evening networking events.

Pre-Registration: For self-paying NDU alumni interested in attending the event, registration for the event is on a first-come, first-serve basis due to space limitations. Registration will be open for participants from Monday, May 1 to Friday, June 16. Instructions to register will follow shortly.

Contact Email: ismo@ndualumni.org

Thank you to the sponsors who have made these events possible: the Department of State, the Regional Defense Fellowship Program, and the National Defense University Foundation.

