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Aloha! This particular edition of Currents magazine provides another useful update of goings-on at APCSS, as well as a look ahead at some new dimensions beginning to take shape.

We continue to be confident in our assessments of what's needed to ensure APCSS is recognized as unique value added in all it does. These evaluations, most of which come from you, continue to guide our program evolutions. We also continue to be pleased with the quality of our program participants, both here at home and throughout the region. Our Alumni have really become active in helping get the right fellows into our programs and, through Alumni Associations, to continue to share valuable insights and lessons about security and security-cooperation challenges around the region and the world. Some Alumni have also participated in outreach events in national capitals, and contributed much, setting an example of informed, capable and mature professionalism. We never fail to be proud of our Alumni in action.

For almost a year, we have been examining how APCSS might better partner with various counterpart organizations throughout the region, and, to that end, we will host a workshop in November 2007 with a group of leaders of such organizations to compare learning models and approaches and identify profitable program interfaces to share. Further, we have been studying how two Hawaii-based institutions, the Center of Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance and the Pacific Disaster Center, can join with APCSS in producing and disseminating some new products interactively among linked constituency networks in the region. The initial focus will be a shared analysis of some trends related to preparedness for HA/DR response.

Such information, we believe, can also be incorporated into ongoing activities and research projects at all three Hawaii-based centers, as well as support U.S. and international organizations involved in assistance and relief efforts in this region and around the world. We think such an integrated and synchronized undertaking will further develop new knowledge and augment the application of key skills in an area of security concern we all recognize as expanding. (See story on page 4)

Director's Message



Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Ed Smith, U.S. Army Director, Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies

This initiative complements our educational evolution to help participants in all our programs to become more alert to new security developments of common concern, but more importantly to practice related assessments, analyses and next-steps recommendations which respond to current and unforeseen threats to security, stability and peace in our region. We are making a concerted effort to link operators, policy formulators, decision-makers, public diplomacy interpreters and various affected publics, as they all are connected in this globalized world we share.

Our focus remains where it must: helping leaders help each other. APCSS is all about increasing understanding through new knowledge and shared insights and perspectives, improving collaborative skills via realistic scenarios that replicate the world we live in and anticipate ahead, and leveraging personal and professional networks to get critical, complex tasks done when supporting systems fall short.

At APCSS we help build the most important capacity in the world we share: leadership capacity.

We promise our best. Mahalo for your support of APCSS.

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Sharing Information Before, During and After a Crisis

In previous issues of *Currents* we've told you about the Hawaii Model Study that was reviewing how several Hawaii-based organizations could better work together.

The study is complete and many good lessons have been learned about how we can improve our information sharing.

The Asia-Pacific Collaborative Security Consortium, a web portal to facilitate information sharing is now operational at http://apcss. apan-info.net/. The partners in this effort are our partners in the Hawaii Model - the Pacific Disaster Center and the Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (COE), as well as other regionally focused security practitioners here in Hawaii. We are keen to expand the circle of those interested beyond our home here.



This site focuses on broad security cooperation and multi-national, as well as interagency crisis response. It contains information and links related to training and preparedness as well as discussion forums that can be established to help share information prior to, during a crisis response, or in follow-up and recovery from a disaster. We are just beginning this work and are eager for any suggestions or assistance you may wish to provide

Fellows attending the Stability Operations course at APCSS are learning how to use the site while in class and are encouraged to continue using it after they graduate.

APCSS is also looking at the possibility of estab-

lishing a team that will focus on trend analysis. Using expertise from APCSS, as well as the Pacific Disaster Center and possibily COE, the team will be looking for ways to help identify and track trends in diverse areas, which could lead to sudden and adverse shocks to regional security, such as shifting demographic profiles, environmental issues, and regional disaster response capacities before they erupt into regional "shocks."

PLA Academic Delegation visits the Center

In May, General Zheng Shenxia, the Chairman of the Society of Military Science and concurrently the President of the Academy of Military Science (AMS) led a delegation of nine PLA military strategists and academic researchers to the APCSS for orientation and an exchange of views with APCSS faculty and staff. The overall objective of the visit was to build confidence, encourage mutual transparency, and to exchange ideas on educational methodology and approaches to

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Lt. Gen. Smith and the APCSS team welcomes Gen. Zheng Shenxia and his team from the Academy of Military Science.



Admiral Keating Comes to Visit

Within a short time of assuming command as Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, Admiral Timothy Keating paid a visit to

> APCSS. He met with APCSS Faculty and Staff and also got to test some of the new technology that APC-SS is bringing into the seminar rooms.

Staff Hails and Farewells...

