APCSSLink now live

The long-awaited APCSS portal is now live and read for use. Formerly known as RIO (or Regional International Outreach), the site allows users to share information, collaborate and even communicate through the network.

The portal takes the place of the old alumni network and also can be used by current Fellows as well as faculty and staff.

Some features of the system include blogging, file sharing, threaded discussions, contact information, special event announcements, email and more. In future versions, the site will offer instant messaging and other communication features.

The portal was unveiled during the Alumni Association Leadership Workshop held at APCSS in July. In addition to receiving basic training on the systems, alumni leaders were also encouraged to use the site to help build their association’s annual plans.

All alumni are encouraged to log on to the portal at https://apcsslink.org. Don’t forget to subscribe to a group so that you can get information about your alumni association or special topic areas or even your class. You can also share information with a limited number of people by making them your “associates.”

One of APCSS’ pillars has always been the ability to share information transparently and with non-attribution. The portal is password protected so that we can continue to support an environment where you can express your opinions.

For more information on the portal go to www.apcss.org and select APCSSLink.

APCSSLink
Current Features:
- Blogging
- Threaded Discussions
- Calendar of events
- APCSS & Regional News
- Publications

How do we expect the APCSS experience to evolve in the future?

APCSC Deputy Director, retired Brig. Gen. Jim Hirai has written a course graduation article about this future class as a blog on APCSSLink. Read more about it online at https://apcsslink.org and give us your thoughts.

What will ASC16-1 experience?

As new systems are designed to improve the education experience, APCSS continues to enhance the education technology used in our programs. In the last year we’ve introduced wireless internet access for our laptops, Smartboards in our seminar rooms and polling technology to get instant feedback.

Portals are being used to share information with Fellows while here and long after graduation. Our APCSC portal also connects our Fellows and alumni with security and disaster management experts.

Demographics for our courses is also being refined. In the last few years we’ve welcomed Fellows with a broader range of experience - now Ministry of Defense Fellows are seated next to Customs Officials and Non-Government Organization representatives.
Winter and Spring at APCSS produced a flurry of personnel changes in almost every area. The biggest change took place in the College of Security Studies. Dr. Alexandre Mansouroff took his expertise to the Washington D.C. arena while Dr. Robert Wirsing retired from the Center to begin a new career teaching in Doha, Qatar Emirate. Joining the faculty were Lt.Col. Nelson, Lt.Cmdr. Noel Dahlke, Justin Nan-kivell, Kerry Nankivell and Dr. Alexander L. Vuv-sing. On the Trends Analysis Program staff, Col. Charles King retired as Maj. Brian Middleton began his tour. Linda Magno returned to us as the CSS Admin Lead, and Robin Burrell joined as an administrative technician. Sheryl Burgmann moved from CSS to Personnel, where she joined newcomer, Shari Plummer.

The next department with the most personnel moves was Information Services. Stephen Chang retired and was replaced as Chief, Customer Service, by Sheri Uyehara. Daniel Park and Jerome Sajulan joined the staff, and two other newcomers, Sharon Godwin and Alan Lum, are now part of the Computer Lab team.

In Admissions, Lt.Col. John Gasner, alumni chief, retired from the Air Force, but remained to head the office as a civilian. Lt.Col. Jenny Caruso left for a new assignment in Europe. Linda Jimenez, moved from Personnel and joined SSgt. Darien Turpeau from Conference Support and John Leroy and Trish Burdett from CSS, to staff the new Travel Office. YN2 Cristina Treppe headed East when she left the Navy. Paul Goto and Dalton Nouchi have already made positive contributions to a very talented Visual Information staff. Lt.Col. SJ Lee is our newest Senior Army Fellow and Tami Rosado returned to the Library staff.

In Special Staff operations Jim Philpott came onboard to help identify and improve Center work procedures. Michelle Allen arrived to deliver critical administrative support to the Special Staff. In the Public Affairs Office, longtime admin support tech, Charlotte Robertson retired, and former photographer Bob Goodwin returned as the webmaster.

