Please take a moment with us to remember and honor two of our dear Ohana members who recently passed far too soon from this life.

**Lieutenant Colonel Josh Burgess (U.S.), ASC14-3**, tragically passed away as the result of a motorcycle accident. While at DKI APCSS, he served as the Deputy Chief of the Alumni Division, and as the Director’s Executive Officer. He was an integral part of the DKI APCSS Ohana, as was his immediate family, wife Alison and sons Wyatt, Landon and Everett. We miss you “JB,” and we offer our thoughts and prayers for you and your family.

**Major Amelia Tadu (Fiji), ASC17-2**, unexpectedly passed away. She attended DKI APCSS very recently and was selected by her classmates as the Commencement speaker. We offer her family and friends our sincerest sympathy and condolences. All of us will miss her.

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**Aloha... from beautiful Hawaii!**

Thank you for your inputs to our Alumni newsletter.

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**Alumni Recognition:**

**Edward Simarmata (Indonesia), ASC14-2,** served as Chief Judge in four district courts and most recently as Head of Supreme Court of Indonesia Training Center on Management and Leadership where his office was recognized by the National Institute of Public Administration, from among 700 training centers, as the Best Government Training Center, 2018.

**Dr. Ginnie Bacay-Watson** provided the latest Podcast entitled “Security Dynamics in Southeast Asia” and **Dr. Al Oehlers** added a Podcast entitled, “Countering Terrorist Financing.” Please view the Podcasts at the following links:

https://globalnetplatform.org/apcss/dki-apcss-podcasts/countering-terrorist-financing

**News Stories from Alumni:**

**Dr. Ygnacio Flores (U.S.), CSRT04-2,** published several articles and chapters regarding human security, notably, “Mismanaging America’s demographic shift, the rise of violent extremism, and responding to a culture of fear.” To read more, click the link.


**Major General (Ret) A.N.M. Muniruzzaman (Bangladesh), SEC06-2,** hosted the Asian Regional Conference on “Belt and Road Initiative: Prospects and Challenges.”

www.bipss.org.bd

**Major General (Ret) Binoj Basnyat (Nepal), ASC11-2,** wrote an article entitled, “Change of Guard in the Nepali Army.”

Alumni Awards and Recognition:

**Dalos Umul (Papua New Guinea), ASC14-2**, attended the Asia-Pacific Intelligence Chiefs Conference in Nepal.

**Professor Tjipta Lesmana (Indonesia), TSC16-1**, published a paper entitled “Counter-terrorism and De-radicalization as Soft Power Programs in Combating Terrorism in Indonesia: A Critical Review.”

**Daniel Agob (France), CSRT16-1**, provided a lecture on “Management of the Security Risks of Internationally Displaced Persons and Refugees” at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

**Colonel Steve Lamarche (Canada), APOC17-2**, is in Australia attending a course at the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies.

**Amy Forsythe (U.S.), APOC17-2**, published an article on “Defeating ISIS in Eastern Afghanistan.”

https://globalnetplatform.org/apcss/defeating-isis-in-eastern-afghanistan

**Victor Hugo Valencia (Peru), ASC18-1**, traveled to Slovakia to participate in a Live Agents training on real chemical weapons. He also participated in the latest PANAMAX exercise as a Fires Officer.

**Jack Moceica (Fiji), CCM18-1**, attended a Disaster Management workshop in Reno, Nevada.

**Professor Norman Vasu (Singapore), CA17-6**, wrote an article entitled, “How Hawaii Handles Hurricane Lane Holds Lessons for Singapore.”

Promotions and Position Changes:

Pham Ngoc Thanh (Vietnam), EC02-3 and CSRT11-1, was promoted to senior colonel and appointed Director, Department of International Studies; Institute for Defense Strategies.

Lieutenant General Shigeru Kobayashi (Japan), EC03-1, retired from military service.

Juan Eduardo Gonzalez (Chile), EC03-3, was promoted to lieutenant general and appointed Commanding General of Santiago Garrison.

Rear Admiral Baten (Bangladesh), EC07-2, retired from military service.

Md Hasan Uz Zaman (Bangladesh), CCM08-1, was promoted to brigadier general and appointed Commander, 98 Composite Brigade.

Honorable John Silik Sala (Vanuatu), EC08-2, was elected as an honorable Member of National Parliament.

Additional Inspector General Navaraj Dhakal (Nepal), CSRT08-2 and TSC13-1, retired from Nepal Police.

Michael Martin (U.S.), ASC10-2, was promoted to lieutenant colonel.

Chhoeuth Polrith (Cambodia), CCM13-1, was promoted to Police Lieutenant Colonel. He is also Deputy Chief, Firearms and Explosives Management.

Deputy Inspector General Amrit Shrestha (Nepal), ASC14-1, retired from Nepal Police.

Dilip Kumar Choudhary (Nepal), CCM14-1, was promoted to Senior Superintendent of Police.

Additional Inspector General Pashpupati Upadhyay (Nepal), CSRT14-1, retired from Nepal Police.

April Dawn Cripps (FM), TSC14-2, was appointed Special Prosecutor for Palau.

Ituau Ale Jr. (Samoa), ASC14-2, was promoted as Detective Inspector. He oversees the Samoa Transnational Crime Unit/Interpol.

Ms. Thuy Anh Nguyen (Vietnam), CCM15-1, was promoted to Vice Director of the Da Nang Foreign Affairs Department.

Say Saksovuthy (Cambodia), CSRT15-1, was promoted to colonel.
Promotions and Position Changes:

Dinesh Amatya (Nepal), ASC15-2, was promoted to Deputy Inspector General of Nepal Police.

Additional Inspector General Kamal Singh Bam (Nepal), CCM16-1, retired from the Nepal Police.

Kesang Wangdi (Bhutan), TSC17-1, was appointed Cabinet Secretary.

Madhu Pudasaini (Nepal), CSRT17-1, retired from the Nepal Police.

Lieutenant General Lew Craparotta (U.S.), TSC17-2, took command of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific.

Vo Tuan Ngoc (Vietnam), ASC18-1, was assigned as Councilor of the Embassy of Vietnam in Cambodia.

The following links may provide you some useful information: APCSS Public Website

"Vietnam Benefits from the South China Sea Arbitration"

"Unlocking the Black Box: Keys to Information Dissemination into North Korea"

Faculty News:

Lieutenant Commander Leah Cole (U.S.), APOC16-3 and CSRT18-1, wrote an article entitled Friends, Firsts and the Future at RimPac 2018.”

DKI APCSS faculty, Professors Justin and Kerry Nankivell completed over ten years of service to the Center and have returned to Canada with their three children to begin a new chapter and new careers in their life. We are sincerely grateful for their service and applaud their accomplishments and contributions to Indo-Pacific security.

DKI APCSS Professor, Dr. Christopher Harmon completed his fifth book on terrorism and counterterrorism, The Terrorist Argument: Modern Advocacy and Propaganda. Dr. Harmon is also retiring from government service.

Ed ucating, Connecting and Empowering
On behalf of all the DKI 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:

National Days in September:

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https://mscconference.com/

To view the latest workshop schedule, please use the following link:
https://globalnetplatform.org/apcss/apcss-alumni/workshops

DKI APCSS Course/News:

The Advanced Security Cooperation Course 18-2 will commence Sept 20, 2018 in Honolulu.