



DANIEL K. INOUIE ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

August-September 2019

Message from the Director:

Aloha and Hafa Adai,

We recently concluded the [Alumni Associations: Advancing Regional Security Cooperation 2019 workshop](#). The collaboration, creativity, and energy exuded by the team resulted in a very successful workshop. We were able to assist alumni and U.S. Embassy representatives from 20 countries to improve their relations with each other and DKI APCSS. These country

groups developed action plans to build the capacity of their alumni associations to better contribute to peace, stability and prosperity; they developed criteria for successful alumni associations and successful Fellows Projects; they crafted processes for preparing Fellows for their DKI APCSS courses, and sketched processes for mentoring and tracking alumni to project completion. We've completed some important first steps with this workshop, now comes the hard work to build on this momentum. We have quite a few action items out of this

workshop to help our partners in the region. Let's continue working together to develop these initiatives into real-world, positive outcomes. We are poised to support continued development of alumni associations and groups — please let us know how we may assist. Thank you for all you do to make our region and the world more peaceful, stable and prosperous...now let's do this!


Peter A. Gumataotao
Director



Aloha...
from beautiful
Hawaii!

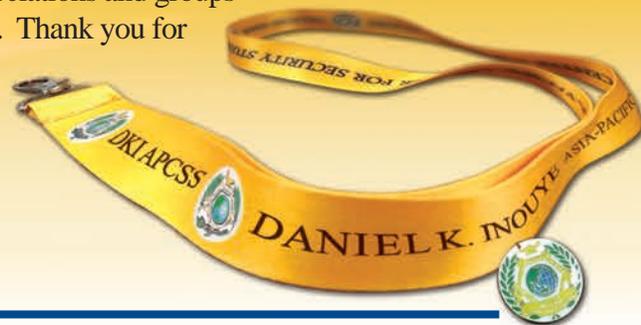
Thank you so much for all your inputs to our Alumni email newsletter.

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Dear alumni of the Daniel K. Inouye Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS): Aloha and warm regards from Camp H.M. Smith, Hawai'i.

Tuvalu recently hosted the 50th Island Forum (PIF), where a U.S. delegation from the National Security Council and Departments of State, Interior, and Commerce met alongside leaders from 18 regional partners to discuss the complex issues and opportunities that unite Oceania. The theme of this year's forum,



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Center News:

The Deputy Director, **Brigadier General (Ret) James Hirai** traveled to Indonesia in support of a regional workshop. While in Jakarta, he met with DKI APCSS alumni at a U.S. Embassy-hosted event.



Indonesia Alumni Event



Wither

Professor James Wither, discusses “The Strategies of Terrorism: Making Sense of Terrorist Violence” in this latest PODCAST: <https://globalnetplatform.org/apcss/dki-apcss-podcasts/strategies-of-terrorism-making-sense-of-terrorist-violence>

The latest edition of Currents magazine is now available online at:

<https://apcss.org/college/publications/currents/>



Mullins

Faculty Publications:

Dr. Sam Mullins recently had a paper on Jihadist Infiltration of Migrant Flows into Europe published. The paper was written while he was still at the Marshall Center but we thought we'd share it as well!

https://eeradicalization.com/jihadist-infiltration-of-migrant-flows-to-europe-taking-stock-of-recent-events/?fbclid=IwAR091RbHnbRjT6Qb4c7g1N1c_vn_ehg3q6PaoG1oE_XXmmn79_bili38IPfc

Course name change! With the new fiscal year the Asia-Pacific Orientation Course, also known as APOC, will be changing its name to the “Indo-Pacific Orientation Course,” or “IPOC.” Read more at: <https://apcss.org/orientation-course-name-change/>

News Stories from Alumni:



Talanoa

Sione Talanoa (Tonga), EC05-1, attended a regional maritime security workshop in Vanuatu.

Chief, Asia-Pacific Regional Center, Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington D.C.



Muniruzzaman

Major General (Ret) A.N.M. Muniruzzaman (Bangladesh), SEC06-2, traveled to Sri Lanka for the Colombo Defence Seminar where he gave a presentation entitled “Evolving Military Excellence in Contemporary Security Landscape.”

