

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.

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## **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.

USAID is the lead U.S. government agency that works to end extreme global poverty and enable resilient, democratic societies to realize their potential. USAID carries out U.S. foreign policy by promoting broad-scale human progress at the same time it expands stable, free societies, creates

markets and trade partners for the U.S., and fosters good will abroad. Its efforts further America's interests while improving lives in the developing world.

Wesner's presentation was the seventh lecture in the new InterAgency Brown-Bag Lecture Series. Information on upcoming lectures in the series will be available on the Simons Center's website at a later date.

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## **DHS Secretary calls for greater cooperation**

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary John F. Kelly testified to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on the subject of border security and public safety on April 5. Kelly remarked on DHS's border security mission and efforts.

In his testimony, Kelly called for greater interagency and international cooperation, saying "Interagency relationships and bilateral cooperation are critical to identifying, monitoring, and countering threats to U.S. national security and regional stability." Kelly went on to say that the challenges faced by DHS in confronting illegal immigration, transnational crime, human trafficking, and other threats to U.S. safety require an "integrated counter-network approach."

Kelly concluded his testimony by reiterating DHS's commitment to border security and his commitment to the committee.

*- Department of Homeland Security*

## **Interagency effort needed to combat illicit fentanyl**

In February, officials from multiple government agencies met with the House Energy and Commerce Committee to discuss fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine.

Among those speaking were Matthew Allen, Assistant Director for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations. Allen spoke about the dangers of fentanyl and of ICE's efforts to reduce the supply of heroin and fentanyl in the U.S.

The Heroin Availability Reduction Plan (HARP), developed by the Office of National Drug Control Policy in coordination with federal departments and agencies, reduces the supply of heroin and illicit fentanyl in the U.S. through various means, including supply chain disruption. According to Allen, ICE is targeting supply chain networks and collaborating with both domestic and international partners.

ICE is also part of the Drug Enforcement Agency's interagency Heroin and Fentanyl task force, which focuses on the collaborative authorities and efforts of each invested agency's resources, in order to better share and deconflict information. ICE and the task force are coordinating in several areas related to the combating fentanyl.

In his closing statement, Allen said that "ICE is committed to battling the U.S. heroin and illicit fentanyl crisis through the various efforts I have discussed today," and that "this problem set is an epidemic that demands urgent and immediate action across law enforcement interagency lines.

*- Energy and Commerce Committee, House of Representatives*