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Admiral Paparo Inspires CSC 25-1 International Fellows

Adm. Samuel J. Paparo, Commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, engaged with participants of the Comprehensive Security Cooperation (CSC 25-1) course at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies on March 5, 2025. CSC included mid-level military, government, and non-government security practitioners from the Indo-Pacific region and beyond to enhance security collaboration and strategic dialogue. USINDOPACOM is committed to enhancing stability in the Indo-Pacific region by promoting security cooperation, encouraging peaceful development, responding to contingencies, deterring aggression, and, when necessary, prevailing in conflict.

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Comprehensive Security Cooperation Course 25-1: Strengthening Partnerships for a Secure Indo-Pacific

In February 2025, DKI APCSS welcomed 89 Fellows from around the world to its Comprehensive Security Cooperation course. The intensive five-week course helped build capacity for allies and partners by leveraging the different perspectives, skills, and experiences of its multinational Fellows. CSC 25-1 focused on critical security domains—Cyber, Space, and Maritime Security—providing Fellows with strategic insights into emerging challenges and opportunities. Through plenary sessions, scenario-based exercises, simulations, and specialized electives, the course fosters collaboration and strengthens the capacity of security practitioners to address complex security threats.

Deterrence



DKI APCSS Director Leads Discussion on Indo-Pacific Security and Critical Missions

At the [Honolulu Defense Forum](#) in early February, DKI APCSS Director Suzanne Puanani Vares-Lum moderated an in-depth discussion on "The Security Environment and Critical Missions"—examining the biggest regional challenges and what's needed to deter threats and maintain Indo-Pacific stability.

CHAIR: Major General Suzanne Puanani Vares-Lum, USA (Ret.), DKI APCSS;

Panelists: Deputy Minister Stefanie Beck (Canada), Vice Admiral Blake Converse (U.S. Pacific Fleet), Senior Undersecretary Irineo Espino (Philippines), and Vice Admiral Justin Jones (Australia).

New Faculty Publications

Lethality

[Supporting Lethality: A Guide for DoD's Non-Warfighter](#) by Dr. "Lumpy" Lumbaca examines how civilian and support personnel within the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) contribute to Secretary of Defense Peter Hegseth's renewed emphasis on military lethality. The paper highlights the critical role of non-warfighters—including resource managers, logisticians, academics, economists, and cybersecurity professionals—in optimizing processes, streamlining decision-making, and supporting operational forces.



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A new Security Nexus paper, "[The Strategic Role of the Defense Industrial Base in Advancing U.S. Lethality, Soft Power, and Indo-Pacific Security](#)," by Dr. Deon Canyon and Dean Carleton Cramer examines how the United States Defense Industrial Base (DIB) serves as both a military and strategic asset, enhancing deterrence, driving innovation, and forging regional partnerships.

Dr. Lami Kim recently published an article with the United States Institute for Peace titled "[The Risks of South Korea's Nuclear Armament Under a Troubled Democracy](#)." The article examines the escalating tensions on the Korean Peninsula, highlighting N. Korea's advancements in missile technology.

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"[India's Strategic Moment: Navigating Myanmar's Crisis Amidst China's Backing of the Junta](#)," a Security Nexus paper by Miemie Winn Byrd, examines how China's support for Myanmar's military regime has fueled unrest while creating a strategic opportunity for India.

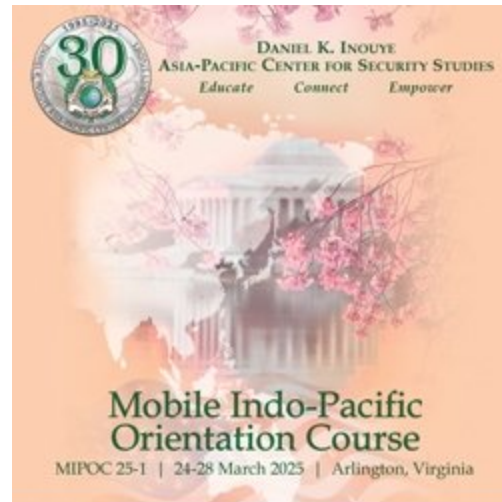
Key Leader Engagements



Admiral Steve Koehler, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet

- Adm. Samuel J. Paparo, Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command
- Adm. (Ret.) Philip S. Davidson, former Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command
- Rear Adm. Guillaume Pinget, Commander, Armed Forces of French Polynesia

Upcoming Events



Mobile Indo-Pacific Orientation Course (MIPOC 25-1)

National Capital Region (NCR)
Mar. 24-28, 2025

Indo-Pacific Senior Enlisted Leader Subject Matter Expert Exchange

(IPSEL SMEE 25-1)
Apr. 21-25, 2025

Comprehensive Security Cooperation

(CSC 25-2) - May 7 – Jun. 11, 2025
(CSC 25-3) - Aug. 13 – Sep. 17, 2025

- Maj. Gen. Stefan Schulz, Deputy Head of Security and Defense Policy, Ministry of Defense (Germany)
- Assistant Secretary Emil Stojanovski, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Australia)

Transnational Security Cooperation
(TSC 25-1) - Jul. 13 – 18, 2025
(TSC 25-2) - Dec. 7 – 12, 2025

Indo-Pacific Orientation Course
(IPOC 25-1) - Oct. 20-24, 2025

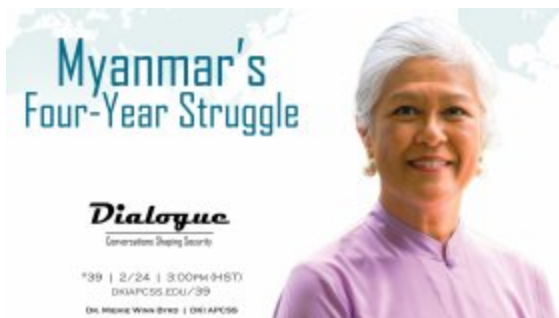
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