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Biographies of Symposium Speakers and Participants



Joseph P. Kirilin III, Colonel, USA (ret) is an independent financial planner and advisor in West Chester, PA. He currently serves as President of the Civil Affairs Association. His notable deployments during his Civil Affairs career include: as Detachment Commander of the 304th CA Group for the Muriel Boat Lift Cuban refugee operation in 1980; in Operation Urgent Fury in 1983, first as part of the U.S. Atlantic Command CA assessment team and later in Grenada as part of the 1st Special Operations Command; and, as Commander of the 416th CA Bn. In 1992, he activated the 501st CA Bn (Prov) at Ft Bragg, NC and deployed it to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he was the camp commander for the Haitian migrant operation, for which his unit won the Joint Meritorious Unit Award. Returning to Ft. Bragg, he worked on the “Civil Affairs 2000” master plan and the activation of the Civil Affairs Regiment, for which he designed the Regimental crest and colors as well as the Regimental motto, “Secure the Victory.” He was also its first Regimental Adjutant, 358th CA Brigade support team commander for NORTHANT, and Civil Affairs liaison officer to the new Army War College Peacekeeping Institute. From 1994-1997 he commanded the 2072nd USARF School, the 5th TASS (Training) Bde, Wilmington, DE and the 6th TASS Bde, Ft Belvoir, VA. In addition to being a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, Joe has a B.A. in political science and an M.A. in history (Soviet/East European studies) from Niagara University. He is currently finishing his MBA from LaSalle University, Philadelphia, PA.



Colonel (ret.) Christopher Holshek is an international peace & security consultant on civil-military and peace operations education and training. A Senior Fellow at the Alliance for Peacebuilding, he is a retired U.S. Army Civil Affairs officer with three decades of civil-military operations experience at the strategic, operational, and tactical levels in joint, interagency, and multinational settings across the full range of operations, including: EUCOM/SHAPE Military Representative at USAID; Senior U.S. Military Observer and Chief of Civil-Military Coordination in the UN Mission in Liberia; and, command of the first CA battalion to deploy to Iraq in support of Army, Marine and British forces. He helped develop civil-military policy and doctrine for the U.S. Army, DoD, NATO, and the UN as well as partner nations. A rare American who served with the UN in civilian and military capacities, he is an executive member of the UN Association of the USA (National Capital Area), on the Leadership Council of the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition’s “Veterans for Smart Power,” and a Director in the Civil Affairs Association. Lecturing at numerous institutions, he also writes extensively on peace & security, strategy, civil-military relations, and peace operations, and his articles have appeared in *Foreign Policy* and *The Huffington Post*, among others. His new book, *Travels with Harley – A journey through America in search of personal and national identity*, is currently being crowdfunded for publication at Inkshares.com.

Panel Discussion: Shaping the Future of Civil Affairs – Past as Prologue



John C. Church, Jr., is an Assistant Professor of English and Communication at Immaculata University. He is a colonel in the Marine Reserves. In 2010 he served with the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, where he coordinated staff support to civil-military operations. Prior to that assignment, he commanded a combined, joint Civil Affairs unit, leading Marines, soldiers, sailors, and Iraqi civilians in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. Colonel Church attended the U.S. Naval Academy. As a combat engineer officer Colonel Church served in Okinawa, Japan, Mogadishu, Somalia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. He also served at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC, and Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps. As a Civil Affairs officer he has served in Kosovo, Iraq, Liberia and Afghanistan. John earned a M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U. S. Naval War College, a M.A. in Communication Journalism and Public Affairs from American University in Washington, D.C. and a B.S. in Political Science from the U.S. Naval Academy. He is a doctoral student in Mass Media and Communication at Temple University.



Brigadier General (ret.) Bruce Bingham served as commanding general, U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Abn) from 1997 to 2001. Prior to that he commanded the 358th Civil Affairs Brigade and the 78th Training Support Brigade, 78th Division (Training). In September 1994, he was activated and served as Civil Affairs Advisor to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command for the Haiti intervention. He subsequently implemented and led the Ministerial Advisory Team in Haiti. His military education includes the Command and General Staff College and U.S. Army War College. His civilian education includes a master's degree in Public and Private Management from Yale University. He has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal and Vietnamese Armed Forces Honor Medal First Class. He also earned the Special Forces Tab, Parachutist Badge and Vietnamese Parachutist Badge.



Major General (ret.) Tom Matthews retired from the U.S. Army in 2008 with over forty years of service. During his career he participated in numerous domestic and expeditionary civil military operations including the Mariel Boat Lift, JTF Provide Promise, Operation Joint Endeavor in the Balkans, DoD Constitutional Bicentennial Task Force and the California Wildfires. He has served in and commanded US Army Civil Affairs units at the Group, Brigade and Command level. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, he holds a B.A. in Economics from LaSalle University and a Masters in Public Administration from Temple University, and is a Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Joint Special Operations University, serving as a Subject Matter Expert for the Joint Civil Military Campaign Planning Course at the Joint Special Operations University, U.S. Special Operations Command, Tampa, FL.