<http://bipss.org.bd/evolving-military-excellence-in-contemporary-security-landscape/>

The Director of Strategic Intelligence at the Korean Defense Intelligence Agency, **Dr. Jin Gyu Lee (Korea), EC05-2**, met with **Colonel Tom Tibbetts (U.S.), APOC16-2**, Acting



News Stories from Alumni:



Banga

Sunder Banga (India), ASC10-1, attended an event in Bangkok as the Founder of the ASEAN – WHO South East Asia Regional Network for Road Safety Legislators.



Basnyat

Major General (Ret) Binoj Basnyat (Nepal), ASC11-2, wrote an article entitled, “US Indo-Pacific Strategy and Nepal.” He also wrote an article about India’s abrogation of Article 370.

<https://english.khabarhub.com/2019/18/44840/>
<https://english.khabarhub.com/2019/23/39758/>



Giang

Ambassador Bui Giang (Vietnam), TSC13-2, met with Admiral Davidson during his trip to Vietnam.



Bangkok, Thailand
9 August 2019



Thu

Huong Le Thu (Australia), ASC16-2, earned a spot in the first-ever in Australia list of “40 under 40” most influential Asian-Australian (top 5 in education)

<https://www.asianaustrianleadership.com.au/40-under-40-awards-winners>



Atapattu

Dimuth Atapattu (Sri Lanka), ASC17-2, is studying in Australia on a two-year Awards Scholarship.

Promotions and Position Changes:



Wijeratne

Chandrasekara Wijeratne (Sri Lanka), EC02-1, was appointed *Ambassador to Poland*.



Brown

General Robert Brown (U.S.), EC06-1, and TSC12-2, retired as the Commander, U.S. Army Pacific.



Rafick

Abdallah Rafick (Comoros), CSRT09-1, was appointed *Chief of Staff* of the Military Component at Eastern Africa stand-by force based in Kenya.



Quinter

Lieutenant Colonel Jason Quinter (U.S.), CAPOC13-1, transitioned to the *National War College* in Washington D.C.



Fogarty

Shaun Fogarty (New Zealand), CA13-3, was appointed *Defence Advisor* in Australia and *Defence Attaché* to India.



Wilpatha

Waruna Wilpatha (Sri Lanka), ASC14-2, was appointed *Ambassador to Israel*.

Promotions and Position Changes:



Nagashima

Lieutenant General Jun Nagashima (Japan), TSC15-1, retired from military service.



Hodges

Commander Jeff Hodges (U.S.), APOC17-1, retired from the U.S. Navy.



Ullah

Md Saif Ullah (Bangladesh), CSRT15-1, was promoted to **colonel** and appointed Deputy Military Secretary to the Honorable Prime Minister.



Baharuddin

Faizal Baharuddin (Malaysia), CCM17-1 was promoted to **brigadier general**.



Jaffeer

Musthafa Jaffeer (Sri Lanka), TSC16-2, was appointed **Ambassador to Brazil**.



Ali

Saira Ali (Pakistan), ASC17-1, was elected as **General Secretary at Awami Press Club**, Khairpur, Sindh—the only female who will represent the press club.



Malavet

Major General Joaquin Malavet (U.S.), TSC16-2, retired from the U.S. Marine Corps.



Herbert

Major General Robert Herbert (U.S.), APOC17-3, retired from military service.



Sexton

John Sexton (U.S.), APOC16-3, retired from government service.



Melei

Timi Melei (Tuvalu), ASC18-1, was appointed **Minister of Education, Youth and Sports**.

Administration:

The following links may provide you some useful information: [APCSS Public Website](#)

FOLLOW:



For those interested in using APCSSLink and resetting their passwords, please use the following link.

https://globalnetplatform.org/system/files/apcss_link_orientation_current_0.pdf

APCSS LINK ORIENTATION

- First time log on (0:40)
- Forgot password (0:40)
- How to change your password (0:53)
- How to edit your profile (0:53)
- How to change your notification settings (0:40)
- How to add someone to your contacts (0:54)
- How to edit or delete your comments (0:23)
- For help: shimecherom@apcss.net

DKI APCSS Courses:

Our inaugural Comprehensive Maritime Security Course graduated 107 new alumni on Aug 28, 2019.



COLLEGE OF SECURITY STUDIES
COMPREHENSIVE MARITIME SECURITY COOPERATION
COURSE 19-1

1 - 28 AUGUST 2019 HONOLULU, HAWAII

ASC19-2



The Advanced Security Cooperation Course, ASC19-2, commenced Sep 19, 2019 with 109 Fellows.

