



Ambassador Charles Salmon (left) and APCSS Director Lt. Gen. (Ret) Dan Leaf.

## Founding member of APCSS retires

The Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies bid farewell this year to one of its founding members, U.S. Ambassador Charles Salmon.

In an April 7 ceremony at APCSS, the staff commemorated Salmon's 17 years of service as a advisor, diplomat and an adjunct faculty member for courses and workshops.

Salmon joined APCSS in 1996. Prior to this, he was U.S. foreign policy advisor to the commander, U.S. Pacific Command. He also served in U.S. State Department roles as ambassador to Laos and deputy chief of mission in Rangoon, Burma, and Wellington, New Zealand.

## 12 APCSS employees earn excellence awards

Twelve Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies employees were recognized at the Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board's 58th Annual Excellence in Federal Government Awards Luncheon at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Officer's Club May 2.

The annual event honors employees from government agencies in Hawaii for their outstanding effort, dedication, and contributions to the workforce and community. Employees' organizations nominated them for these honors.

APCSS award winners for 2013 were:

- Team Excellence: Human Resources Department: **Jhonnette Chun; Linda Jimenez; Robin Wong; Larry Fryer; Sgt. Jared Ching; Cpl. Joshua Drummond; and Laureen Kukino.**

- Federal Employee of the Year (Professional/Admin/Tech): **Jo Gardiner, Strategy & Assessments.**

- Federal Leader of the Year: **Dr. Justin Nankivell, College of Security Studies.**

- Federal Employee of the Year (Clerical/Assistant): **Lily Ordonez, Travel Division.**

- Exceptional Community Service: **Richard Sears, Dean, Admissions and Business Operations.**

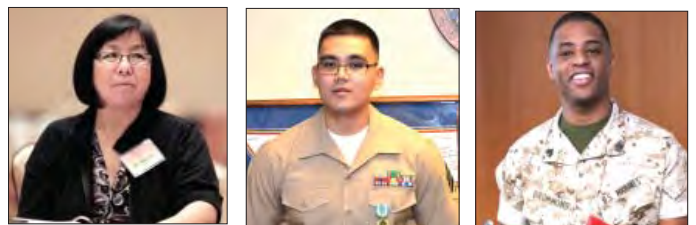
- Mentor of the Year: **Thomas Patykula, Admissions Department.**

APCSS Human Resources Chief Jhonnette Chun commented on her team's group recognition.

"It is an honor for the Human Resources Department to be recognized for Team Excellence.

"Even while challenged with furloughs and hiring freezes, we continued to sustain our department's vision to provide elite personnel services supporting our world class workforce."

APCSS Director Lt. Gen. (Ret) Dan Leaf paid tribute to all the award winners.



Award winners pictured with APCSS Deputy Director Brig. Gen. (Ret.) James Hirai (at front, center) include (front, left to right) Linda Jimenez, Laureen Kukino, Robin Wong, Jhonnette Chun, and Jo Gardiner; (back, left to right) Thomas Patykula, Larry Fryer, Dr. Justin Nankivell, Lt. Col. Greg Pleinis, and Richard Sears. At bottom, are Lily Ordonez, Sgt. Jared Ching, and Sgt. Joshua Drummond.

"It's outstanding to see our people recognized for their superb contributions to this Center's vital mission. Without them, we simply

couldn't achieve the level of success we've seen in our world-changing foreign engagement and executive education programs."

## HAILS AND FAREWELLS

A number of people came through APCSS doors between Jan. 1 through Aug. 31.

In the Executive Operations Group, U.S. Air Force Maj. **Nicholas Torres** took over as the executive assistant in the front office, replacing U.S. Marine Corps Capt. **Jennifer Miller**, who transfers to the Regional Engagement Office. EOG's Assessment team also bid farewell to USAF Maj. **Derrick Connor** and U.S. Army Capt. **Victor Park**.

USA Maj. **Melina Ecenrode** replaced USA Capt. **Todd (Michael) Pfeffer** as APC;ISS legal officer.

