

Fall National Security Roundtable program focuses on China

CGSC's Command and General Staff School faculty from the Department of Joint, Interagency and Multinational Operations (DJIMO) and the CGSC Foundation cohosted a National Security Roundtable (NSRT) program Oct. 1-2, 2019, at the Lewis and Clark Center on Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Eighteen guests attended this NSRT program, accompanied by 13 Foundation trustees and nine alumni of the program. More than 50 faculty, staff and students were also involved in making the event a success for the participants and the College.

The first day of the roundtable program included remarks by CGSC Deputy Commandant Brig. Gen. Steve Maranian; Command and General Staff School Director Col. Scott Green; and Mr. Jeff LaMoe, Director of Operations and Support for Army University.

Mr. Kevin Rousseau, CGSC's Distinguished Chair for National Intelligence Studies and an officer in the Central Intelligence Agency, provided the "scene setter" briefing to orient the participants to the topic of "A Rising Chinese Empire?" After an extensive discussion with many questions from the participants, the group moved to the atrium of the Lewis and Clark Center for the reception and social hour.

On the second day of the program, DJIMO faculty presented two discussion panels: "A Rising Chinese Empire? The Near Area" and "A Rising Chinese Empire? China Afar." After the second panel the participants split into three small groups and moved to seminar rooms to conduct "wrap around" sessions where they could ask additional questions and learn more in a smaller group environment.

At the end of the day Foundation Chairman Mike Hockley and CGSS Director Col. Green presented each guest with a certificate and group photo. Hockley also presented each with a challenge coin.

Special thanks go to Lt. Col. Randy Johnson and the DJIMO faculty along with the student volunteer escorts whose presence makes the program special for the guests. Special thanks also goes to Foundation Trustee Terry Lillis, the main sponsor of the NSRT program.

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International students participate in UN Peacekeepers forum

On May 8, in the Arnold Conference Room of the Lewis and Clark Center at Fort Leavenworth, Mr. Four International Military Students (IMS) from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC) took part in a panel discussion on "Protecting the Peace: United Nations Peacekeepers in the 21st Century."

The occasion was opened by Dr. Matt Naylor, President/CEO of the National WWI Museum and Memorial, who introduced the keynote speaker Squadron Leader Fiona Pearce (Australia Air Force), Military Gender Advisor of the Office of Military Affairs, United Nations Department of Peace Operations.

The IMS who participated in the event were Maj. Nathaniel K. Waka (Liberia), Maj. Carlos Vazquez (Spain), Maj. MD Sajibul Islam (Bangladesh), and Maj. Daniel Atobrah Bondah (Ghana).

The program took place at the National WWI Museum and Memorial in collaboration with the IMS of CGSC, United Nations Association of the USA of Greater Kansas City (UNA-GKC) and the Harry S. Truman Library/Museum on Sept. 24, 2019. The IMS discussion was moderated by

Mike Wood, UNA-GKC, and the panel was followed by a wreath-laying led by Dr. Samuel Rushay of the Harry S. Truman Library/Museum.

The CGSC Foundation was a sponsor of this event along with several other organizations who all set up information tables in the reception area.

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Ambassador Canavan selected as Distinguished Visiting Professor of Diplomacy

The CGSC Foundation and DACOR (Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired) announce the selection of retired Ambassador Katherine “Kate” Canavan as the Distinguished Visiting Professor of Diplomacy for the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College class of 2020.

Ambassador Canavan served with distinction as a Foreign Service officer in the U.S. State Department more than 35 years. She retired in November 2011, with the rank of Career Minister, the second highest in the Foreign Service. Canavan currently serves at the Curtis E. LeMay Center for Doctrine Development and Education at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., providing State Department and interagency insights and expertise to classes for general officers and senior executive civilians. She also works independently supporting various military exercises involving interaction with the State Department, U.S. Embassies, the interagency, international organizations and non-governmental organizations.

“The CGSC Foundation’s partnership with DACOR in Washington, D.C., to bring senior Foreign Service officers here is one of the best programs we offer to enhance the educational experience for our community,” said Foundation President/CEO Rod Cox. “During their visits here they share their knowledge of country team leadership, foreign policy expertise, and regional expertise with CGSC students, and also discuss foreign policy considerations and career opportunities in the Foreign Service with university and civic groups throughout the Kansas City area.”

Cox added that the Foundation is working to finalize the schedule, and that Ambassador Canavan’s first visit to CGSC will likely be in early December.

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October brown-bag lecture focuses on CIA

Mr. Kevin Rousseau, the CGSC Distinguished Chair for National Intelligence Studies and a member of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), led a discussion about the CIA’s organization and mission during the InterAgency Brown-Bag Lecture conducted Oct. 10, 2019, in the Lewis and Clark Center’s Arnold Conference Room.

Rousseau covered a bit of the Agency’s history and spoke in plain terms about its mission to an audience of nearly 100 students, faculty and members of the community. At the end of his presentation, Rousseau recommended several books for further reading, one of which was *A Practitioner’s Handbook for Interagency Leadership* published by the CGSC Foundation Press.

“It’s not every day you get to hear about the CIA from an actual CIA rep,” one attendee said. “We get the fact he can’t talk about all the supposed ‘juicy’ information, but just gaining an understanding and some insight at this level makes it very interesting.”

Rousseau is a retired U.S. Army officer with multiple deployments to the Balkans and