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A Message from Ms. Heidi H. Grant

Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs

I am once again thrilled to introduce the latest issue of the International Affairs (IA) Workforce Initiatives Newsletter. Security Cooperation is receiving a significant amount of attention these days. Our nation faces shrinking budgets, natural disasters, asymmetric threats, a resurgent Russia and an assertive China among other challenges. At the same time, our Air Force is being stretched thinner than ever before. We've been engaged in combat operations for the last 24 years and now we have the smallest and oldest Air Force fleet in our 68-year history.

The only way that we can successfully take on these daunting challenges is by building upon our global partnerships. We need security cooperation!

As an Air Force Security Cooperation Enterprise, we've been successful in building and strengthening our partnerships with air forces around the world. We've led the way in integrating a broad spectrum of activities that span the entire Air Force, and involve every MAJCOM and two-letter organization. We can all be proud that our partners are more capable today than they were 10 years ago.

The driving force behind our success is the corps of 1,500 Airmen and civilians throughout our Enterprise. Whether you are an air attaché, regional affairs or political affairs strategist, air advisor, instructor or other security cooperation professional, each and every one of you serves an instrumental role. You are the tip of the spear when it comes to building and strengthening global partnerships.

This is why I continue to encourage you to take a proactive approach toward your career development. Take advantage of opportunities to build your skills and expertise, especially in the areas of regional affairs and cultural studies. Learn a foreign language through online courses such as those offered through the Joint Language University, or through programs like the Language Enabled Airman Program. And most importantly, stay tuned to publications like this newsletter to ensure you are aware of initiatives that will make you a better International Affairs professional.

Arm yourself with the right skills and you will enable stronger partnerships and a more secure, stable future for the United States and our allies. Thank you for your hard work in building stronger partnerships!

This edition highlights the IA Community News, provides updates on the International Affairs Career Field, and acknowledges individuals who recently achieved IA certification. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Human Capital Development, at email: usaf.pentagon.saf-ia.mbx.saf-iagr-hr-manpower@mail.mil

IA Community News



2015 Paris Airshow

The Honorable Deborah Lee James, Secretary of the Air Force, and Ms. Heidi Grant, Deputy Undersecretary of the Air Force, International Affairs (SAF/IA) attended the 2015 Paris Air Show in June. Regarded as the world's premier air show, the 51st edition of the Paris Air Show was attended by 296 official delegations from 91 countries. Nearly 150,000 official visitors attended the event. During the airshow, Secretary James and Ms. Grant met with 11 air chiefs, 22 ministry of defense officials, and numerous US aerospace industry leaders, strengthening USAF partnerships with numerous key US and foreign officials. Important topics among the European allies included growing interest in the MQ-9 and F-35 aircraft in the face of greater perceived security threats. USAF airpower was represented with a wide array of aircraft at the show, including F-16, F-15E, WC-130J, and A-10 aircraft brought in from various USAFE bases.

MAJCOM Collaboration Innovates Disclosure Training

The Command Foreign Disclosure Officers (FDOs) from Air Mobility Command (AMC) - Mr. Kenneth C. Ragsdale and Air Education & Training Command (AETC) - Mr. Paul T. Bigelow successfully collaborated together to develop, launch, and refine a combined MAJCOM FDO training program in 75 days. In just the last year alone, the innovative program effectively trained more than one hundred Wing and Mobility Support Advisory Squadron (MSAS) subordinate-level FDOs. Their unique training course incorporates multiple scenario based examples specifically geared to the subordinate-level FDO's perspective. Student feedback drove additional changes to the course syllabus which both Command FDOs indicated has made this crucial training much more interesting and better received. The synergy from this combined effort saved both MAJCOMs valuable time during a period of manpower cuts and austere resources, and enabled them to more effectively address subordinate FDO turnover. The result has directly contributed to improved disclosure support, knowledge, and increased awareness of various MSAS supported security cooperation missions, international visits to AMC and AETC Wings, and military personnel exchange support requirements.

