

faculty to provide a Department of State and Chief of Mission perspective to the curriculum. During their visit they also interact with area universities and civic organizations discussing policy, regional, and political expertise, as well as speaking about careers in the Foreign Service.

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## **Government climate change report released**

The U.S. Global Change Research Program published their Fourth National Climate Assessment in November. The report was released the day after Thanksgiving, and its findings run counter to the Trump Administration's public statements on the subject of climate change.

According to the report, "Climate change threatens the health and well-being of the American people by causing increasing extreme weather, changes to air quality, the spread of new diseases by insects and pests, and changes to the availability of food and water." The report also states that "Human health and safety, our quality of life, and the rate of economic growth in communities across the U.S. are increasingly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change."

The U.S. Global Change Research Program is a multi-agency federal program mandated by Congress to coordinate federal research and investments in understanding the forces shaping the global environment, both human and natural, and their impacts on society.

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## **CASA presents at IA Brown-Bag**

Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (CASA) Michael D. Hockley led a discussion on the CASA program in the 5th Interagency Brown-Bag lecture of the 2019 academic year on Dec. 12, in the Arnold Conference Room of the Lewis and Clark Center, home of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

During his presentation Hockley provided information on the history of the CASA program and outlined how The Honorable (Dr.) Mark T. Esper, Secretary of the Army, uses his Civilian Aides across the country to keep the public informed, advise him on regional issues, and to tell the Army's story to the civilian populace in the various CASA regions around the country.

Hockley is a law partner with Spencer Fane, LLP, in Kansas City. His practice concentrates on litigation, environmental law, and renewable energy. He serves in leadership roles in a variety of civic, professional, and business organizations to include founding trustee and chair of the Command and General Staff College Foundation; past chair, United Way of Greater Kansas City Board of Trustees; treasurer, board of regents, American College of Environmental Lawyers; and member, board of directors, Armed Forces Bank NA. He was named amongst the Best Lawyers in America as Kansas City Environmental Lawyer of the Year in 2012, 2016, and 2018, and received the Ben Craig Distinguished Service Award from the Overland Park Rotary Club in 2014.

Hockley graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1973 and the University of Nebraska College Of Law in 1980. He served for 28 combined years as an active duty and reserve Army officer. He was sworn in as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Kansas (East) in April 16, 2018.

The InterAgency Brown-Bag Lecture Series is co-hosted by the CGSC Foundation's Simons Center with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff School (CGSS). The lecture series is an

extracurricular, interagency topic-focused series that is intended to help enrich the CGSS curriculum. The CGSC Foundation and the Simons Center have received support for all brown-bag lectures in academic year 2019 from First Command Financial Services in Leavenworth, Kansas.

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## **Vietnam Lecture focuses on 1968 presidential election impact**

The 12th lecture in the Vietnam War Commemoration Lecture Series was conducted Nov. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Stove Factory Ballroom in downtown Leavenworth, Kansas (417 S. 2nd Street). A reception sponsored by the CGSC Foundation began at 6 p.m.

In this most recent lecture, Col. Pat Proctor, Ph.D., discussed the 1968 presidential election and its impact on the Vietnam War in the midst of one of the most tumultuous years in U.S. political history. In his presentation, Proctor discussed the domestic issues surrounding the debate on the nation's participation in the Vietnam War, fractures in the Democratic Party, race politics and the generational divide and how all they converged to reshape the nation's political landscape for the remainder of the Cold War.

Colonel Proctor is an active duty U.S. Army officer with more than 26 years of service and is a veteran of the conflicts both in Iraq and Afghanistan. He served with the small group of soldiers, scholars and diplomats working under General David Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker that created the strategy for the war in Iraq that came to be known as the Iraq "Surge."

Proctor has written extensively on current affairs, military history, and military simulation topics with numerous articles in multiple publications. His book titles include: *Blameless? The 1990s and the U.S. Army's Role in Creating the Forever-Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq*, *Containment and Credibility: The Ideology and Deceptions that Plunged America into the Vietnam War*, and *Task Force Patriot and the End of Combat Operations in Iraq*.

Col. Proctor earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University. He also holds three master's degrees – one from the U.S. Army War College, one from the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS) and one from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He also earned a doctorate in history from Kansas State University. Col. Proctor currently serves as a chief of operations group at the Mission Command Training Program (MCTP) at Fort Leavenworth, training the U.S. Army's functional and multi-functional brigades.

American involvement in Vietnam lasted 20 years and spanned three decades – from Nov. 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975. Nine million Americans, approximately 7.2 million living today, served during that period. The nation has embarked on a commemoration of the war on its 50th anniversary to recognize those that served and to help the public learn about the war and the lessons it provides. The Vietnam War Commemoration Lecture Series is conducted in support of that commemoration. This lecture series is presented by CGSC's Department of Military History, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leavenworth and supported by the CGSC Foundation and the Henry Leavenworth Chapter of AUSA. The CGSC Foundation has received additional support for the Vietnam lectures in academic year 2019 from First Command in Leavenworth, Kansas.

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