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from beautiful
Hawaii!

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

John Gasner



John A. Gasner
Chief,
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DKI APCSS Director Pete Gumataotao and Mr. Tom Patykula traveled to Singapore for the Shangri-La Dialogue. While in Singapore, they took advantage of this great opportunity to network with notable officials and distinguished DKI APCSS alumni.



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The U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense (ASD) for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, Mr. Randall Schriver also attended the Shangri-La Dialogue. Our Director reports directly to Mr. Schriver, who is a great supporter of DKI APCSS. His office recently produced the U.S. Indo-Pacific Strategy Report. You

can download the report at the following link: <https://dod.defense.gov/News/News-Releases/News-Release-View/Article/1863396/dod-releases-indo-pacific-strategy-report/>

We welcome your input regarding the strategy report and encourage your feedback to help inform concrete action steps on implementing the strategy.

ASD Schriver's Message to Alumni:

Dear alumni and friends of the Daniel K. Inouye Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI-APCSS):

Greetings from Washington, D.C. It is a sincere privilege to engage key policy makers, military officials, and security practitioners throughout the Indo-Pacific, and I see this as the next step in an open, ongoing, and mutually productive conversation.

This month, Acting Secretary of Defense Patrick M. Shanahan released the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) Indo-Pacific Strategy Report, which articulates the Department's role within a whole-of-government strategy for the Indo-Pacific region.

The report can be found at: <https://dod.defense.gov/News/News-Releases/News-Release-View/Article/1863396/dod-releases-indo-pacific-strategy-report/>



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Dear alumni of the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI-APCSS):



Aloha from Camp H.M. Smith, Hawai'i.

I recently attended the 2019 Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore alongside ministers and delegates from more than 50 countries. The venue provided a great opportunity to discuss cooperation and collaboration with allies and partners regarding our shared commitment to the security, people, and prosperity of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific. I encourage you to take the time to review the speeches by the U.S. Acting Secretary of Defense and the PRC's Minister of Defense.

In those speeches, I think you will find a distinct contrast in the respective visions of the future. Our United States inclusive vision of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific is shaped to include all of our allies and partners. It is designed around respect for others and the guarantee of national sovereignty. Economically, it promotes free, fair, and reciprocal trade and investments founded on mutually beneficial and transparent agreements. In contrast, the Chinese Communist Party's vision openly states that Taiwan has no sovereign choice, and the South China Sea is the territory of the People's Republic of China. Links to these speeches, along with the Indo-Pacific Strategy Report, are at the end of this note. I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

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News Stories from Alumni:



Ecraela

Roy Ecraela (Philippines), EC04-2, attended a course at the George C. Marshall European Center for Strategic Studies entitled, “Program on Cyber Security Studies.”

South Asia.”

<https://southasiamonitor.org/news/united-action-intelligence-sharing-must-to-curb-terrorism-in-south-asia/sl/29532>



Kardi

Air Vice Marshal (Ret) Koesnadi Kardi (Indonesia), SEC05-1, is lecturing at the Indonesian Defense University and University of Indonesia.



Bhandari

Chiranjibi Bhandari (Nepal), CCM13-1, earned third prize from Nepal’s Chief of Army Staff for his article entitled, “Conflict and Peace Studies: Its Needs and Significance in Nepal.”



Muniruzzaman

Major General (Ret) A N M Muniruzzaman (Bangladesh), SEC06-2, and the Daily Star jointly organized a roundtable entitled The Security Implications of Climate Change.”

Lieutenant Colonel Dan Makalena (U.S.), APOC14-1, traveled to Bhutan, Cambodia and Nepal, where he met with many DKI APCSS alumni.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/roundtables/news/the-security-implications-climate-change-1750042>



Makalena Cambodia



Rossi

Fabio Rossi (Switzerland), CSRT08-2, attended the 43rd World Congress of Military Medicine in Switzerland.



Makalena Bhutan



Moote

Ms. Josephine Moote (Kiribati), ASC09-1, is working on her Master’s in International Relations at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji.



Makalena Bhutan



Makalena Nepal



Basnyat

Major General (Ret) Binoj Basnyat (Nepal), ASC11-2, wrote an article entitled “Recent Political and Security Decisions and Its Impact.”



Makalena Nepal

<https://www.spotlightnepal.com/2019/05/13/recent-political-and-security-decisions-and-its-impact/>
He also published an article entitled, “CK, Madhesh Politics and Consequences.”
<https://english.khabarhub.com/2019/14/20458/>
He wrote a third article, entitled, “United Action, Intelligence Sharing Must to Curb Terrorism in



Pokharel

Major General Jagdish Pokharel (Nepal), ASC14-3, attended a seminar at the Institute for Security Governance in Monterey, California.