Moving around is a fact of life for many in the military and civil service. There have been a lot of moves this year. Perhaps most visible to the Fellows would be the changes in the Admissions Department. Maj. John Lynch retired, returning to his wife's home in Okinawa, Japan. Capt. Cami Johnson from Alumni was reassigned to McGuire AFB. New Jersey. Navy Chief Yeoman Lawrence Sivils assumed duties as NCOIC, Registrar, while Cpl. Justin Hartfield became the Registrar NCO. Jean Peterson, Registrar-Student Affairs, moved to California, and was replaced by Remelinda Carbonel who transferred from the Center's Resource Management Section. In the College of Security Studies, the dean's secretary, Colleen **Dieterich**, transferred to USARPAC and was replaced by Michele Wong. Steve Crowley relocated

to Washington State and Rovella Beasley was promoted to Supervisor, Admin Support and was joined by Admin Assistant **Patricia** Burdett. Former Supervisor, Admin Assistant Christine Paige retired and then returned to the Center as the Hawaii Model Assistant. In the Center Computer Lab, Melody Pickens took over after Gil Cummings moved on to Army Contracting. The Personnel Office also saw big changes with department head Bud Ralston retiring and being replaced by L.A. Jeffords-Mills, and the assignment of Robin Wong, after Roberta Garett took a promotion to PA-COM. Elsewhere, Ligava Abille joined the accounting team and Navy Yeoman **Second Class Christina** Treppe came to work in Conferencing after tours in England and Baghdad. In the front offices, the deputy director's secretary, Shirlyn Souza relocated to Cali-



Maj. John Lynch & family

fornia, while Connie Bach became the director's secretary. Maj. Brian Greenstein began his assignment to Public Affairs Office as the Deputy for Strategic Communication. The Strategic Initiative Group has benefited from newcomers Rod Sueoka and Sgt. Dian Wilson, as well as the return of Kaelene Foo. after a nine month's absence. Finally, former Admin NCO, Sgt. Manuel DeLeonVega, left for a volunteer tour to Kuwait.

See page 8 for faculty news.

Regional Centers

Africa Center for Strategic Studies www.africacenter.org

Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies www.apcss.org

Center for Hemispheric **Defense Studies** www.ndu.edu/chds

George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies www.marshallcenter.org

Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies www.ndu.edu/nesa

Global Center for Security Cooperation, School of International **Graduate Studies** www.nps.edu



Lt. Col. John Sauer and family celebrate his retirement after 21 years of service.

APCSS FOUNDATION

The Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies Foundation held their annual meeting here in February. Twenty-two Foundation members received updates on the latest Center innovations and also had a chance to mingle with the Fellows of EC07-1.

According to Foundation President Mr. Jerry Sumida, "The Center is a unique and very important institution that is performing an invaluable role in nurturing strong lines of communication and opportunities for participants from throughout this region. It allows them to interact and explore in depth critical issues that today and tomorrow will shape mutual interests in Asia-Pacific. We are very pleased that the Center is located in Hawaii. Our Foundation, which includes business leaders in Hawaii, is enthusiastic in its support for the Center's work."

A non-profit organization, the APCSS Foundation was established August 2000 as a supporting organization for the Center. The Foundation provides critical supplemental funds and support to assist the Center in enhancing cooperation and building relationships through mutual understanding and study of comprehensive security issues among military and civilian representatives of the U.S. and other Asia-Pacific nations. Foundation members have also participated in selected Center programs, bringing business perspectives to discussions on regional and international security issues.



Bill Paty shares a story with (*l-r*) Col. Kurt McPherson (US), Sonam Yangchen of Bhutan and Leigh Wai Doo.



Jerry Sumida speaks with EC 07-1 Fellows Captain Syed Saidul Islam Khan of Bangladesh and Agha Jan Akhtar of Pakistan.



Ed Hubennette and Steve Van Ribbink



Pictured are: (top) Mr. David Pietsch, Mr. Robert Wo, Warren Luke, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Ed Correa, and Mr. Steve Van Ribbink (middle I-r): Mr. David Carey, Mr. Allen Doane, Adm. (Ret.) Ron Hays, Mr. William Paty, Mr. Ed Hubennette, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Herb Wolff, Dr. Larry Tseu; (bottom I-r) APCSS Director Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Ed Smith, Mr. Art Tokin, APCSS Foundation President Jerry Sumida, Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Hank Stackpole, and Mr. Leigh Wai Doo. Not pictured: Mr. Ron Campaniano, Mr. Steven Cortese, Mr. Mark Fukunaga, Mr. Mike Fisch, Mr. Warren Haruki, Mr. Glenn Hong, Mr. Don Horner, Mr. William Inglee, Mr. Duane Kurisu, Mr. Wendell Lee, Dr. David McClain, Mr. Easton Manson, Mr. Mr. Nick Ng Pack, Mr. Alan Pflueger, Mr. Alan Tomonari, and Mr. Eric Yeaman.



Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Hank Stackpole, Lt. Col. Bryan Greenstein, Dr. Rouben Azizian, Captain Syed Saidul Islam Khan of Bangladesh and Michael Johnson of American Samoa.



Sonam Yangchen of Bhutan and Leigh Wai Doo.





Above: Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Ed Correa. Left: David Carey and Dr. Rouben Azizan (center) discuss the recent Executive Course with Fellows and APCSS staff.

APCSS Staff Members Recognized by Federal Executive Board

Several APCSS staff members were honored by the Honolulu Federal Executive Board. They included the Conference Division for Team Excellence, Lt. Col. "Fred" Frederick for Federal Supervisor/Manager of the Year, Dottie Kaneshiro for Federal Employee of the Year - Clerical and Assistant; Jo Gardiner for Federal Employee of

the Year - Professional, Administrative, Technical; and Lenore Patton and Tom Patykula both for Leader, Mentor and Coach of the Year. Thanks to all the volunteers that worked to ensure a successful event, with special recognition to: Lenore Patton, Sheri Uyehara, Mike Fryer, Stephen Chang, and Karen Griffon.

