National Defense University Foundation

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

The National Defense University Foundation and Vice Admiral Roegge, the 16th President of NDU, wish you a warm welcome to the Ft. McNair Campus. Here, you will embark on a distinguishing academic journey. Below are Admiral Roegge's welcoming words for a new generation of NDU students:

"Congratulations on your selection for attendance as part of the National Defense University, Class of 2020. I welcome you and your family to NDU, the premier national security institution focused on advanced joint education, leader development and scholarship. NDU offers a unique academic environment to carry out the vital mission the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has given us: NDU develops joint warfighters and other national security leaders through rigorous academics, research and engagement to serve the common defense. You were chosen because of your outstanding record of accomplishment, and your proven potential for future positions of leadership. NDU educates, develops, and inspires national security leaders through a comprehensive and collaborative academic experience to anticipate and confront national and global security challenges. Once here, you will be encouraged and taught to innovate, adapt, and think critically and imaginatively in order to anticipate and overcome future challenges to national security. Our commitment to this vision requires a combination of excellent faculty and subject matter experts, rigorous curricula and programs, and quality total health resources to make your time with us as beneficial and productive as possible.

Finally, I encourage you to visit this section of our website often, for important information to help you and your family make a smooth transition to Fort McNair and the Washington, D.C. area. Please pay particular attention to our registration requirements in the welcome letters and complete them as soon as possible. The NDU team and I look forward to your arrival and we are excited about the upcoming year. Welcome to NDU!"

Sincerely,

F. J. ROEGGE
Vice Admiral, USN
16th President

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Sean McFate, a professor of strategy at the National Defense University and Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, has a new book: *The New Rules of War: Victory in the Age of Durable Disorder.* His publication makes the bold claim that "conventional war is dead." McFate believes the reason Western countries have recently engaged in so many failed military adventures are due to a fundamental misunderstanding of contemporary warfare. McFate details in his work how to overcome the "strategic atrophy" and successfully wage war in the grey zone of conflict.

International Fellows Tour DC

On July 12, 112 International Fellows from 62 countries and 73 of their family members toured the DC Memorials as part of a local field studies practicum. Before the tour, Fellows received a lecture from American Studies Coordinator Michael Shrout about the history of Washington, DC as a federal city and how it became the Nation's capital.

During the tour, experienced guides accompanied Fellows and their families providing them a historical and cultural context about each of the sites visited, including the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Korean War Memorial, the Marine Corps War Memorial, the World War II Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. Fellows and their families had the opportunity to have a picnic lunch together on the National Mall at the foot of the Washington Monument. At the conclusion of the tour, Fellows and their families returned to the ISMO patio for a potluck cook-out where they met their sponsor families from the community.

Funding from the NDU Foundation helped offset the costs for additional bussing, enabling the fellows to bring their families who got to experience DC first hand.

NDU ALUMS ATTEND A.C.E.S.S ESTONIA

The National Defense University hosted its 13th Alumni Continuing Education Security Seminar (ACESS) in partnership with the Baltic Defense College in Tartu, Estonia from 24 to 28 June 2019. The event brought together alumni of the NDU International Fellows Program for a robust academic program complemented by a series of networking events which included a cultural field study. The seminar's theme was Hybrid Warfare and Grey Zone Operations.

ACESS Estonia 2019's delivery of academic programs and networking activities provided a robust and fulfilling opportunity for NDU International Fellow alumni, faculty, USG stakeholders, as well as representatives from NATO, to network with one another and reconnect with their shared NDU experience.

The seminar was attended by 94 IF alumni and 20 spouses. It was the largest overseas alumni gathering in NDU history. This trip was made possible by a grant from the NDU Foundation.

LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT: AMBASSADOR ROBINSON

The NDU Foundation welcomes Amb. Robinson as the new Director of the International Student Management Office. He last served as Senior Advisor for Central America in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs in Washington. D.C. Amb. Robinson was previously Chargé d'Affaires in Caracas, Venezuela from December 18, 2017 to May 22, 2018, when he was expelled by President Maduro. He was previously U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala from September 16, 2014, to September 20, 2017. Amb. Robinson is a career diplomat with the rank of Minister-Counselor.

Amb. Robinson previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. From 2009 until 2011, he served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala.

A native of New Jersey, Amb. Robinson was a professional journalist before joining the Foreign Service. He is a graduate of the Georgetown University Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service.

THE CASE FOR FOUNDATION SUPPORT

WHO WE ARE:

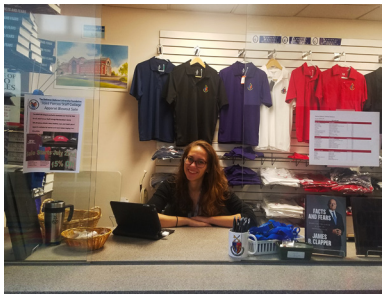
The National Defense University (NDU) Foundation, a nonpartisan, nonprofit, 501(c)3 philanthropic organization, was established to provide support to the National Defense University (NDU). The NDU Foundation brings together engaged individuals and industries to ensure our collective and international security through its support and partnership with the National Defense University.

TAKE A GANDER AT THE NDUF BOOK STORE

The National Defense University Foundation's bookstore is the perfect place to pick up some university merchandise. Grab a small souvenir to serve as a memento for your time on campus, or try on our attire so you can show off your NDU colors. We sell a variety of products ranging from spiffy polo shirts to ornate pins and badges, and so much more! We're sure you can find the perfect item for yourself or a friend/family member.

Additionally, our gift shop is a symbol of our partnership with and commitment to the National Defense University The shop is a way for students, alumni, and their loved ones to support NDUF which in turn supports the university and those who attend. So stop by and consider picking something up.

The NDUF gift shop can be found in the lobby of Marshall Hall or online at https://www.zazzle.com/store/ndufoundation. Store hours are weekdays, from 11:00 to 14:00.



DONATE: HELP BUILD A BETTER NDU

The National Defense University is vital to ensuring the security of the United States and its allies. NDU is where new generations of senior defense and diplomatic officials are educated and sent off to positions of prominence in both the private and public sectors. However, giving such talented people the best possible education requires resources that are outside of what NDU can acquire alone. This is where the National Defense University Foundation comes in. NDUF ensures NDU's unrivaled performance by building partnerships and raising funds. This will ensure that NDU remains the crown jewel of joint interagency education.

However, NDUF cannot achieve this mission alone. We need your help in ensuring that the National Defense University continues operating as one of the premier institutions in defense education. Your donations, no matter how small, truly make a difference.

If you want to help you can donate at https://ndufoundation.org/donate.