

*National Defense University
International Fellows
Graduation Celebration*



*Class of 2020
Washington, D.C.
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HOSTS

Vice Admiral and Mrs. F. J. Roegge
President, National Defense University

International Student Management Office

Ambassador Todd Robinson

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USMC (Ret) USAF

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Our ISMO Intern, Ms. Emma Fluckiger

PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

Ambassador Todd Robinson

Director, International Student Management Office

REMARKS

Vice Admiral F. J. Roegge

President, National Defense University

Captain James Nash, Australia

Representing International Fellows Class Presidents

Brigadier General Lasantha Rodrigo, Sri
Lanka

Counterterrorism Fellows Class President

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

Presented by Ambassador Arnold Chacon,

Senior Vice President, National Defense University

Mrs. Ratna Iswahyuni Cary, Indonesia

Mrs. Mary Joy R. Luzon, Philippines

Spouse International Cultural Exchange Ambassadors

RETROSPECTIVE VIDEO



The International Fellows Program

The National Defense University offers one-year fellowships to select senior officers and civilians from approximately fifty-five nations, by invitation of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The fellowships provide an opportunity to study and conduct research in either the College of Information and Cybersecurity, Eisenhower School, or National War College. The International Fellows Program conducts extensive travel within the United States to military, cultural, and industrial locations to enhance understanding of American culture, values, society and institutions.





The International Counterterrorism Fellowship Program

The International Counterterrorism Fellowship Program was established by Congressional legislation in 2002 and placed under the office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict. The program enables the Department of Defense to provide key countries in the War on Terror with training and education for counterterrorism activities. The program offers students a strategic perspective on a rapidly changing global security environment. Courses address the global threat and its various manifestations including the rise of non-state armed groups, and the ends, ways, and means of transnational terrorists and insurgents.



Class of 2020

Mr. Ergys Ligaci **Albania**
Lieutenant Colonel Amine Ammar Khodja **Algeria**
Colonel Houari Benmimoun **Algeria**
Colonel Jorge Diaz **Argentina**
Captain Aaron Nye **Australia**
Captain James Nash **Australia**
Brigadier General Abul Hasnat Mohammad Tariq **Bangladesh**
Colonel Haris Gazic **Bosnia-Herzegovina**
Lieutenant Colonel Sasa Konjevic **Bosnia-Herzegovina**
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Colonel Nikolay Veskov Nikolov **Bulgaria**
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Lieutenant Colonel Godfrey Sakeh Yende **Cameroon**
Colonel Stephen Parsons **Canada**
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Colonel Jorge Galindo **Colombia**
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Colonel Karel Navratil **Czech Republic**
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Major Shady Abdelaziz Ezat Zaghlool **Egypt**
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Colonel Markus Klebb **Germany**
Colonel Stephan Lissinna **Germany**
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Colonel Francis Rosito Pullin **Guatemala**
Colonel Sachin Mahadik **India**
Colonel Bagus Tayo **Indonesia**
Captain Bambang Dharmawan **Indonesia**
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Captain Mauro Galliussi **Italy**
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Colonel Ryoji Kondo **Japan**
Colonel Hasan Al Sbeihat **Jordan**
Colonel Hatem Al Khawaldeh **Jordan**
Colonel Moh'd Amin Alma'aitah **Jordan**
Colonel Osama Al-Sawalqa **Jordan**
Lieutenant Colonel Aidyn Babzhanov **Kazakhstan**
Lieutenant Colonel Louis Wataka **Kenya**
Colonel Stephen Kapkory **Kenya**
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Colonel Georges Rizkallah **Lebanon**
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Major Subhadra Nadarajah **Malaysia**
Colonel Badara Sangare **Mali**
Colonel Ousmane Dembele **Mali**
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Captain Jose Ferrer Rodriguez **Mexico**
Lieutenant Colonel Juan Carlos Ruiz Martinez **Mexico**
Colonel Abdelali Ababou **Morocco**
Brigadier General Surendra Rawal **Nepal**
Colonel Henricus Sillen **The Netherlands**
Group Captain Daniel Hunt **New Zealand**
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Colonel Khalid Altaweel **Saudi Arabia**
Colonel Mohammed Almalki **Saudi Arabia**
Colonel Salman Almutairi **Saudi Arabia**
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Colonel Turgut Caliskanlar **Turkey**
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