

# Worth Noting

## Ambassador Kennedy returns to Fort Leavenworth

Ambassador (Ret.) Laura Kennedy returned for a second visit to Fort Leavenworth in April, again serving as the DACOR visiting professor of diplomacy for the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC) Class of 2017. 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 April 4-6. She previously visited in December 2016.

On the first evening of her visit, Ambassador Kennedy attended the opening reception for the spring 2017 National Security Roundtable. At the reception, Kennedy spoke of about geopolitical issues around the world and the importance of diplomacy in today's contentious political climate.

From April 5-6, Kennedy attended student seminars at CGSC. On the morning of April 5, she visited with and spoke to students in "The Interagency and National Security" and "National Security Policy Formation" electives, where they discussed interagency operations overseas, the State Department, and the U.S. Agency for International Development. That afternoon she attended "Eurasia's Evolving Operational Environment," where the conversation focused on Ukraine and the conflict with Russia. On April 6, Kennedy visited "Statecraft and Diplomacy" and "Current Strategic Concepts". In these courses, Kennedy spoke about diplomatic tools and diplomatic power.

Ambassador Kennedy also visited with undergraduate students at the University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth, Kansas on April 6. At the University of Saint Mary, Kennedy spoke about her experiences during her diplomatic career, and encouraged the students to consider careers in the foreign or civil service. The Saint Mary students had a lot of questions for Kennedy, and relished the opportunity to meet a retired ambassador. Later that evening, Kennedy met with students from the University of Saint Mary's Lawrence D. Starr Center for Peace and Justice in our Global Society. Kennedy also received a private tour of the university's Abraham Lincoln collection during her visit.

Once again, Kennedy expressed her admiration of the students and faculty at CGSC, remarking that she greatly enjoyed the opportunity to be part of the DACOR program.

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 Lawrence D. Starr Center for Peace and Justice in our Global Society.

- *Simons Center*

## Dijkerman visits Fort Leavenworth

Career Minister Dr. Dirk Dijkerman recently visited Fort Leavenworth as part of a Simons Center special speakers program. Dijkerman is a retired U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Career Minister with a vast amount of experience in the agency, most notably serving as the Executive Coordinator for the U.S. Ebola Task Force in 2014-2015.

While at Fort Leavenworth, Dijkerman attended various elective courses at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, discussing the various interagency and international challenges

and the methods he used to successfully address them. He also spoke at Park University in Parkville, Missouri.

Dijkerman also attended one of the Simons Center's InterAgency Brown-Bag Lectures, where Mr. Patrick J. Wesner, the Command and General Staff College Distinguished Chair for Development Studies, led a discussion on the roles and missions of USAID. Dijkerman contributed to Wesner's presentation, speaking about his experience at USAID, particularly about his experience on the U.S. Ebola Task Force.

- *Simons Center*

## **Kelly calls for more cooperation, 'heavy artillery' in cyber**

On April 18, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary John Kelly spoke at George Washington University Center for Cyber and Homeland Security. In his speech, titled "Home and Away: DHS and the Threats to America," Kelly discusses the importance of collaboration between DHS and other government agencies and warned against the "plodding pace of bureaucracy."

Kelly's remarks centered around threats facing the United States, including cybersecurity, terrorism, and criminal drug gangs. According to Kelly, U.S. cybersecurity needs "heavy artillery." Failing to develop cyber capabilities and defenses would be like "sending troops to take Fallujah armed with muskets and powdered wigs," said Kelly.

Kelly did not have an update on the long-delayed executive order on cybersecurity.

- *Department of Homeland Security*

## **Multidomain integration key to deterrence**

Navy Vice Admiral Charles A. Richard, deputy commander of U.S. Strategic Command, spoke at a space security conference at the Center for Strategic and International Studies on March 22.

In his remarks, the admiral spoke of the importance of multidomain integration, noting the Joint Interagency Combined Space Operations Center (JICSpOC) in Colorado Springs, Colorado. According to Richard, JICSpOC facilitates integrated operations across joint forces by serving as a hub for collaboration and experimentation on new space system tactics, techniques and procedures. JICSpOC also increases DoD and intelligence community unity of effort.

Richard also spoke of integrating space operations on a global scale, saying "The idea is to promote the exchange of information with like-minded spacefaring nations to maintain and improve space-object databases, and to promote the responsible, peaceful and safe use of space and to strengthen cooperation in the global space community."

- *Department of Defense*

## **USAID the topic of InterAgency Brown-Bag Lecture**

On April 6, Mr. Patrick J. Wesner, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College Distinguished Chair for Development Studies, spoke about history and mission of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Three special guests were in the audience during Wesner's presentation on USAID – Ambassador (Ret.) David Lambertson, Ambassador (Ret.) Laura Kennedy, and Career Minister (Ret.) Dirk Dijkerman, Ph.D.

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