ACC Collaboration with William & Mary



For the past several years, ACC's International Affairs and Surgeon General Directorates have built and developed a mutually supportive relationship with the College of William and Mary's International Affairs Department, the Reves Center for International Studies, and the Project on International Peace and Security (PIPS). This informal relationship involves connecting ACC subject matter experts with motivated W&M students who wish to learn more about the Air Force, Political-Military subjects and the International Affairs career field. Students volunteer to research open source materials on various subjects of mutual interest to ACC/IA and W&M, with an end-of-semester paper and presentation to members of the ACC staff on their selected research topic. Topics have included: How Drug Cartels are Enabled by Internet Access; NGOs and the Military; Influenza Vaccinations in Pregnant Women; The Uyghur Community in Eastern China and Its Increasing Involvement in Middle Eastern Terrorism; and the Boko Haram Threat in the Sahel Region and the Role of Chad. This relationship also includes base and campus visits, social events and guest speaker series invitations.

Peace Carvin V Program Development

ACC/IA continued to enhance the Republic of Singapore Air Force's (RSAF) combat capability through dedicated F-15SG flying training within the 428th Fighter Squadron at Mountain Home AFB, ID. The program, known as Peace Carvin V, just completed its 6th year (of planned 20+ years) of operations within the 366 Fighter Wing. Recent highlights include: Participation by the 428 FS in its first Red Flag Nellis exercise (Jul 2014), where the Aircraft Maintenance Unit (AMU) was named the outstanding AMU for this exercise; Attendance by three RSAF enlisted personnel in the Mountain Home AFB Airman Leadership School – these enlisted members were lauded for their excellent performance, and one of the RSAF students received both an Academic and Distinguished Graduate Award; Successful deployment and completion of an F-15SG Combat Hammer, Air-to-Ground Weapon System Evaluation. This was the first-ever Combat Hammer for a Foreign Military Sales (FMS) squadron.

GAF Flying Training Center Deployment

ACC/IA supported a deployment of three German Air Force (GAF) CH-53 helicopters to Holloman AFB during April and May of 2015. The CH-53's deployed to the GAF Flying Training Center (FTC) in a first-ever CONUS deployment for advanced training. The GAF completed their objectives of employing the CH-53 in a high-altitude, high-dust, high-wind, mountainous environment, and successfully completed a first-ever three-gun firing from a single helicopter (two 50-Cal side-guns and one 7.62mm rear gun). The GAF was able to capitalize on their infrastructure at Holloman AFB, which was built and is sustained through ACC-managed Foreign Military Sales activity in support of the GAF FTC's mission as Germany's sole GR-1 Tornado aircraft training schoolhouse. The FTC has been training Tornado crewmembers in the US since 1996. Following the training at Holloman, the CH-53s deployed to Davis-Monthan AFB to participate in ANGEL THUNDER--ACC's premiere Personnel Recovery Exercise.

International Affairs Career Field (IACF) Updates

Global Master of Arts Program (GMAP II)

GMAP II is a part-time Graduate-level degree program sponsored by the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) in partnership with Tufts University's The Fletcher School. The program is available to team members serving in the international affairs/Security Cooperation workforce.

**Congratulations to the GMAP II
Class of 2015 Graduate!**

- Ms. Valerie Kimball, IARE

We are hopeful that the program will have a couple of seats total available for the next academic year (for all DoD personnel). Applications materials are available at our website and a potential applicant can put a package together and have it ready to submit when the application period opens. As soon as DISAM releases information on deadlines, we will put it on our website. Please see the website at <http://www.safia.hq.af.mil/workforceinitiatives/gmapprogramdetails.asp>.

International Affairs Excellence Award

Stay tuned for the announcement of the 2015 IA Excellence Award call via AFPC in January 2016. This SAF/IA award distinguishes Airmen whose contributions were most effective in building, sustaining, expanding, and guiding international relationships. Applications will be due by 15 April 2016 for award year 2015 which covers the period 1 January 2015- 31 December 2015.

