

the Departments of State, Defense, Justice, Agriculture, Health and Human Services, and Homeland Security, as well other U.S. federal agencies.

The Council will meet at least four times each year and will consider U.S. commitments to other countries regarding GHSA targets, progress made in achieving GHSA targets, and evaluating U.S. and partner countries' capabilities in addressing infectious disease threats, among other things.

According to National Security Advisor Susan E. Rice, "The Executive Order will save lives by further leveraging the full power and leadership of the United States government and is an important step toward a safer, more resilient future."

-White House

Ambassador Kennedy visits Fort Leavenworth

Ambassador (Ret.) Laura Kennedy who previously served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs among many other positions over a nearly 40 year diplomatic career, visited Fort Leavenworth Dec. 1-2 as the DACOR visiting professor of diplomacy for the CGSC Class of 2017.

On the evening of Dec. 1, Ambassador Kennedy was the featured speaker at a Kansas City International Relations Council event hosted in Kansas City by the IRC and the University of Saint Mary (USM) Starr Center for Peace and Justice in partnership with the Foundation and the Simons Center. At that event conducted at the law offices of Polsinelli, about 85 people attended to hear her speak on a wide range of strategic topics and challenges facing the nation. Her breadth of knowledge and insightful thoughts kept the attendees engaged through both her talk and the question and answer period. There was a contingent of 15 Leavenworth High School students in attendance as well as a number of USM students and interested members of the KC IRC.

On Dec. 2, Kennedy gave a prepared talk, held a Q&A session, visited student seminars, and attended a luncheon with SAMS faculty at the Frontier Conference Center. She reportedly impressed the SAMS students with her breadth of experience and thoughts on strategic issues, but in a note back to the Foundation, she was equally impressed.

"I cannot thank you all enough for the last week's program," Kennedy said. "It was one of those classic experiences that I remember from my days at the National War College where the teacher learns as much, if not more, than the students. I also wanted to express my admiration for the faculty and students at SAMS. This was a great opportunity for me to discuss with them experiences and views 'from the field' on the national security challenges the U.S. faces at home and abroad. What a superb group of public servants."

Ambassador Kennedy is scheduled to return to Fort Leavenworth to sit in with CGSOC elective classes April 4-6, 2017.

The CGSC Foundation administers this program in conjunction with the DACOR organization in Washington, D.C., and with generous support and involvement of the University of Saint Mary and its Starr Center for Peace and Justice in our Global Society.

- Simons Center