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Much is being made of the rebalanced U.S. strategy reflecting a renewed emphasis on the Asia-Pacific region. Some in China see it as a containment strategy, some in the region wonder how the U.S. will shift its focus in these difficult economic times. Many are trying to quantify this development in numbers of ships, airplanes, or troops in the region. It seems to me, however,

that some key points are generally being missed.

- As U.S. operations and presence are reduced in the Middle East, it was most appropriate for leaders to reset the priorities of our defense establishment. That reset was to internal U.S. audiences, and while heard externally, should not be over-interpreted.

- The idea that China can, or should, be contained is silly. I can think of no other word - silly. The successful rise of China is to some measure dependent upon the United States. The continued vibrancy of the U.S. requires a positive, cooperative relationship with China.

- American involvement in the Asia-Pacific has long benefitted China, and the region. I have heard this from several leaders from other nations of the region, and think it is difficult to argue otherwise.

- The global environment is fundamentally changed. Security and prosperity are no longer zero-sum equations pitting on country or ideology against another in a win-lose proposition.

The rebalanced strategy is a natural evolution for the U.S. as the global environment continues to change. Our mission is to bring Fellows together so that we can help build better security cooperation while meeting these changes head on. In other words, together we can change the world.

Sincerely,

  
Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Dan Leaf  
Director, APCSS



## Maluhia Hall prepares for Grand Opening

Almost two years after the original ground breaking ceremony, Maluhia Hall will soon be open. The building dedication and grand opening is slated for August 24th. Honored guests will include Senator Dan Inouye and Mr. Peter Verga, Chief of Staff, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy)

Fellows of ASC12-2 will be the first course to have classes in the new wing 10,000 sq. ft. facility. The wing includes a 108-person plenary area and six seminar rooms that will allow for significantly more programs, classes, conferences and educational opportunities. The cost-effective reconfigurable functionality and modularity of the seminar rooms and plenary walls and equipment emphasize the development and strengthening of information gathering, fusion, analysis and presentation skills of U.S. and partner security practitioners via an APCSS-unique activity-based, participant-centered learning model.

Maluhia Hall is also on track to achieve LEED Gold status, demonstrating sustainable excellence, energy efficiency, resource conservation and long-term low-cost maintainability. A rooftop photovoltaic system on Maluhia Hall will further energy conservation goals.

Check our website for the latest information and photos: [www.apcss.org](http://www.apcss.org)

### “Haven of Rest”

The original Maluhia Hall building was opened on April 27, 1943 as a recreation center for the men and women of all of the armed services, including those stationed in Hawaii and those passing through Hawaii while returning home from the war front.

Maluhia, which means "haven of rest," was one of the largest of its kind in the world and the broad lanai, spaciousness and a feeling of the outdoors brought inside were some of the elements that made the building characteristically Hawaiian in atmosphere. A variation of that Ho'omaluhia means: To cause or give peace, protect; to arbitrate between warring parties.

# Federal Executive Board honors APCSS employees

APCSS employees were recognized at the Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board's (FEB) 55th Annual Excellence in Federal Government Awards luncheon held April 13.

The annual luncheon honors employees from many government agencies in Hawaii for their outstanding efforts, dedication, and contribution to the workforce and community. Each employee was selected by his or her organization.

According to APCSS' Federal Supervisor of the Year/Manager of the Year Sheri Uyehara: "When I think of leadership I think about my team. There's a great quote by Betty Linton – 'Being a leader is not about making yourself more powerful. It's about making people around you more powerful.' I think this quote is a great reminder that in an age where we're having to do more with less, having an effective team is incredibly important to drive work results."

The APCSS awardees for 2012 are:

- Team Excellence: Information Services Department – Mr. Frank (Brad) Ong, Mr. Jerome Sajulan, Mr. Jason Scott, Ms. Debra Fikac, Ms. Tessie Magaoay, Mr. Matthew Samson, Ms. Sharon Godwin, SSgt Jennifer Swain, USAF, Mr. Ian Walker, Ms. Sheri Uyehara,



APCSS employees who were recognized at the Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board's Excellence in Federal Government Awards pose for a group photo.

