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ALUMNI NEWS

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CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2020!

Despite unprecedented obstacles, the class of 2020 has officially completed their degree programs and earned their place among the ranks of NDU Alumni!

Although COVID-19 prevented many in-person gatherings, NDU's first-ever virtual graduation celebration and ceremony were conducted with extraordinary success!

Congratulations again to our International Fellows! We look forward eagerly to their accomplishments upon their return home. Their contributions will be needed now more than ever .



WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 2021!

The Class of 2021 officially started classes this summer. While they joined us under different circumstances this year, largely virtually, they are adapting well and continuing to show why they represent the best and brightest of their respective countries. This year's class is a "class of firsts" in many ways: they were the first ever to undergo virtual in-processing and virtual classes, and some are the first to participate in the Joint Advanced Warfighting School (JAWS) in Norfolk, now open to all allies and partners. Continuing the trend of firsts, the Class of 2021 just completed its first virtual FSP with a detailed, informative virtual DC Tour. The virtual program brought fellows through the history and demographic make-up of D.C. while also bringing them all the way to present-day of what the city has to offer during COVID-19. We will continue to share details of their journey through the program this year. Stay tuned!

ACCESS EVENT: SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

The NDU Alumni Continuing Education Security Seminar (ACCESS) in Sydney, Australia, originally scheduled for September 2020, will be rescheduled for Fall 2021.

We look forward to bringing together leading voices in security from across the INDOPACOM region -- and the globe -- for a rigorous academic engagement and discussion on the most pressing issues facing our world today.

Please note that the Quadrennial ACCESS hosted at NDU will in turn be scheduled for Fall 2022 to accommodate the altered schedule for the event in Sydney, Australia.

The success of the ACCESS program relies on strong engagement from our alumni and our partnerships with security leaders around the world. We thank you for your support and your role as part of this world-class network of security professionals. Your role is more important than ever as we confront global public health challenges and related security concerns on an unprecedented scale. We have received initial affirmation that both IMET and CTFP funds should be available to accommodate many attendees.

We will keep you updated on the details of these and other engagement opportunities to take place in months to come. **For the time being, mark your calendars for ACCESS 2021! We hope to see you there!**

ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

Congratulations to the following alumni fellows!



(Top Left) **Lieutenant Colonel Chung-Ming Huang**, Taiwan: CISA 2010, was instated as the consul at the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Honolulu, HI.

(Top Center) **Colonel Mahmood al Hewayan**, Jordan: CISA 2005, was appointed assistant the to Defense Air and Naval Attache in Washington , DC.

(Top Right) **Air Vice Marshal Moses Onilede**, Nigeria: NWC 2014, became Chief of Staff of Nigeria's Ground Forces Command.

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

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

(Bottom Right) **Colonel (Ret.) Roberto Artiga Chica**, El Salvador: ES 2006, became the Director of the armed forces' Computerized Tactical Training Center.

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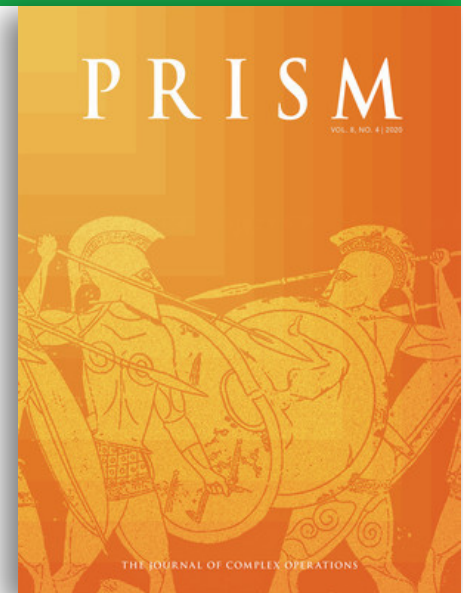
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- "Global Health Security Turns to Confront Cyber Threats," CFR, June 2020
- "The Looming Hunger Pandemic," *Foreign Affairs*, June 2020
- "NATO Sets its Sights on China," *The Economist*, June 2020
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IN MEMORIUM:



Brigadier General (Retired)
Hamid Iskandar
Lebanon
CISA Class of 2010

It is with the utmost sadness that we announce the passing of one of our own, BG (Ret) Hamid Iskandar. For those fortunate enough to know Hamid, he was a brilliant leader, striving every day to make the world a safer place. General Iskandar joined the Military in 1980 and rose to the rank of Brigadier General in 2010. He received numerous commendations over his long career and was an active participant in our Alumni programs. Many of you may have met him as a student or fellow NDU graduate. He most recently joined us in Estonia last Fall where we had the pleasure of reconnecting with him and his wonderful wife Roula. His countless contributions to his community and to peace and security will not be forgotten. He will be dearly missed, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family. He is survived by his wife and four children.