Educating, Connecting and Empowering

DKI APCSS Workshops:



DKI APCSS hosted an “Alumni Associations: Advancing Regional Security Cooperation 2019” workshop. Participants included alumni and U.S. Embassy representatives from 20 countries. Participants successfully developed country specific alumni association or core alumni group goals and objectives. They also developed processes for preparing Fellows to attend DKI APCSS and for mentoring alumni with their projects.



Educating, Connecting and Empowering

DKI APCSS Alumni Visitors:



Rear Admiral Robert Hayes (U.S.), APOC19-2, visited DKI APCSS to speak to the Comprehensive Maritime Security Cooperation course.

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continued from page 1 "Securing our Future in the Pacific," focused primarily on driving greater global and regional action to combat climate change and protect our oceans.

During the PIF, Secretary of Interior David Bernhardt announced that the U.S. is increasing our contributions to the Pacific Islands, pledging \$36.5 million in new foreign assistance. This is in addition to the approximately \$350 million annually that U.S. agencies invest in projects, assistance, and operations to build a more prosperous future for Oceania.

The U.S. delegation at the PIF announced our commitment to the following actions:

- **Enhancing Resilience to Environmental Challenges:** Improve drinking water quality and wastewater management, support water and weather forecasting infrastructure.
- **Supporting Conservation of Coral Reefs:** Expand coral reef conservation efforts within the region, including the Coral Reef Watch program.
- **Preparing for Extreme Weather:** Support disaster risk reduction programs aimed at saving lives and reducing the impact of disasters.
- **Responding to Disasters:** Work to raise the capacity of Pacific Island communities, governments, and regional institutions to mitigate and prepare for natural disasters. In March, USAID provided FSM \$17 million in assistance following Typhoon Wutip.
- **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Expanding Connectivity:** Improve access to electricity and open, secure, and reliable internet to help drive economic growth in the Pacific. This includes a goal of reaching 70% electrification in Papua New Guinea by 2030, over and above more than \$6.3 billion

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continued from page 7 already invested in the Freely Associated States to capitalize trust funds, improve infrastructure at utilities and schools, and deliver basic health and education services.

- **Enhancing Good Governance:** Contribute \$3 million to boost citizen participation and promote transparency and accountability in elections and government.
- **Enhancing Maritime Security:** Continue to increase presence in Oceania, conduct fisheries enforcement, and support PIF Fisheries Agency operations. The U.S. has twelve “shiprider” agreements with countries throughout Oceania, which allow local law enforcement officers to embark on U.S. Coast Guard vessels and board and search vessels suspected of violating laws or regulations.
- **Building Capacity to Combat Illegal Fishing:** In April, the U.S. Coast Guard brought together officials from ten Pacific Island countries for the first-ever U.S. and Pacific Islands Multilateral Fisheries Law Enforcement Symposium.

Here at USINDOPACOM, we are putting the Indo-Pacific Strategy Report into action. The Department of Defense has increased regional security assistance by \$24 million to enhance FAS capabilities to safeguard territorial waters, conduct maritime and border security operations, counter drug trafficking and transnational organized crime, and improve airport logistics. Additionally, USINDOPACOM has pledged \$13.2M in overseas humanitarian, disaster, and civic aid (OHDACA) appropriation projects. We are conducting numerous multinational exercises across the region, to include U.S. Army Pacific Pathways, U.S. Navy Pacific Partnerships, and U.S. Air Force Pacific Angel. Along with this, we are also increasing our civil affairs presence.

These commitments represent just a portion of U.S. investments and presence throughout Oceania. Please continue the dialogue and send your questions and comments to APCSS. I look forward to enhancing my relationship with you and your governments as we work to solve the complex problems we face together.

My best regards,

P. S. DAVIDSON
Admiral, U.S. Navy

National Days in September and October:

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:

02 Sep Vietnam National Day
06 Sep Pakistan Defense Day
07 Sep Brazil Independence Day
15 Sep El Salvador Independence Day

16 Sep Mexico Independence Day
16 Sep ... Papua New Guinea Independence Day
18 Sep Chile Independence Day
22 Sep Mali Republic Day
01 Oct National Day,
People's Republic of China
01 Oct Tuvalu Independence Day
01 Oct Palau Independence Day
10 Oct Fiji National Day
19 Oct Niue National Constitution Day
29 Oct Turkey Republic Day