Mr. Kevin Cain, Mr. Christopher Conde, Ms. Clarice Say, Ms. Carla Jean Jones, Mr. Kevin Kruse, Mr. Vidal (Kai) Badua, Mr. Dean Fujimoto, Mr. Paul Goto, Ms. Debra Castro, Mr. John MacLean, Mr. Dalton Nouchi, and Mr. Daniel Park

- Federal Employee of the Year (Clerical/Assistant): Ms. Dorothy (Dottie) Kaneshiro  
- Federal Employee of the Year (Professional/Admin/Tech): Mr. Robert (Mike) Hogan

- Federal Supervisor of the Year/Manager of the Year: Ms. Sheri Uyehara

- Leader of the Year: Cmdr. Paul (PJ) Tech, USN

- Exceptional Community Service: Lt.Col. Michael (Mike) Mollohan, Sr., USMC

- Mentor of the Year: Lt.Col. Ronald (Ron) Sargent, Jr., USA

The Federal Executive Boards (FEBs) were created in 1961 to foster communication, coordination and collaboration among federal field agencies. FEBs build interagency partnerships and community involvement to create and nurture working relationships that address issues of shared interest.



Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Vice Admiral William Landay (*left*) visited APCSS in February. After meeting with the Center's Director Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Dan Leaf (*center*), Vice Adm. Landay and his party joined the center's Dean of Academics Ambassador (Ret.) Lauren Moriarty (*right*) and 13 other members of the APCSS staff and faculty for a roundtable discussion.

## FOUNDATION NEWS

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Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Dan Leaf with Foundation directors Robert Wo, Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Hank Stackpole, USMC, and Foundation chairman Gerald Sumida.

The Foundation for the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies held their annual meeting at APCSS in May. After the formal meeting, the directors met Fellows attending the Advanced Security Cooperation course.

The Foundation for the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies is a non-profit corporation formed to support the mission of the Center. Using the extensive knowledge and expertise of a distinguished board of directors, the Foundation works with the Center to provide Subject Matter Expert support, special program funding and community relations support.



Foundation Director Robert Wo meets ASC12-1 Fellows.

Personnel actions in terms of arrivals, departures and transfers to new jobs at APCSS soared to 79 since Oct 2011. The College of Security Studies was host to a slew of personnel activity. Military instructors **Lt. Col. Ronald Sargent** and Senior U.S. Army Fellow, **Col. Michael Lwin** departed, as did hard-working support staffers **Samantha Chung** and **Kylee Kim**. In the same period **Lt. Col. John Lloyd** and **Maj. James Popphan** joined the

Offices within the Admissions and Business Operation division also saw a lot of change. **Col. Michael Smith** departed while **Maj. Analisa Larkin**, **Elizabeth Leong** and **Chelsie Hayles** joined a very busy conference team. **Crystal Purifoy** also did a stint in that office before moving on to the Admissions Office.

In other Admissions office activity, **Maj. Gregory Pleinis** reported in to

from the Travel Section. **Capt. Emily Digman** left the Army and was replaced by **Capt. Sarah Cummings** as the Center Judge Advocate. Contractor **Lisa Berry** moved on, **Jason Scott** left the IT operation, and **Tech. Sgt. Lester Clayton** joined the Facilities Office.

As for the Executive Operation Group, **Maj. Steve Syngajewski** separated from the Air Force and **Maj. Derrick Connor** stepped in to become Chief,

1. LT. COL. EUGENE BOSE, USMC (RET)
2. SGT. JERROLD BALI
3. MS. PEARL PEILER, REGISTRAR
4. STEVEN SYNGAJEWSKI, USAF



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5. DR. SAIRA YAMIN
6. YNC JAMIL AL-AMIN, USN
7. LT. COL. RONALD SARGENT

team, as did **Maj. Tomiko Ballard** for a short time. **Dr. Saira Yamin**, a South Asia, Middle East and Africa expert, became our newest Associate Professor, along with other new arrivals, **Lt. Col. Reese Evers**, and U.S. Army Fellow **Maj. Patrick Daulton**. The College also benefited from the work of a number of volunteers. **Ashleigh Stebbins**, **Lauren Eason**, **Brittany Mounce** and **Jingna Zhao** came as part of the Student Volunteer Internship Program. **Carlos Tijerina** also served as a summer intern. U.S. Air Force Academy Cadets **Maiya Perich**, **Melany Means** and **Sarah Pak** pitched in to help.

