

Gary Sinise awarded AUSA's highest honor

On March 15, the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) announced that actor and humanitarian Gary Sinise had been selected as the 2017 recipient of the George Catlett Marshall Medal for his commitment to the men and women of our nation's armed forces. Sinise will receive the award, AUSA's highest award for distinguished public service, at the Marshall Dinner in October.

"I am honored to be invited to receive the George Catlett Marshall Medal from the Association of the United States Army," Sinise said. "It has been a great blessing to know there is something I can do to support the men and women in uniform who defend our nation and I will look forward to expressing my gratitude in person..."

Mr. Sinise has been a friend of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC) and the CGSC Foundation for many years, establishing the Lt. Col. Boyd McCanna "Mac" Harris Leadership Award at CGSC in 2014. The CGSC Foundation and the Simons Center congratulate Mr. Sinise and thank him for his dedication to the our military men and women and their families.

- Simons Center

State releases narcotics control report

In March the Department of State released the 2017 International Narcotic Control Strategy Report (INCSR). In a teleconference on March 2, Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs William Brownfield introduced the INCSR, saying "This report... tells a picture of the international architecture that is now in place around the world to help us address this crisis in the United States."

According to Brownfield, the two volume report "lays out a good global architecture for more than 100 nations of the world to cooperate and work together to address the drug issue." Brownfield admitted that, while there are serious international drug problems to face, the U.S. is in a better position to address these problems than they have been in the past few decades.

Volume 1 of the INCSR focuses on drug and chemical control, while volume 2 focuses on money laundering and financial crimes. The report credits both international and interagency cooperation with successful endeavors to minimize drug problems and related criminal activity around the world.

- Department of State