Each SAF/HAF two-letter, MAJCOM, FOA, or DRU may submit one individual in each of the following four categories:

Officer (Second Lieutenant through Colonel), Enlisted (Airman through Chief Master Sergeant), Senior Civilian (GS-13 thru GS-15), and Junior Civilian (up to GS-12)

Determination of the award is based on contributions above and beyond the individual's primary duties and responsibilities. For additional information please contact usaf.pentagon.saf-ia.mbx.saf-iagr-hr-manpower@mail.mil

International Affairs Certification Program

February and June Review Board Results

In October 2014, and February and June 2015, the IA Certification Review Board met and approved the following applicants. Congratulations to all!

October 2014 IACP Recipients

Tier 1

Elizabeth M. Adams
 Susan R. Alaniz
 Maj Mica L. Ashmore
 Deborah M. Almashy
 Neil S. Amaral
 Sean A. Burley
 Lt Col Mark W. Burns
 Lt Col. Antonio Castillo
 William R. Chapman
 Heather L. Christoff
 Jason L. Conley
 Robin H. Davis
 John E. Dornon
 Lt Col Marcus G. Ferguson
 Jack D. Fontana
 Lt Col Ryan P. Frazier
 Mark J. Garrette, Jr.
 MSgt David G. Guevara
 Lt Col Eric R. Hannis
 Dean W. Hollembaek
 Consuela A. Hookfin
 Timothy J. King
 Mark E. Lawrence
 Toss S. Meyers
 Jana D. Miller
 David A. Moorhead
 Thomas L. Naylor
 Annette M. Ohrenberg
 1Lt Nolan D. O'Keefe
 Christopher Perkins
 Michael E. Plateel
 Mark S. Raynowska

Eric J. Reuber
 Timothy M. Roche
 Douglas S. Sewall
 Nicole R. Stompor
 Sandra C. Telemacque
 Philip K. Tippet
 Marta M. Trendell
 David M. Wright

Tier 2

Maj Lawrence M. Arnold II
 Charles L. Bailey, Jr.
 Paul S. Chartier
 Jason M. Corbitt
 Michael P. Cosimo
 Nathaniel S. Davis
 Lisa A. Doughty
 Daniel J. Duckro
 Glynn R. Firmin
 Thomas D. Fox
 Christopher R. Grabowski
 Kristina M. Gurksnins
 Tanya D. Hopson
 Douglas E. Jordan
 Lt Col Christine P. Klink
 Lt Col Joel L. C. Lane
 Jessica L. Lindemann
 Duane E. Long
 Kelly L. Lucarelli
 Lori L. McCullough
 Rommond O. McDonald
 Stacey S. McKinney
 James K. O'Reilly
 Jonathan M. Passage

Capt Saul A. Ramos
 Pamela G. Rataczyk
 Cassandra B. Renfroe
 TSgt Hector M. Rodriguez
 Christopher M. Roland
 David D. Schneider
 Eric W. Schneider
 Michael D. Skaggs
 James R. Sloat
 Justin D. Slone
 Michael J. Snead
 Jeffrey T. Storrer
 James P. Tremblay
 Jeffrey M. Zeller

Tier 3

Roni A. Aborn
 Nicolas A. Dorsten
 Jimmy G. England
 William D. Fisher
 Troy B. Foote
 Col William G. Hampton
 Tina Konjic
 Alan F. Lehman, Esq.
 Donna M. Lynch
 Hansen L. Mak
 MSgt Oscar Molina
 Lt Col George Y. Moraczewski
 Khalid M. Musameh
 Lt Col Eric D. Trismen
 Kim L. Selway
 Col. Cornelia P. Weiss
 Mark E. Wills

February 2015 IACP Recipients

Tier 1

Maria B. Adams
 Patricia P. Alexander
 Winifred D. Bennett
 James R. Boling
 Keith A. Booker

