Thank you so for your inputs to the Alumni newsletter.

Aloha...

from beautiful Hawaii!

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Chief, Alumni Division

DKI APCSS Director, Lt. Gen. Dan ‘Fig’ Leaf announced that he will be departing the Center at the end of his term in January 2017.

“My five years as Director have been the most richly rewarding of my life. The opportunity to get to know and work with Fellows and workshop participants, and to stay engaged with alumni, has been priceless. I choose to leave at the end of my current term rather than extend for another two years because it is what is best for our thriving institution – it is the best time for transition to a new Director. I will remain active with DKI APCSS, and in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. Please stay in touch with me, and I will look forward to seeing you all again.”

Twenty Hawaii-based DKI APCSS alumni joined together to formally establish the Hawaii DKI APCSS Alumni Association. Some of the key goals of the group are to support the DKI APCSS mission and to provide broad and diverse opportunities for personal and professional networking.

On August 10, 2016, over 100 Fellows completed the Comprehensive Security Responses to Terrorism Course.
From August 15 to August 19, we conducted a workshop in Myanmar entitled “Building an Inclusive Security Sector in Myanmar.” We also hosted a successful alumni event in which 42 alumni from Myanmar participated. Deputy Director James Hirai presented alumni achievement awards to Captain Ko Ko Kyaw ASC14-3 and ORA14-6, and Ms. San San Maw ASC16-1, for completing their Fellows Projects. [http://apcss.org/building-an-inclusive-security-sector-in-myanmar/](http://apcss.org/building-an-inclusive-security-sector-in-myanmar/)

During the same week as the Myanmar event, we hosted the “Maritime Security Logistics Workshop” at DKI APCSS. [http://apcss.org/dod-southeast-asia-nations-explore-cooperation-in-maritime-security-logistics/](http://apcss.org/dod-southeast-asia-nations-explore-cooperation-in-maritime-security-logistics/) Nearly 50 security practitioners discussed opportunities to cooperate on logistics capabilities and capacity.
Following the Myanmar and Maritime Logistics workshops, we conducted a workshop in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia entitled “Addressing Institutional Impediments to Inclusion in the Security Sector.”

Over 50 representatives from the Asia-Pacific region evaluated case studies, analyzed obstacles to inclusion and submitted recommended courses of action.

Together with the U.S. Defense Attaché, we hosted an alumni event in which over 30 Mongolian alumni participated. On behalf of the Mongolia APCSS Alumni Association, Colonel Munkh Ochir Dorjjugder EC05-2 and ORA10-1, accepted the award for 2015 DKI APCSS Alumni Association of the Year. Director Leaf also presented alumni achievement awards to a cohort of Mongolian alumni for their successful work on developing the plan for securing the 2016 Asian European Summit.
Director Leaf attended the Chiefs of Defense (CHODs) conference in Manila, Philippines. Seven current CHODs are DKI APCSS alumni. Of these distinguished alumni, several attended the conference and were able to meet with our Director. In the photo from left to right are Major General Carlito Galves (Armed Forces of the Philippines AFP J-3), Director Leaf, Brigadier Lord Fielakepa (Tonga Chief of the Defence Staff), EC01-2 and CCM12-1, Rear Admiral Viliame Naupoto (Commander, Republic of Fiji Military Forces), EC02-3, General Ricardo Visaya (Chief of Staff, AFP), EC06-3, Vice Admiral Ray Griggs (Deputy Chief of Defence Force, Australian Defence Force), TSC10-2, Mr. Chris Marut (PACOM Foreign Policy Advisor), TSC09-1 and SEAPOC15-1.

Following the CHODs conference, Director Leaf traveled to Sri Lanka where he served as a distinguished speaker at the Kotelawalla Defense University. The Sri Lanka DKI APCSS alumni and the Sri Lanka Chiefs of Service hosted the Director for an alumni reception at the Sri Lanka Air Force museum. Over 60 alumni participated in the event. Key alumni in attendance included Air Chief Marshal Kolitha Gunatilleke, Chief of Defense EC04-2, Air Marshal Gagan Bulathsinghala, Commander of Air Force EC05-1 and Lieutenant General Crisanthe De Silva, Commander of Army EC07-2.
On September 16, 2016, DKI APCSS celebrated its 21st anniversary. More than 150 guests participated in the event, including employees of DKI APCSS, members of the newly established DKI APCSS Alumni Association, our newest alumni from APOC16-3, and a group of Hawaii-based DKI APCSS alumni. One of the keynote speakers was an alumnus of the very first DKI APCSS course, EC96-1, Mr. Peter Adzuara (U.S.).

We recently completed an alumni-focused workshop at King’s College in London entitled “Management of the Indo-Asia-Pacific’s Maritime Future.” This event brought together 16 outstanding DKI APCSS maritime security alumni to develop shared perspectives on regional maritime security challenges and provide a platform for wider, ongoing virtual discussion among a community of maritime practitioners and scholars.
Dr James Boutilier (Canada), SEC99-1 and ORA11-1, was honored with the 2016 Conference of Defence Associations Institute Vimy Award. This prestigious award is presented annually to one prominent Canadian who has made outstanding contributions towards the security and defense of Canada and the preservation of its democratic values. The Award honors the bravery and sacrifices of the Canadian soldiers who were victorious at the Battle of Vimy Ridge in April 1917.

