

# NDU IF Alumni News

**KEEPING INTERNATIONAL  
ALUMNI CONNECTED**



## A Message from NDU-P

Dear NDU Alumni:

On February 3rd I hand over the NDU President responsibilities to Lieutenant General Mike Plehn, United States Air Force, and retire from the United State Navy. I am writing to express my gratitude to each of you for your own service to your nation and to the partnerships in our community of nations. It has been a distinct honor to serve alongside you.

I also want to take this moment to recognize and thank you all for your continuing commitment to and engagement with the University, and in particular you support for our efforts to facilitate our connectivity through continuing education and engagement opportunities.

Over these past three and a half years, I have been fortunate to meet many of you either as students or alumni in the NDU family. From our Quadrennial at NDU in 2017 and through Alumni Continuing Education Security Seminars in Rabat, Morocco and Tartu, Estonia, or when I travelled overseas to visit my counterparts, I enjoyed many conversations with allied and partner security professionals and the alumni community, discussing and reflecting on the most challenging security issues we face together. I am pleased to report that I leave my post reassured that in spite of the many challenges our respective countries and our global commons face today, the future is bright precisely because of our united commitment to a better tomorrow. I also leave with renewed confidence in the strength and vibrancy of the NDU alumni network. Our network is also broad and powerful, as evidenced by the contributions you each have made since graduation, and highlighted by the eleven new members I was able to induct into NDU's International Fellows Hall of Fame.

Our network is a powerful tool for each of us to leverage. As you continue to advance in your career and in life, whether you are wearing a uniform or not, I strongly encourage you to stay engaged with your College and the University and with your classmates and mentors.

I wish you fair winds and following seas!

With Great Respect and Appreciation,  
F. J. Roegge  
Vice Admiral, US Navy  
16<sup>th</sup> President



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## Alumni on the Move

*Congratulations to the following alumni!*



Top Left: RADM Saif Al-Rahbi, ES 2017, has been promoted to his current position and named Commander of Oman Royal Navy

Top Center: LTG (Ret) Jiri Baloun NWC 2008, has been named Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Afghanistan

Top Right: MG Eap Undiandeye, CISA 2009, has been promoted to Major General in Uganda.

Bottom Left: BG Krzysztof Cur, ES 2017, has been promoted to Brigadier General and named Third Airlift Wing Commander in Poland.

Bottom Center: Mr. David Nardaia, CISA 2011, has been named Head of Mission of Georgia to NATO

Bottom Right: LTG Ishwar Hamal, CISA 2004, is currently serving as Head of Mission and Force Commander for the UN Disengagement Observer Force.

*Have you recently been promoted, assigned to a new position, or retired? Let us know! Send an email to [ismo@ndualumni.org](mailto:ismo@ndualumni.org) or fill out this Google Form [here!](#)*

## What's New at NDU?

As noted in our previous newsletter, NDU continues to deliver a nearly exclusive virtual environment. While Fellows have been able to form close ties through webcams and the shared experience of being told, “you’re on mute” at least once this year, ISMO is hopeful this Spring will bring greater opportunity for in-person activities in small groups. A new program pioneered last semester continues: the American Voices program. These sessions include diverse speakers from across the United States to speak about specific topics, such as immigration and the U.S. education system. Regarding the much-loved FSPs, our next virtual FSP is the “El Norte” region of America, encompassing Northern Mexico and the South/Southwestern border regions of the United States. Speakers for this virtual exploratory program will include representatives from the Customs and Border Patrol on the Texas-Mexico border, and the Drug Enforcement Agency from San Diego, California. Additionally, Fellows will have the opportunity to learn rope tying from former rodeo professionals and cook Southwestern cuisine! While their experience is assuredly different from yours, they continue to learn through various modified activities about the diversity of American life and U.S. institutions. ISMO is evaluating options for in-person travel outside the Washington, D.C. metro area before graduation. If you were in the U.S., where would you most want to go/re-visit?

Other significant updates:

First, we gladly welcome a new Provost, Dr. Alan Drimmer, who comes to us with a rich background in higher education institutions. Read more about him [here](#).

Second, NDU also welcomes Ms. Kathryn Kolbe, a proud alumna of the Eisenhower School, as the new leader of NDU’s Enterprise Business team as our new Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for Administration. You can read more about her professional background [here](#).

## Stay in touch!

Keep up with alumni updates and news about the current academic year on [Facebook](#).

Learn about opportunities to continue education and engage in virtual symposiums on [LinkedIn](#)

SEARCH: “NDU ISMO”

## 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.

[Great Power Competition](#)

Other articles and further reading:

[To Build Back Better, Biden Needs to Fix Trade](#)

*Foreign Affairs Journal* by Chad P. Brown

[Tracking Covid-19 Across the World](#)

*The Economist*

[Drones Are Destabilizing Global Politics](#)

*Foreign Affairs Journal*, by Jason Lyall

[Latin America's Darkest Hour](#)

*Foreign Affairs Journal* by Oliver Stuenkel

[The Pandemic has Shaken up the Movie Business](#)

*The Economist* by Rachel Lloyd

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

Check out a list of publications by topic published by United States Institute of Peace: [click here](#).

*Have you been published recently?*

*Want to share with your fellow alumni? Let us know – send an email to [ismo@ndualumni.org](mailto:ismo@ndualumni.org)*

Want to publish with NDU Press? Details [here!](#)

Need a new transcript? You can request one via the registrar's website, found [here!](#)

## Alumni Resources

Do you need to contact the ES or NWC Alumni Associations or CISA's Director for Outreach and Engagement? Visit your college's websites for more information!

Don't Forget about the resources the NDU library offers! If you cannot remember how to log onto blackboard or access the library databases, please reach out to us at [ismo@ndualumni.org](mailto:ismo@ndualumni.org)