become the Deputy Chief, Alumni. **Chief Yeomen Jamil Al-Amin** retired and **Sgt. Jerrold Bali** was reassigned. **Pearl Peiler** was promoted to the Registrar position, replacing **Maj. Daniel Hall**. She was supported by summer interns **Basia Otto** and **Rayna Munos**. Intern **Erin Moriki** also joined the Alumni operation. **Kaelene Foo** moved from the director's office to Admissions and **Yeomen Third Class Katrina Coleman** also joined the office.

Elsewhere, in the Procurement and Supply Division, **Lt. Cmdr. Damien Clem** was replaced by **Lt. Cmdr. Ryan Perry**. **Deborah Dowell** retired

Strategy and Assessments. **Staff Sgt. Jason Lasley** was awarded a Joint Service Achievement Medal as he became the first APCSS enlisted person to be selected as the Headquarters, U.S. Pacific Command Enlisted Person of the Quarter.

Finally, we sadly mark the passing of one our extended APCSS "Ohana". **Eugene (Geno) Bose, Lt. Col. USMC (Ret)**, a military instructor from 2004-2009, passed away in July 2012.

## VISITORS



*(Left)* Admiral Locklear, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, spoke to a group of Asia-Pacific Defense Attaches.



*(Right)* The President of French Polynesia visited the center for a roundtable on Oceania security.



*(Left)* Sharon Burke, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Operational Energy Plans and Programs, was briefed by center faculty.



*(Right)* Lieutenant General Wiercinski, Commander, U.S. Army Pacific received a briefing on the Asia-Pacific.



*(Left)* General Hurley (SEC04-2) visited to discuss how the Australian Defence Organization and APCSS can strengthen their relationship.



*(Right)* Vice Admiral Brown (TSC10-1) gave a presentation at a cyber-security roundtable.



*(Left)* Lieutenant General Juancho Sabaan, Commandant of the Philippine Marine Corps provided a brief on activity in the Philippine Sea.



*(Right)* Ambassador Blake, the Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, was briefed by faculty on the region.



(Left) Australian Air Vice Marshal Mark Skidmore and Air Vice Marshal Melvin Hupfeld (TSC09-2) toured the Center's new facilities.



(Right) South Korean Deputy Minister of Defense Sun Chul Lee is greeted by the Center's Director, Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Leaf.



(Left) Admiral Haney of Pacific Fleet and APCSS Director Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Leaf at a faculty briefing.



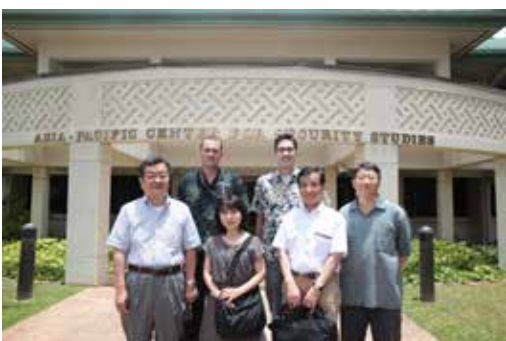
(Right) International Fellows from the National Defense University tour the center.



(Left) Ambassador Dan Mozena, incoming U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh, received a country briefing on U.S. policy goals in Bangladesh.



(Right) Heidi Grant, Deputy Secretary of the Air Force and Center Director Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Leaf at a faculty briefing.



(Left) Rear Admiral Kazumine Aki-moto attended a briefing on post-crisis recovery.



(Right) Harry Thomas, U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines with Center Director Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Leaf and College Dean Amb. (Ret.) Moriarty.