Muhammad Riefqi Muna (Indonesia), EC99-2, traveled to Seoul, Korea where he spoke at the 2016 Seoul Defense Dialogue.

General Robert Brown (U.S.), EC06-1 and TSC12-2, traveled to India as the Commander U.S. Army Pacific where he met one of his DKI APCSS classmates, Brigadier General (Ret) Harinder Peter Bedi (India).

Assistant Commissioner of Police Taib Sabot (Malaysia), CSRT07-1, recently passed away in his home town of Kuching Sarawak Malaysia. We are deeply saddened by the loss of one of our ohana; and we offer our sincere condolences and sympathy to his family and friends.

Indira Ravindran (India), ASC12-2, and Noorullah Ahmadzai (Afghanistan), TSC11-1, both working in Washington D.C., met to share memories of their APCSS experience and to discuss opportunities for future cooperation.

Colonel Emma Ignacio (Philippines), ASC12-2, attended the DKI APCSS workshop on inclusive security in Mongolia.
Peter Morgan (Hong Kong), CA13-4, recently gave a presentation at the Asia Emergency Management Conference entitled “Responding to Modern Terrorism Threats: Key Issues in Crisis Response.”

Gloria Mercado (Philippines), ASC14-1 and ORA15-2, is recognized for having her Fellows project adopted as the political philosophy of President Duterte’s Administration. Her project document was published in the National Security Review. She is spearheading the enhancement of the National Security Policy and the Philippine Development Plan.

Captain Zachary Watson (U.S.), CCM14-1, published an article in The Diplomat entitled “How to Counter Terrorism in Southeast Asia.” You can find it on APCSSLink at
https://globalnetplatform.org/apcss/alumni-article-how-to-counter-terrorism-in-southeast-asia

Police Senior Superintendent Susan Jalla (Philippines), ASC14-3, was honored by President Duterte as one of Metrobank Foundation Inc. Outstanding Filipinos and one of the country’s Outstanding Police Officers in Service (COPS).

Anand Kumar (India), ASC15-2, shared a link to a book he authored entitled “Return from the Precipice: Bangladesh’s Fight Against Terrorism.”
http://www.idsa.in/book/BangladeshsFightAgainstTerr orism#order

Colonel Timoci Natuva (Fiji), EC98-3, CSRT05-2 and SEC05-2, resigned from his position as Minister for Immigration, National Security and Defense.

Ms. Batchimeg Migeddorj (Mongolia), EC01-1, former parliament member now heads a think tank at the National University of Mongolia.

Zenonida Brosas (Philippines), EC03-3 and SSD10-2, was appointed Commissioner of the National Police Commission with oversight of the 120,000 members of the Philippine National Police.

Jun Nayve (Philippines), CSRT04-1, was promoted to colonel and assigned as the Assistant Chief of Academy Staff for Operations and Training at the Philippine Military Academy.

Promotions and Position Changes:

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Dr. Charles Craft (U.S.), EC05-1 and APOC08-1, is in Nebraska serving as the State Dental Director.

Colonel Al Trimble (U.S.), JEC05-2, was selected as Commander, Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, New York.

Usman Dicky (Indonesia), EC06-1, was promoted to major general.

Sam Dara (Cambodia), CSRT06-1, was promoted to major general.

Mr. Russ Holske (U.S.), EC06-2, was promoted as Assistant Regional Director with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in Bangkok, Thailand. He has oversight of DEA offices in China, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Indonesia and Australia.

Brigadier General Nasim Akhter (Bangladesh), ASC09-1, is the Defence Attaché of Bangladesh in Beijing, China.

Lita Enok (Philippines), CCM09-1, is conducting an Incident Command System Training course to improve disaster readiness and response.

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Dr. Thomas Sisak (U.S.), APOC10-2, is the U.S. Battlefield Information Collection and Exploitation Systems Extended (BICES-X) Program Management Office Senior Lead for U.S. Pacific Command.

Commander/Captain(f) David Finch (Canada), ASC11-1, is Maritime Component Commander, Deputy Chief of Staff Exercise, Plans and Readiness.

Ms. Ha Hoang (ASEAN), ASC12-1, has moved from the ASEAN Secretariat to the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore.

Ambassador Bruce Linghu (Taiwan), TSC12-1, retired as Deputy Foreign Minister and plans to teach at a private university in Taiwan.

Colonel Edgard Arevalo (Philippines), CA12-1, is Chief of the Public Affairs Office of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

David Garlinghouse (U.S.), APOC13-1, was promoted to captain. Please use the following link to review this historic promotion.

Ms. Anna Gussarova (Kazakhstan), CSRT14-1, was promoted as Director of Central Asia Institute for Strategic Studies.

Gloria Mercado (Philippines), ASC14-1 and ORA15-2, is the new Deputy Cabinet Secretary at the Office of the President and she is also the Executive Director of the Performance and Projects Monitoring Office.