In the happiest of personnel actions, Majors Michael Mollohan, Miemie Byrd, and Bryan Greenstein, were selected for lieuten-ant colonel. Greenstein and his wife, Kitty became the proud parents of a baby boy they named Connor. From Admissions, Cpl. Justin Hartfield and his wife, Darla, were also new parents of a baby boy, Ethan. Rounding out the good news, Sgt. Dian Wilson, Special Staff, was also rewarded for hard work with a promotion to Staff Sergeant.

**Federal Executive Board Awards**

The following staff and faculty were honored at this year’s FEB Luncheon:

**Team Excellence - Information Services Department;**

**Federal Supervisor/Mgr of the Year - L.A. Jeffords-Mills;**

**Employee of the Year (Profession, Administrative and Technical) - Bette Uyeda; (Administrative) - Cathy Moszkowicz;**

**Exceptional Community Service - Tonya Imus;**

**Outstanding Leader - CSS Program Manager Team (Dr. Rouben Azizian, Carleton Cramer, Dr. Elizabeth Davis, Herman Finley, and Dr. Mohan Malik); and Outstanding Mentor - Lt. Col. John Gasner.**

APCSS IT Department: Carla Estrada, Carol Oshiro, Melody Pickens, Sheryl Uyehar, Melody Green, Tom Thornton, Tessie Magaoay, Brad Ong, Matt Samson, and Chris Conde.


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**Hails and Farewells...**
Visitors

Dr. Feleti Sevele, Prime Minister of Tonga, visited APCSS Tuesday, January 22. It was his first visit to the Center which has hosted 30 Tongan military and senior civilians in APCSS programs.

Ambassador Willy Gaa, Philippine representative to the U.S., recently visited APCSS and participated in a roundtable with faculty and staff. During the roundtable, the ambassador provided useful insights on the coming food crises in East Asia. APCSS faculty and staff highlighted APCSS contribution to Disaster Management in the Asia Pacific through current and future course work, outreach, and alumni activities.

While visiting, Amb. Gaa met with current APCSS Fellows from the Philippines. More than 180 Fellows from the Philippines have graduated from APCSS programs.

LtGen Sirapong Boonpat, Secretary-General of the National Security Council (Thailand) and eight delegates visited the Center in January to discuss national disaster management issues.

Amb. Charlie Salmon hosts Minister Soubank Srithirath of Laos on a visit to the Center.

APCSS Deputy Director Jim Hirai welcomes international Fellows from the Army War College.

Dr. Joseph S. Nye, Harvard University Distinguished Service Professor, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, and author of “Soft Power: The Means to Success in World Politics” met with APCSS Staff and Faculty in a special roundtable held at the Center.

Amb. James Moriarity, U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh (2nd from left) visits APCSS.

General Sir Timothy Granville-Chapman, Vice Chief of British Defence Staff & Defence Attaché, visited APCSS to participate in a roundtable on US Policy in Asia.

Luvsanbaldan Tumurbat, senior advisor to the prime minister, visited the Center in January with several other senior Mongolian advisors.
Annual Foundation Meeting

The annual meeting of the Foundation for the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies was held in May at APCSS. During the meeting, new members were welcomed to the group including Mr. Lee Weber of the Honolulu Advertiser. They also received an update on recent and upcoming APCSS programs.

According to Foundation President Gerald Sumida, “The Center continues to play an increasingly vital role in the Asia-Pacific region, and we are very pleased to help to support its critical mission.”

The meeting also gave Advanced Security Cooperation course Fellows a chance to meet Foundation members which included prominent Honolulu business and civic leaders and retired senior military leaders.

Attending the annual meeting were: front row (l-r) Mr. Leigh Wai Doo, Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Hank Stackpole, Mr. Gerald Sumida, Mr. Art Tokin, Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Ed Smith; middle row (l-r): Mr. Easton Mason, Dr. Lawrence Tseu, Mg. Gen. Herb Wolff, Mr. Steve Van Ribbink, Mr. David Pietsch, Mr. William Inglee; top row (l-r): Mr. Glen Hong, Mr. Robin Campiano, Mr. Duan Kurisu, and Mr. Nick Ng Pack.
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Foundation members. Faculty and Fellows meet during a reception after the annual APCSS Foundation meeting.