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## **NDU GOES VIRTUAL**

We spent most of this year grappling with a global pandemic and adjusting to a new operating environment. Despite the challenges along the way, NDU found innovative ways to adjust to delivering its mission virtually and discovered both the associated benefits and drawbacks. In these first few months, the IFs have participated in a virtual constitutional convention, classes and seminar groups, trivia contests, field study practicums, and even scavenger hunts. As NDU continues to change how curriculum is delivered, our Fellows continue to adapt and thrive. While it is hard to replicate the spontaneity of in person conversation or walking among the skyscrapers of Manhattan, there are nevertheless great opportunities through online education.

## **VIRTUAL ISMO MISSION**

This Fall, ISMO conducted its first entirely virtual Field Study, now termed "Regional Case Study", with the Class of 2021. Many of you will remember exploring Boston and Harvard University, and running around Silicon Valley and over the Golden Gate Bridge in the Spring. This first trip explored Yankeedom (New England) and the Left Coast (California) - their history, culture, and values. Along the way, we discussed the U.S. education system, the free market system, and the role of philanthropic organizations in supporting those in need of help and assistance.

Fellows were also given optional cultural itineraries with suggestions for regional foods and activities that offer a taste of California and New England at home in D.C. Our current Fellows had the chance to compare and contrast the two regions, what stood out to you when you visited? Do you remember noticing similarities and differences between the two regions?

Another highlight of our virtual work is our "Voices of America" series, bringing everyday Americans from around the United States to discuss one particular topic. Our two sessions thus far focused on the stories of immigrants from around the world and the U.S. education system from administrator to students. MOVING FROM

BOSTON TO SAN FRANCISCO 3,096 miles from the center of each city.

#### **ALUMNI** ON THE **MOVE**

#### Congratulations to the following alumni fellows!



(*Top Left*) **Rear Admiral Mauro Galliussi**, Italy: ES 2020, was promoted to Rear Admiral and is currently Director of the Navy Shipyard in Augusta, Italy.

(*Top Center*) **Ambassador Macairog Alberto**, Philippines: CISA 2008, was named Ambassador of the Philippines to Israel. AMB Alberto was formerly Commander of the Philippine Army.

(Top Right) Brigadier General Christopher Damulira, Uganda: CISA 2014, was promoted to Brigadier General.

(Bottom Left) Brigadier General Jared Sembritzki, Germany: NWC 2015, was promoted to Chief of Staff, United States Aremy Europe (USAREUR).

(*Bottom Center*) **Colonel (Ret) Yurii Punda,** Ukraine: ES 2018, was appointed Director General of his country's Defense Policy Directorate.

(Bottom Right) Lieutenant Colonel Rashad Bou Karroum, Lebanon: CISA 2017, was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

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