Public Affairs welcomed **Jesse Hall** to the team. USMC Capt. **Ed Miller** transferred from PAO to the Alumni Division, replacing USAF Lt. Col. **Greg Pleinis**, who transferred. Alumni also gained USAF Maj. **Joshua Burgess**, who is serving as deputy Alumni chief.

USAF Lt. Col. **Jonathan Kim** is the new APCSS Deputy Dean of Admissions and Business Operations, replacing USAF Col. **Steven Huss**, who retired. USMC Maj. **Yohannes Negga** is the new DABO operations officer.

Our Information Technology Department welcomed **Ed Paras** as the new network manager. They also welcomed **Christian Oshiro**, **Byran Acidera** and **Naiya Nakama**, who worked with the team temporarily. IT said farewell to **Carla Jean Jones** and **Dianne Tabonda**.

Human Resources once again bid farewell to **Roberta Garrett**, who retired, and welcomed back **Pedro Gutierrez-Torres**. They

also lost USMC Sgt. **Jared Ching**, but gained USMC Sgt. **Joshua Drummond**.

REO bid farewell to **Chelsie Hayles** and **Terry Slattery**, who now serves as the APCSS recruiter.

USAF Staff Sgt. **Gilberto Saldierna** joined the APCSS Travel Office.

USA Col. **Greg Winston** is the new academic chief of staff, replacing Col. **Tim Ryan**, who retired from the Army. College Ops welcomed USA Lt. Col. **Donald Peterson**, replacing U.S. Navy Lt. **Nick Matchek**, who is now part of the APCSS faculty. Capt. **Jung Yoon Schorr** and **David Webb** also worked in College Ops for a short time.

Military faculty members who departed included: USA Col. **Bryan Truesdell**, USAF Lt. Cols. **Reese Evers**, **Christopher Heming**, and **James Popphan**, USA Maj. **Jason Campbell**, and USMC Maj. **Douglas Krugman**.

APCSS intern coordinator **Marcela Gill** departed Hawaii and was replaced by former intern **Jim Potenza**. New interns include **Borjana Lubura-Winchester**, **Jillian Magee**, and Capt. **LiangKuan Ho**.

Interns who served during spring and summer 2014 included: **Catherine Greenlee**, **Danika Mencin**, **Ashley Krysik**, **Joanna Leeder**, **Federica Dall'Arche**, **Megan Trott**, **Michael Stecher**, **Ashlee Esteban**. Interns **Alexandria Brill**, **Amanda Lamothe**, **Nitin Bajaj**, **Shannon Gray**, **Rene Voltaire**, **Richard Cardinale**, and **Ralph Jaojoco** also served. Visiting scholars included **Dr. Yoichiro Sato** and **Thailand Lt. Col. (Dr.) Nawita Direkwut**.

## New faculty members



**Col. Todd Fish**  
U.S. Army Fellow  
M.S. in Business Admin  
*Theater Logistics, Northeast Asia Region*



**Dr. Christopher Harmon**  
PhD in International Relations  
*Terrorism, Insurgency, and U.S. Foreign Policy*



**Lt. Col. Benjamin Hwang**  
U.S. Army Fellow  
M.S. in Defense Analysis  
*Counter-Special Operations Forces, Foreign Internal Defense, Unconventional Warfare*



**Lt. Col. Kenneth Lawrence**  
U.S. Army Fellow  
M.S. in Telecommunications  
*DoD Cyberspace Operations, Cyber Security*



**Lt. Col. Danny Makalena**  
U.S. Air Force  
M.S. in Aeronautical Science Technology  
*HA/DR, Physical Security Operations, Logistics, Japan, Korea*



**Dr. Christopher Snedden**  
Ph.D. in International Relations  
*South Asia, Security Sector Development, International Relations*



**Lt. Col. Nathan Springer**  
U.S. Army Fellow  
M.A. in Security Studies  
*South Asia, Conflict Resolution, Counterinsurgency, Counterterrorism*