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Dean's Corner

Welcome



Dr. James Wirtz

On February 1st, Dr. James Wirtz officially began his term as Interim Dean of SIGS.

Dr. Wirtz has stepped into his new position with 18 years of NPS experience behind him. Previously, he was the Chair of the Department of National Security Affairs for four years, has taught in the Defense Resource Management Institute and the Center for Homeland Defense and Security, participated in mobile education teams with the Center for Civil-Military Relations, as well as serving as a team leader in the Regional Security Education Program. His research also includes a variety of projects for the Navy, Air Force, Department of Defense and intelligence community sponsors. Most importantly, Dr. Wirtz understands the fundamentals of teaching, research and administration at NPS.

Dr. Wirtz has stated that he will not be making any significant changes because SIGS is operating at a high operational level. What he hopes to do as interim dean is "undertake a process of incremental change that paves the way for faculty to maximize their entrepreneurial instincts to better meet the needs of the Armed Forces."

His time as the Interim Dean will provide a committee time to conduct a national search for a permanent dean.

Center For Homeland Defense And Security Celebrates Five Year Anniversary



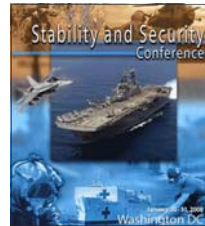
The Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) marked its fifth anniversary during the annual alumni conference held in January at NPS. More than 200 alumni, faculty and subject matter experts participated in sessions on intelligence and information sharing,

border security and public-private collaboration, as well as received briefings on NPS homeland security research projects and CHDS programs.

Opening remarks were given by Ms. Lynda Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Military Personnel Policy, Department of the Navy. Also in attendance was Mr. Peter Verga, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs, who stated that CHDS' "...provides an opportunity for homeland security practitioners to come together in an academic environment, get to know one another personally and professionally, and learn to think holistically about critical national planning scenarios melding practice and policy."

More than 200 senior-level local, state, tribal, federal and military officials have graduated from the combined distance learning and in-residence master's degree program.

Stability And Security Issues Addressed At U.S. Navy Conference



In January, the Center for Stabilization and Reconstruction Studies hosted its second U.S. Navy Stability and Security Conference in Arlington, Va, in collaboration with the Strategy and Concepts Branch of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations for Information, Plans and Strategy (OPNAV N3/N5).

Approximately 230 participants from the Armed Forces, government civilian agencies, foreign governments, non-governmental organizations and international governmental organizations attended this event to address stability and reconstruction issues and focus on strengthening the Navy's professional stability reconstruction community.

The keynote speaker was VADM John Morgan, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, OPNAV N3/N5, who outlined the importance of the U.S. Navy's new maritime strategy, "A Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower."

U.S. Congressman Sam Farr (D-Calif. 17th District) and Ambassador John Herbst, Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, U.S. Dept. of State, served on VIP panels to inform participants of the ways in which the government is coordinating efforts among various departments for stability operations.

NPS President Dan Oliver, who also served on a VIP panel, felt the conference was a vital opportunity for key practitioners in stability reconstruction efforts to network and establish relationships prior to conducting operations.

95th Civil Affairs Brigade Attends Course To Sharpen Analytical Skills During Deployment

Upon the request of the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne), the Defense Resources Management Institute (DRMI) conducted a two-week Multi-Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) course in February for civil affairs (CA) personnel.



Course Participants

The course, held in Monterey, focused on analytical techniques to assist CA officers in making decisions among competing alternatives in an environment characterized by insecurity, poor infrastructure, a lack of the rule of law, and other challenges CA units typically face in their stabilization missions. Participants developed detailed methods to formulate, structure, and solve decision problems, incorporating multiple objectives and decision criteria.

Using an invented country, participants examined alternatives to stabilize and rebuild a province within the country after the military regime collapsed due to a failing economy and political unrest.

This course, as well as any other course, is available internationally upon request. The next general MCDM course is scheduled for September.

Pakistan Collaborates With Center For Civil-Military Relations To Achieve Security



The Office of the Defense Representative in Pakistan, a section of the US Embassy in Pakistan, has requested the Center for Civil-Military Relations (CCMR) initiate a series of workshops with civilian and military officials in

Pakistan, aimed at creating a favorable security environment in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) for sustainable development.