Lt Col Paul H. Porter
 Gerald Proctor
 Maj Homero H. Ruíz Pérez
 Nathan E. Schnorrenberg
 Capt Jason W. Spaulding
 Zan A. Sproles

Dianna Hopkins
 Steven Kite
 Annette M. Ohrenberg
 Marketta Peel
 SSgt Cesar A. Salgado Diaz
 Helen E. Rodgers

Jay J. Breyer	Nathan R. Stackhouse	Ryan M. Schiller
Naomi Caplinger	Josef E. Taylor	Maj Kristy D. Steenberge
Kevin M. Cavin	Terence B. Tennant	Melanie A. Temples
Matt A. Daniels	Mary M. Werner	Daniel L. Thobe
Tracy N. Dinoff	Tier 2	SSgt Jaime A. Torres
David A. Ganio	Susan R. Alaniz	Don A. Williams
Capt Michael J. Harrison	Caroline A. Austin	Tier 3
Maj Bobby Holland	Kristi L. Baker	Lt Col Randall T. Allen
Lt Col David J. Laird	Bryan K. Ball	Michael P. Cosimo
Scott C. Lambdin	Noranne L. Bever	Lt Col Tim W. Harbor
Robert H. Lester	Jennifer L. Brown	Lt Col Christine P. Klink
Brian D. Machuca	Nannette L. Burge	Mario D. Matos
Ricardo E. Malave	Sean A. Burley	Marvin Mens
Kathi A. Marshall	Brian M. Davidson	Charles B. Nichols
James G. Martin	MSgt Daniel Fernandez	Mark E. Perfect
Capt Dmitry Masharin	Jacob L. Hall	Jeffrey T. Storrer
Mark Murphy	Cindy Hill	

June 2015 IACP Recipients

Tier 1	Col Thomas C. Selvaggi	Sheras Spahija
Maj Paul D. Anderson	Lisa A. Shimkus	Rebecca L. Szabo
David A. Bailey	Amy D. Silance	Mark W. Tesmer
Julia R. Brown	MSgt Brian J. Smith	Naomi A. Underwood
Randal P. Caldwell	Stephanie E. Stevens	Tier 3
Maj Garrett R. Chandler	Kenneth W. Stiers	Capt Christopher M. Bailey
Lisa T. Earl	Barry L. Vannoy	Thomas D. Fox
Wendy M. Hess	Richard P. Wood	Clarisse' L. Gales
Thomas M. Hollender	Tier 2	Christopher R. Grabowski
SrA Santiago Holley	Amy N. Adducchio	Jacob L. Hall
Jumana Husain	Jeffrey G. Brown	Anneke M. Holquist
Carl D. Hutcherson	Natalia Buchanan	Michael J. Howard
Christopher T. Law	Maj Hartmut V. Casson	Dorothy J. Jones
TSgt Joan M. Luyando	Lt Col Antonio Castillo	Jacob B. Kolb
TSgt Carlos D. Marques Waren	William A. Crenshaw	Michael E. Lally
TSgt John B. Melendez	Maj Steve Drotos III	Lt Col Brian A. McCullough
Tamara C. Mills	MSgt David G. Guevara	Joseph A. Moore
TSgt Michael J. Paprocki	Tamerra R. Hite	Steven W. Peden
Michael R. Parker	Clayton S. F. Massa	Ryan M. Robichaud
Christopher W. Parry	Brian D. Machuca	Lt Col Luis A. Rojas
Robyn H. Poole	Lisa M. Perry	SSgt Cesar A. Salgado Diaz
TSgt Melvin O. Rosario Caceres	Katherine R. Repic	Lt Col Charles C. Smith
MSgt Eddie B. Ross	Sabrina C. Roquemore	Mary E. Stripinis
Lawrence Sansone	John Correia Silvia III	

The next IACP Review Board is scheduled for 26 February 2016.

Please submit articles of interest to the Security Cooperation community for possible inclusion in future newsletters to usaf.pentagon.saf-ia.mbx.saf-iagr-hr-manpower@mail.mil.