Dimiyati

Ms. Siti Salmiah Dimiyati (Malaysia), ASC16-2, is **Deputy Undersecretary Strategic Technology and S&T Application** in the Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change.



DK1 APCSS Palau

DKI APCSS professor, Dr. Miemie Byrd traveled to Myanmar where she met with many of our DK1 APCSS alumni.

Colonel Jerry Hall (U.S.), ASC16-2, traveled to Palau to plan for an Army exercise. While in Palau, he met with several alumni from Palau, including **Kenny Sengebau, ASC 18-2; Flora Tewid, CCM 14-1; Dwight Alexander, ASC 15-1; Jennifer Anson, TSC18-1, Irving Dwight, ASC 17-1; Levi Idechong, CCM 16-1, and Kinsey McFadden, (U.S.), APOC 13-2.**



2019 RGN Alumni Dinner Myanmar



Ruangmei

Johnny Ruangmei (India), CCM19-1, attended the United Nations Disaster Risk Reduction conference in Geneva.



2019 Lashio Alumni



2019 NDC Visit Myanmar



2019 MDY Alumni Myanmar



2019 NPT Alumni Myanmar



2019 MPF Visit Myanmar

Promotions and Position Changes:



Panuelo

David Panuelo (Micronesia), EC01-1, was elected as the *President of the Federated States of Micronesia*.



Wijeratne

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



Gunawardana

Air Commodore Waruna Gunawardana (Sri Lanka), CCM09-1, was elected as the *President of the National Rifle Association of Sri Lanka*.



Clavejo

Dr. Lorenzo Clavejo (Philippines), ASC09-2, was extended in his service to his country as the *Head of the Strategic Management Staff* at the National Security Council Secretariat. He is also *Head of the National Security Training Center*.



Giri

Sarad Kumar Giri (Nepal), CSRT10-1, was promoted to *lieutenant general* and appointed *Chief of General Staff*, Nepal Army.



Dissanayake

Ambassador Hasanthi Dissanayake (Sri Lanka), CSRT10-1, returned to Sri Lanka as the *Director General of Ocean Affairs, Environment and Climate Change*.



Lertsithichai

Ms. Pensom Lertsithichai (Thailand), ASCII-1, was appointed *Director of the News Division*, Department of Information, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Tatafu

Special Note: **Samuela Tatafu (Tonga), ASC10-2**, passed away. We offer our sincere prayers and condolences to his wife Tukia and the rest of his family and friends.



Appleton

Thomas Appleton (New Zealand), CA13-2, completed a posting in China and is now working on the ASEAN Regional Forum desk in Wellington.



Palon

Westmoreland Palon (Malaysia), ASC14-1, was appointed *Ambassador of Malaysia to the Holy See*.



Mourey

Captain Richard Mourey (U.S.), SEAPOC14-2, retired from the U.S. Coast Guard after 30 years of service.



Soe

Ms. Kaythi Soe (Myanmar), ORA14-6 and CSRT17-1, was appointed *Ambassador to the Czech Republic*.



Hlaing

Nay Myo Hlaing (Myanmar), ASC15-2, was promoted to *brigadier general* and appointed *Deputy Commandant of the National Defense College*.



Armes

Mrs. Karen Armes (U.S.), APOC15-2, retired from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Promotions and Position Changes:



Sheehan

Donald Sheehan (U.S.), ASC16-1, is the **Foreign Policy Advisor** to the Commanding General of the Fifth Army in San Antonio, Texas.



Kitcher

Mike Kitcher (Australia), TSC18-1, was promoted to **Air Vice Marshal** and posted to HQ U.S. Central Command.



Valencia

Victor Ibanez Valencia (Peru), ASC18-1, was promoted as **Chief of the Military Observers Coordination Cell** in the peacekeeping mission MINUSCA.



Lyons

The Honolulu East-West Center welcomed **Ambassador Karena Lyons (New Zealand), TSC18-2**, as its new **Vice President and Executive Director of Research**.