Brigadier Adeepa Thilakarathna (Sri Lanka), ASC14-1, is Commander, 552 Infantry Brigade.

Commander Keith Willison (U.S.), MAPOC14-1, is retiring this December.

Syed Ali Asad Gillani (Pakistan), ASC14-2, was assigned Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Pakistan in Ankara, Turkey.

Maru Aguilar (Philippines), ASC14-2, is Director of the Security, Justice and Peace cluster at the Performance and Projects Monitoring Office.

Vice Admiral Colin Kilrain (U.S.) SEAPOC14-2, assumed command of NATO Special Operations Headquarters.

Police Superintendent Susan Jalla (Philippines), ASC14-3, is the Deputy Director for Operations of the Philippine National Police Crime Laboratory.

Dr. Renato DeCastro (Philippines), ASC15-1, is based in Washington D.C. as the U.S. State Department U.S.-ASEAN visiting scholar from the Philippines.

Rear Admiral Ruwan Perera (Sri Lanka), ASC15-1, was assigned as Deputy Area Commander, Eastern Naval Area.

Colonel Derek Remington (U.S.), APOC15-1, is Deputy Command Center Director of NORAD and USNORTHCOM Current Operations Center.

Marcio Bravo (Brazil), CCM15-1, was assigned as an analyst for the Peacekeeping Mission Division at Land Operations Command.

Davidson Jajo (Marshall Islands), TSC15-2, was appointed Associate Judge of the District Court of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Muhammad Khalid Ijaz (Pakistan), CCM16-1, was promoted to group captain.

Correction: Leonard Parker (U.S.), CSRT09-1 has retired. Parker Chang (Taiwan), CSRT09-1 is still active duty.
“Vietnam Benefits from the South China Sea Arbitration”

“Addressing Challenges in the Maritime Commons”
http://nbr.org/research/activity.aspx?id=709

“China’s One Belt, One Road Initiative and the Sino-Russian Entente”

“Declaring Consistent Commitments: U.S. Maritime Policy in the Asia-Pacific”


“India and China at Sea: A Contest of Status and Legitimacy in the Indian Ocean”

“How to Make China Comply with the Tribunal Award”
http://maritimeawarenessproject.org/2016/08/10/how-to-make-china-comply-with-the-tribunal-award/

“ASEAN and the Risks of Business as Usual”

“The Role of Transportation in the Future of Urban Developing Asia: A Case Study of India”

“Approaching Critical Mass: Asia’s Multipolar Nuclear Future”

“Pacific Energy Summit”
http://pacificenergysummit.org/

The Comprehensive Security Responses to Terrorism course brought 107 new alumni into the DKI APCSS family on August 10, 2016. See story at:
http://apcss.org/u-s-international-fellows-build-counterterror-capacity-at-dki-apcss/

Educating, Connecting and Empowering
On September 16, 2016, the Asia Pacific Orientation Course 16-3 graduated 144 Fellows; and the Advanced Security Cooperation Course.
ASC16-2 began September 22 with 112 Fellows from 32 locations.
The Maritime Security Challenges (MSC) conference series (www.mscconference.com) is Canada’s only maritime security-oriented conference, held in Victoria, British Columbia, every two years. From October 3rd to 6th, MSC16, the seventh iteration in the series, will gather maritime security experts and practitioners from around the Indo-Pacific to discuss issues of mutual interest, including modernizing maritime services, the rise of non-traditional maritime actors (such as China’s maritime militia), and prospects for cooperation on these issues. The MSC series has strong links with DKI APCSS, having been founded by Dr. James Boutilier, an alumnus of SEC99-1 and ORA11-1, and ushered through its growing pains by DKI APCSS Professor Kerry Nankivell. The DKI APCSS-MSC bond remains strong, as MSC16 is organized by alumni Dan Baart ASC16-1, Ashley Milburn ASC12-1, and Brett Witthoeft ASC09-1, and DKI APCSS faculty and staff play key roles in MSC16 proceedings. MSC has also become a DKI APCSS alumni reunion event, where Canadian alumni can rekindle old bonds, and build new friendships with DKI APCSS alumni from across the Indo-Pacific.

Please use the following link to review the schedule of workshop events: https://globalnetplatform.org/apcss/apcss-alumni/workshops

On behalf of all the APCSS ‘Ohana’, both here in Hawaii and throughout our region, we would like to extend our warmest wishes and congratulations on this special occasion for your country. We hope the future finds continued peace and security for all your families, your country and our shared neighborhood in the Asia-Pacific region:

2 September ...............Vietnam National Day
6 September ...............Pakistan Defense Day
7 September ...............Brazil Independence Day
15 September .....................El Salvador Independence Day
16 September ............Mexico Independence Day
16 September .....................Papua New Guinea Independence Day

18 September .............Chile Independence Day
22 September ..................Mali Republic Day
1 October ..........................People’s Republic of China
1 October .........................Tuvalu Independence Day
1 October ......................Palau Independence Day
10 October ...........................Fiji National Day
19 October ......Niue National Constitution Day
29 October .........................Turkey Republic Day

Addition to last month:
1 Aug..............................Swiss National Day
30 Aug .......................Kazakhstan Constitution Day

National Days in September and October: