

NDU IF Alumni News



**KEEPING INTERNATIONAL
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As the New Year dawns we take time to reminisce and look eagerly towards the future; we fondly remember you, and wish you the very best from all of us here at ISMO!

Alumni Engagement & Continuing Education

Our next Global Seminar will be held in Tartu, Estonia in June of 2019. The event will be co-sponsored by the Baltic Defense College whose commandant, MG Andis Dilans (Latvia), was a member of the NWC Class of 2011. EUCOM, the George C Marshall Center, and the U.S. Embassy Estonia are also assisting. This will be a collaborative effort much like Morocco with the College of International Security Affairs, College of Information and Cyberspace, Eisenhower, the Joint Forces Staff College, National War College, and the International Student Management Office, all working together. The 2019 Global Seminar will focus on issues of hybrid/irregular warfare, grey zone operations, and the global implications of regional issues. This will be a great step for the university, moving towards building a more powerful and connected alumni network across all the colleges and maintaining inter-country connections formed at NDU. Additionally, it allows alumni to connect with and understand the new National Security Strategy and its implications.

Be on the lookout for further details about our next alumni seminar to be held 25-28 June 2019 in Tartu, Estonia at the Baltic Defense College in the next 30-60 days.

Currently at NDU...

NDU class of 2019 IF' is preparing to leave for their FSP to New Orleans, LA where they will visit the Army Corps of Engineers, Tulane University, the Advocate and many other places. They will also go on a tour of the city and the nearby swamps. Afterwards they will gear up for their next FSP to San Francisco.



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Alumni on the Move

Congratulations to the following alumni fellows!



Major General Jorge Ambia, Mexico: Eisenhower Class of 2016 was recently promoted to his current rank in the Mexican Army.



Briadier General Miha Skerbinc, Slovenia: Eisenhower Class of 2010 was named Chief of Staff of the Slovenian general Army Staff.



Colonel Ioannis Cheimarios, Greece: NWC Class of 2017, was named Director of the Deputy Minister of National Defense's office.



Captain Ditya Farianto, Indonesia: CIC Class of 2018, was promoted to his current rank and named IT and Defense Management Senior Analyst for the Indonesian Ministry of Defense.



Colonel Wilson Sakulo, Tanzania: CISA Class of 2016, was promoted to his current rank and appointed to the position of Brigade Operation and Training Officer

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!](#)

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On Tuesday, December 4, General Ricardo Gómez Nieto, Commander of the Colombian National Army, became the 65th inductee into NDU's International Hall of Fame and the 5th Colombian to receive this distinguished award.

This momentous occasion marked another significant milestone in General Gómez's 38 years of faithful and devoted service to his country and his notable academic career, both in Colombia and in the United States. He earned his Master of Arts Degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College in 2008 and was selected for duty as the Commander of the Colombian National Army by President Santos on

November 30, 2017. General Gómez demonstrated his commitment to professional military education during his tenure as Director of the Escuela Superior de Guerra (Commandant, War College) and is regarded as a leader in the war against organized crime.

The ceremony underscored the high level achievement of General Gómez's designation as an International Fellows Hall of Fame inductee and was presided over by the National Defense University President (NDU-P), Vice Admiral Fritz Roegge. He was assisted by National War College Commandant, Brigadier General Chad Mankse who shared some personal insights into General Gomez's time at NDU. Afterwards, General Gómez addressed the crowd of distinguished guests, family, and friends and expressed his joy to be back at NDU where he was "strengthened intellectually and the door to his current rank was opened." He noted NDU's "promotion of important values and the training of leaders in their ability to think and operate at the highest levels in the rapidly changing joint security environment though training and outreach programs." " He was thrilled by the investment of NDU into the Colombian military and hopes to continue to see future Colombian officers attend NDU.

The inductee was celebrated by NDU-P, the Senior Vice President, and other leaders at an elegant reception directly following the ceremony. Thank you to all who participated in this memorable day, to recognize the achievements of General Gómez and his award, a powerful reminder of the strength of the global network that makes up the NDU family.



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 Can World War I Teach us about Peacebuilding Today?](#)
US Institute of Peace by Phhilibpe Leroux-Martin

[What Happens When a World Order Ends](#)
Foreign Affairs Journal, by Robert Haas

[The Age of Uneasy Peace](#)
Council of Foreign Affairs, by Yan Xuetong

[Broken Europe, Why the EU is Stuck in Perpetual Crisis](#)
Foreign Affairs Journal by Helen Thompson

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

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