This program supports the US Embassy's strategic goal of helping the government of Pakistan win back the allegiance of citizens in the largely lawless region who may be tempted to engage in violent political dissent. The workshops will also help both governments manage the border with Afghanistan and reduce terrorist activity in Pakistan.

Working with a specially selected team of mid-level civilian and military members associated with administering security or development in the FATA region, CCMR will facilitate the development of an implementation plan for the area. In the process, these joint efforts will be helping Pakistan generate a civil-military decision-making process at the national level.

The first workshop was completed last month in Pakistan, to be followed by one in May.

Troops Receive Cultural Education In Preparation For Deployment

During the first quarter of 2008, the Leadership Development and Education for Sustained Peace Program (LDESP) completed 16 programs throughout the United States for over 4,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines.

Specifically, LDESP prepared the 110th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade for a Kosovo deployment to face the perils associated with the rapidly changing environment which has transpired since 17 February when Kosovo declared independence from Serbia. The program taught service members how to adapt to the complex, ambiguous, and ever-changing human terrain they will experience in the local community.

Programs were also conducted for the leadership of the 10th Mountain Division, the National Training Center at Ft. Irwin, and Brigade Combat Teams. Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs) at Ft. Bragg, NC, and Embedded Training Teams (ETTs) at Ft. Riley, KS, were prepared as well for upcoming deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. Faculty members conducted workshops for the multi-agency PRTs, which are an important element of the U.S. nation building effort.



LDESP Faculty at Ft. Irwin

North Kivu Province In Democratic Republic Of Congo Seeks To Strengthen Civil-Military Relations

In coordination with the U.S. Embassy Kinshasa and the Governor's Office of the North Kivu province, Democratic Republic of Congo, the Center for Civil-Military Relations conducted its first seminar in the provincial capital Goma.

During the five-day seminar held in February, the 45 participants comprised from a cross section of North Kivu security elements, government officials and civil society officials, prepared an action plan that will serve as a guide for future activities aimed at enhancing civil-military relations in the province.

Defense Acquisition Courses Conducted For International Military and Civilian Officials

The International Defense Acquisition Resource Management Program completed its two semi-annual resident courses in March 2008 at NPS in Monterey. Participants were mid-level military or civilian government employees working in defense acquisition related roles in their countries.

The two-week "Principles of Defense Acquisition Management" course focused on topics such as resourcing capabilities, requirements definition, test and evaluation, acquisition logistics, defense supply chain management, and reliability centered maintenance.

"Principles of Defense Procurement and Contracting," immediately followed the acquisition management course and covered transparency, fraud and ethics, legal aspects of contracting, contract types and provisions, supplier source selection, acquisition planning, settling disagreements, and contract administration.

Sailors On USS Lincoln Gain Regional Awareness Knowledge Through Educational Program



A National Security Affairs Department faculty team recently completed a Regional Security Education Program (RSEP) for 2,600 officers and sailors in Carrier Strike Group NINE (CSG 9).

The program provided service members with information on potential regional threats as well as historical perspectives and current affairs of the deployment region. The faculty, experts in Middle East and South Asia studies and religious violence, also enhanced regional situational awareness by conducting information briefings on the cultural and diplomatic aspects of the region.

During opening remarks, RDML Van Buskirk, CSG 9 Commander, told his senior leaders and staff that this program would be the most important education they would receive in preparation for the assigned mission.

National Security Affairs Department Faculty Member Receives Book Award

Dr. Thomas Bruneau, distinguished professor in the National Security Affairs department and Latin American program manager in the Center for Civil-Military Relations, recently received a 2007 Outstanding Academic Title award (in the comparative politics subcategory within the social and behavioral sciences discipline) for a book he co-edited with Scott Tollefson titled, "Who Guards the Guardians and How: Democratic Civil-Military Relations".



Dr. Thomas Bruneau

The guidelines applied to select the year's best academic titles are: overall excellence in presentation and scholarship, importance relative to other literature in the field, distinction as a first treatment of a given subject in book or electronic form, originality or uniqueness of treatment, value to undergraduate students and importance in building undergraduate library collections."

The book is the first of a three-part collection. Dr. Bruneau's second book in the series is titled "Reforming Intelligence: Obstacles to Democratic Control and Effectiveness", and was co-edited by one of his graduate students, Navy Cmdr. Steve Boraz. The third book, titled "Global Politics of Defense Reform," co-edited with Dr. Harold Trinkunas, NSA Chairman, was released in February.

As a result of the award, the book is scheduled to be released in paperback form.