DKI APCSS News:

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

FOLLOW:



“The Second Belt and Road Forum: Xi’s Reassessment and Recalibration of BRI”
<https://www.nbr.org/publication/the-second-belt-and-road-forum-xis-reassessment-and-recalibration-of-bri/>

“New Security Challenges: Tests for the U.S.-Australia Alliance”
<https://www.nbr.org/publication/new-security-challenges-tests-for-the-u-s-australia-alliance/>

“The Sino-Russian Partnership and the North Korean Nuclear Crisis: U.S. Policy Implications”
<https://www.nbr.org/publication/the-sino-russian-partnership-and-the-north-korean-nuclear-crisis/>

“Sino-Russian Relations: Perspectives from Russia, China and Japan: A Russian Perspective”
<https://www.nbr.org/publication/sino-russian-relations-perspectives-from-russia-china-and-japan/>

“Present and Future Sino-Russian Cooperation: Chinese Perspectives”
<https://www.nbr.org/publication/present-and-future-sino-russian-cooperation-chinese-perspectives/>

DKI APCSS Courses:

On May 24, 2018, 30 senior executives completed the Transnational Security Cooperation course TSC19-1.

Four alumni returned to participate in this course.



TSC 19-1 Alumni



DKI APCSS Courses:

The Comprehensive Security Responses to Terrorism course, CSRT19-1 began on Jun 6, 2019 with 108 new Fellows.



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COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY RESPONSES TO TERRORISM
COURSE 19-1
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DKI APCSS Workshops:

We co-hosted a workshop with the George C. Marshall Center for European Security Studies. The workshop was entitled, “Securing Our Borders against Traveling Terrorists: Challenges, Best Practices and Recommendations.”



George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies
Collaborative Counter-Terrorism Community of Interest

Garmisch - Partenkirchen, Germany May 14, 2019 - May 17, 2019



LTG Giri

DKI APCSS Alumni Visitors:

Lieutenant General Sarad Kumar Giri (Nepal), CSRT10-1, visited DKI APCSS while in Hawaii for the LANPAC conference.

Major General (Ret) Jimmie J. Wells (U.S.) APOC17-3, and *Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Dan Makalena (U.S.), APOC14-1*,

returned to DKI APCSS to discuss plans for an alumni event connected to the Asia-Pacific Orientation course on July 19, 2019.



MG JJ Wells and Makalena



MG JJ Wells and Makalena

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DKI APCSS Alumni Visitors:



Nevada National Guard

Several DKI APCSS alumni returned to the Center as members of Nevada's National Guard.

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Victor Salazar (U.S.), EC02-3 returned to DKI APCSS for a visit. Tom Patykula and Tom Peterman were among the first to warmly welcome him back.



Patykula, Salazar and Peterman

National Days in June:

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:

- 1 June Samoa Independence Day
- 4 June Tonga Independence Day
- 12 June Philippines Independence Day
- 12 June Russia National Day
- 25 June Mozambique National Day
- 26 June Madagascar Independence Day

ASD Schriver's Message to Alumni:

continued from page 3 The DoD Indo-Pacific Strategy Report outlines our vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific – one that is inclusive and enduring, embraced by almost all of us who call the Indo-Pacific home. A vision in which all nations, large and small, are secure in their sovereignty and are able to pursue economic growth consistent with accepted international rules, norms, and principles of fair competition. One that recognizes that no one nation can or should dominate the Indo-Pacific.

The DoD Indo-Pacific Strategy Report clarifies how the U.S. National Defense Strategy applies to the region, through the pursuit of “Preparedness, Partnerships, and the Promotion of a Networked Region.”

- **Preparedness** – Achieving peace through strength and employing effective deterrence requires a Joint Force that is prepared to win any conflict from its onset. The Department, alongside our Allies and partners, will ensure our combat-credible forces are forward-postured in the region. Furthermore, the Joint Force will prioritize investments that ensure lethality against high-end adversaries.
- **Partnerships** – Our unique network of Allies and partners is a force multiplier to achieve peace, deterrence, and interoperable warfighting capability. The Department is reinforcing its commitment to established Alliances and Partnerships, while also expanding and deepening relationships with new partners who share our respect for sovereignty, fair and reciprocal trade, and the rule of law.
- **Promotion of a Networked Region** – The Department is strengthening and evolving U.S. Alliances and Partnerships into a networked security architecture to uphold the international rules-based order. The Department also continues to cultivate intra-Asian security relationships capable of deterring aggression, maintaining stability, and ensuring free access to common domains.

The report outlines U.S. expectations that our allies and partners will contribute their fair share to upholding the rules-based international order, including practical steps to:

- Invest sufficiently in your own defense; *it strengthens deterrence.*
- Build third-partner capacity; *it helps the network scale.*
- Uphold a rules-based international order; *it keeps the playing field level.*
- Provide access to address contingencies; *it makes us more responsive.*
- Strengthen interoperability and think carefully about the implications of defense sales; *you are buying a long-term relationship, not just a platform.*
- Expand information sharing with like-minded countries and ensure your own networks are secure and trusted by others; *it keeps us connected.*
- Pool resources for common objectives; *it distributes the weight.*

ASD Schriver's message to alumni:

As articulated by Acting Secretary of Defense Patrick M. Shanahan at the 18th Asia Security Summit: the IISS Shangri-La Dialogue, “the Indo-Pacific is our priority theater. We are where we belong. We are investing in the region. We are investing in you, and with you. And we need you to invest further in yourselves.”

