



NDU IF Alumni News

**KEEPING INTERNATIONAL
ALUMNI CONNECTED**

*Summer has arrived , and with it a new class of Fellows, our largest to date, including 8 Fellows in CIC!
We are thrilled to stay in contact with you and wish you the very best from all of us here at ISMO!*

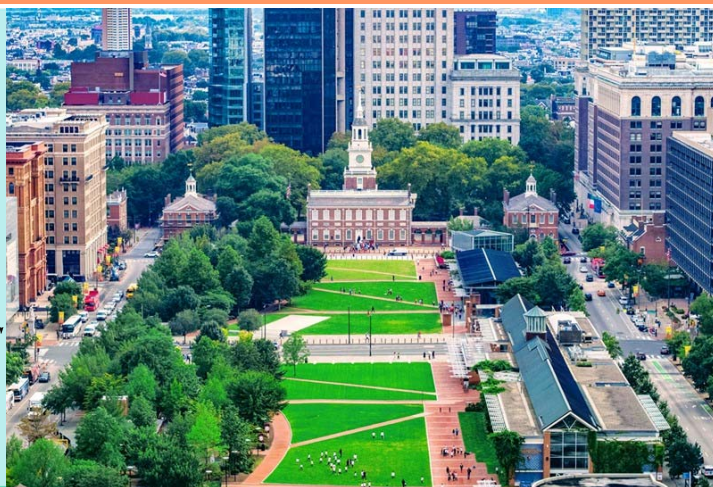
Alumni Engagement & Continuing Education

The National Defense University (NDU) executed an NDU-wide alumni continuing education security seminar in close partnership with United States European Command (USEUCOM), US Embassy Tallinn, and the Baltic Defence College in Tartu, Estonia from June 24-28. The event served as a platform for discussing hybrid warfare and grey zone operations in the context of great power competition. Networking events interspersed throughout the week facilitated building international professional connections among senior leaders, staff, faculty, and alumni. Finally, NDU's collaborative whole-of-government approach in the event's execution ensured that academic programming included the diversity of perspectives necessary for analyzing and recommending paths towards solving the multi-domain, complex security issues affecting not just the Euro-Atlantic security environment, but regions all over the globe. We had 95 attendees from 43 nations, representing all Combatant Commands except for USNORTHCOM. Approximately 50% of our attendees were at the GO/FO level. Speakers included the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Latvia, three ambassadors, EUCOM representatives, generals, and more.

Next year's event will take place in the INDOPACOM region sometime in August or September. Be on the lookout for more details in the coming weeks and we hope to see many of you there!

Currently at NDU...

NDU Class of 2020 has just returned from their first family trip of the year, Philadelphia! Almost 250 IFs and families enjoyed the "City of Brotherly Love," the site of the drafting of the U.S. constitution!



**SUMMER
2019**

Alumni on the Move

Congratulations to the following alumni fellows!



General Koji Yamazaki, Japan: National War College Class of 2006, was promoted to Joint Chief of Staff, Joint Staff of the Japan Self-Defense Forces.



Lieutenant General Alkiviadis Stefanis, Greece: National War College Class of 2009, was appointed to Deputy Minister of Defense, Greece.



Major General Pasi Välimäki, Finland National War College Class of 2016, was promoted to his current rank and serves as Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Finnish Defence Command.



Brigadier General Zaid Negresh, Jordan: National War College Class of 2012, was named Commander, Royal Jordanian Air Force.



Brigadier General Adeleke Ayannuga, Nigeria: National War College Class of 2018, was promoted to his current rank and named Chief of Staff, Headquarters Nigerian Army Signals.

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 Google Form [here!](#)

International Fellows Hall of Fame

On Tuesday, June 25th, National Defense University President Vice Admiral Fritz Roegge presided over the induction of four distinguished alumni into NDU's International Fellows Hall of Fame:

Lieutenant Gabor Böröndi, Chief of Land Forces, Hungary, NWC 2017

Major General Siniša Jurković, Commander of the Croatian Army, NWC 2016

Major General Josef Kopecký, Commander of the Land Forces, Czech Republic, NWC 2009

Major General (Retired) Michael Beary, Head of Mission and Force Commander UNIFIL, NWC 2009.

The generals (all graduates of the National War College) were inducted during the Alumni Continuing Education Security Seminar in Tartu, Estonia, bringing NDU's total Hall of Fame membership up to 70 members. All of our inductees have risen to positions of the highest importance and provided exceptional service in their respective countries.

General Böröndi, currently Deputy Commander of Hungarian Defense Forces, spoke about the importance of paying attention to "all the changes happening in the world," including changes in Hungarian national security policy that he facilitated using the knowledge he gained from his year at NDU. He emphasized the importance of knowledge, including "personal knowledge," over rank.

General Jurković, Commander of the Croatian Army, expressed the value of NDU's "focus on people." He also mentioned that the "knowledge, skills, and values" he picked up while at NDU continue to be the main tenets of his philosophy while commanding the Croatian Land Forces.

General Kopecký, Commander of the Land Forces for the Czech Republic, reiterated the importance of the connections one can make at NDU, highlighting former classmates from the United States and other countries whom he reconnected with while deployed. He then went on to say that because of NDU "we have friends around the globe."

General (Ret) Beary, former Head of Mission and Force Commander for UNIFIL, described how the "academic assumption" that placing students of different nationalities in the same classroom will generate lasting relationships was proven in his personal experience commanding peace-keeping forces in Lebanon. He emphasized the comfort of knowing fellow NDU graduates in both the Lebanese and Israeli armed forces, as well as in the U.S. Embassy.

All the inductees emphasized the value of personal relationships with their fellow international and U.S. students in their future leadership roles. They were unanimous on how important the year in the United States was to their family.

NDU is proud of the accomplishments of these distinguished alumni who are upholding the legacy of great service to international security. Their photos will be displayed on the IHOF wall in Marshall Hall.



From the Classroom

Continue your education with these recent articles in the fields of international politics and global security!

Read the newest volume of *Prism*, NDU's Journal of Complex Operations.

[Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction](#)

Other articles and further reading:

[What Happens in Sudan Doesn't Stay in Sudan](#)

Foreign Affairs Journal by Michael Woldemariam and Alden Young

[Walking a Fine Line: Holding Elections Amid Peace Processes](#)

US Institute of Peace by Jonas Claes

[Europe's small open countries brace for Brexit](#)

The Economist

[Is Kashmir About to Blow?](#)

Foreign Policy, by Kathryn Salam

Check out the NDU Press' most recent publications and journals: [click here.](#)

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