With Japan's vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific, India's Act East policy, South Korea's Look South policy, France's Security in the Indo-Pacific, and Indonesia's ASEAN Outlook, we are already making progress together. I look forward to continuing these conversations during my visits to Asia and Europe in the months ahead.

I seek to further discuss with my counterparts how we can integrate efforts and build a regional security network that is inclusive and resilient, based on trust, and operationalize our shared vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific.

We remain ready to listen and look forward to continuing this conversation.

Sincerely,
Randall G. Schriver
Assistant Secretary of Defense for
Indo-Pacific Security Affairs

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continued from page 3 Given this contrast of visions, our greatest long-term challenge in the Indo-Pacific comes from those who seek to undermine and erode our existing rules-based international order via incremental and indirect efforts below the threshold of overt conflict. Their actions exploit the relative economic, military, and diplomatic advantages of the powerful to bully the weak. In our vision, trust and transparency form the basis of engagement and actions that build mutual prosperity and security. Sovereignty is not the purview of the powerful; all nations should live free of coercion.

I believe that a like-minded community of nations seeks a free and open Indo-Pacific. We seek to ensure all nations have the right to self-govern, because no one nation can – or should – dominate the region. Given the high stakes we face, the U.S. and like-minded allies and partners continue to make investments across the region. We all have a mutual responsibility to make this region more secure and prosperous for future generations, as we have done for more than 70 years. As allies and partners, taking the following actions will maintain a free and open Indo-Pacific:

1. Invest sufficiently in your own defense
2. Help build capacity in other like-minded states.
3. Uphold the rules-based international order.
4. Strengthen interoperability.
5. Expand information sharing.
6. Pool resources for common objectives

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These investments guarantee our network of like-minded states is strengthened and sustained. For example, in Singapore, I highlighted my concerns about the large ocean states of the South Pacific. They need support to secure their future. I believe we can coordinate and collaborate to resolve their national security challenges which stem from illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing; climate change; environmental degradation; human and narcotics trafficking; healthcare availability; natural disasters; and educational opportunities. Each of these issues stymie economic development; resolving them will require transparent and holistic investment by multiple nations. This commitment was on full display earlier this month during the ninth iteration of the Pacific Environmental Security Forum in Wellington, New Zealand. The forum brought together partners from more than 20 countries across the Indo-Pacific, stimulating civil-military collaboration to address some of our most critical long-term environmental security threats.

Aside from being the region's largest provider of foreign direct investment, the U.S. government is also expanding and modernizing our investment in development. Recently, President Trump signed the Better Utilization of Investment Leading to Development or "BUILD" Act. This legislation establishes a new U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, which will prioritize low- and middle-income countries for U.S. investment. Ultimately, it will double our development finance capacity from \$29 billion to \$60 billion.

Investments in multilateral military exercises likewise demonstrate regional resolve to a free and open Indo-Pacific. U.S. Indo-Pacific Command military exercises with our allies and partners increased 17% in the last two years. Last month, during the "La Perouse" exercise in the Indian Ocean, the U.S. Navy conducted military drills alongside the French aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle, Japanese helicopter carrier Izumo and destroyer Murasame, and Australian frigate Toowoomba and submarine Collins. More than 9,000 kilometers and three oceans may separate us, but common values allow us to act in unison to dissuade those who offer a less prosperous and less secure future.

We face unprecedented challenges in the 21st century — revisionist powers, paradigm-shifting technologies, violent extremism, growing wealth disparity between countries and communities, and environmental challenges on a scale not witnessed in modern history. We remain committed to collaboration and creating solutions to these challenges. Each choice made at U.S. Indo-Pacific Command seeks to guarantee that nations remain secure and empowered to choose their own destinies. History, family, culture, education, policy, art, geography, and commerce inextricably link us in this region. I look forward to furthering my relationship with you, your governments, and the institutions that secure and connect the vast Indo-Pacific.

My best regards,
P.S. Davidson
Admiral, U.S. Navy

Shangri La Dialogue: <https://www.iiss.org/events/shangri-la-dialogue/shangri-la-dialogue-2019>

Indo-Pacific Strategy Report: https://media.defense.gov/2019/May/31/2002139210/-1/-1/1/DOD_INDOPACIFIC_STRATEGY_REPORT_JUNE_2019.PDF