Michael Edward Hess has been a principal at M&TCH Consulting since Jan 2012, after working at L-3 MPRI. Before joining MPRI, he served as Assistant Administrator in the Bureau for Democracy Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). With over 30 years of active and reserve service including humanitarian operations in Turkey, Iraq, Bosnia, and Kosovo, Hess served in both command and staff assignments in the U.S. and Germany and taught European History at the United States Military Academy. In April 2003, Colonel (ret.) Hess was recalled to active duty to serve as the humanitarian coordinator in the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance during *Operation Iraqi Freedom*. He later served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Coalition Provisional Authority. Hess has a bachelor's degree in engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, a master's degree in European history from Columbia University in New York, a master's in business administration and international finance from New York University in New York, and is a graduate of the National Strategic Studies Program at the United States Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Panel Discussion: Shaping the Future of Civil Affairs – Lessons from the Decade of War



Dr. Kurt E. Müller is currently a Senior Research Fellow with the Center for Complex Operations at the National Defense University. His career spans academic and operational spheres. Early in his Army Reserve career, he was a Foreign Area Officer at HQ, U.S. Army Europe and early exposure to the Army Staff in Strategy, Plans, and Policy. He joined the Civil Affairs community after earning an M.M.A.S. in politico-military affairs at the Army Command and General Staff College, where his faculty advisor forbade him to take electives dealing with Civil Affairs. Along with a staff position at the Modern Language Association, he was Chief Operating Officer of the National Council on Foreign Language and International Studies. His CA assignments include command of the 416th CA Bn, J3/CA for JTF 160, USAREUR CIMIC team chief and Command Language Program Manager at the 353rd CACOM, Special Functions Chief of the 304th CA Bde, and Civil Affairs Advisor to SACEUR and C9 at SHAPE. After retirement, he became a CA subject-matter expert as a contractor for the U.S. Special Operations Command, then at the State Department Civilian Response Corps. He deployed four times in uniform and twice with State to Europe, the Caribbean, and Southwest and Central Asia. His presentations and publications have appeared in six languages. A graduate of the Army War College, his current assignment marks his second time as a fellow at NDU.



Major General (ret.) Steven J. Hashem's long list of military assignments included the United States, West Berlin, Bosnia, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Iraq. General Hashem served in eighteen Civil Affairs assignments with seven different Civil Affairs organizations, commanded eleven units and served for over thirty years in command, deputy command or plans, operations and training positions. His flag assignments included Commander, Task Force 353 and Director, Civil-Military Operations, Multinational Force Iraq; President, Joint Special Operations University and Director, Training, Knowledge and Futures (SOKF/J7/9/10), United States Special Operations Command; and Director, Coalition Coordination Center, United States Central Command. He is a Distinguished Member of the Civil Affairs Corps and served on the board of directors for the Civil Affairs Association since 1996. In addition, General Hashem worked for Lockheed Martin for 27 years in program operations and business development. He holds an MBA with a concentration in Strategic Planning from The Wharton School, a Masters of Arts in International Relations from the University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Science in General Engineering from the United States Military Academy. General Hashem is a member of the board of directors for Quantum Leap Farm, a nonprofit organization that specializes in equine therapy for handicapped military veterans, law enforcement personnel and children. He also actively supports the West Point Field Force, the Wounded Warrior Program and the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. General Hashem is also one of two Army Reserve Ambassadors for the State of New Jersey and is a member of the advisory committee for the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition. His memberships in civic and military organizations include the West Point Societies of Philadelphia and New Jersey, the British Officer's Club, the Special Forces Association, the Wharton Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Laurel Creek Country Club and the Union League of Philadelphia.



Colonel Leonard J. DeFrancisci is slated to serve as Deputy Commander of the Force Headquarters Group in June 2015. Previously, Colonel DeFrancisci served as Commanding Officer of 2d Civil Affairs Group and 4th Civil Affairs Group, Washington, DC. He also served as detachment commander, operations officer and team leader at 4th CAG. In 2008-09, Colonel DeFrancisci served as the J9 for USFK Detachment 102. Colonel DeFrancisci works at DEMACO, a designer and manufacturer of industrial food equipment, with a specialty in the pasta industry. DEMACO makes machines for companies such as Campbell's Soup, Stouffers, and Chef Boyardee. He volunteers as the President for Brevard County Machinist Apprenticeship Program, a non-profit organization that coordinates and supervises training of machine apprentices throughout Brevard.



Colonel (ret.) Jim Ruf currently serves as a Civ-Mil Advisor to the Academy for International Conflict Management and Peacebuilding. A Civil Affairs Officer, Jim brings over 30 years of experience consisting of deployments to Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan. Previous key positions include Director for Reserve Affairs at the Special Operations Command Joint Forces Command, Assistant Operations Officer at the 352d Civil Affairs Command, Provincial Reconstruction Team Commander, Jalalabad, Afghanistan and Response Officer at the Department of State's Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization; Chief of the Education and Training Branch at the Peace Keeping and Stability Operations Institute and as the Deputy and Commander of the 352d Civil Affairs Command. He is a graduate of Miami (Ohio) University with a BS in marketing and international business and has a Master's Degree from Webster University and the U.S. Army War College.



Dr. Rosemary Speers is a Principal Research Scientist in CNA's Operations and Tactical Analysis group. While at CNA, she has directed projects for a variety of agencies and commands, including Defense, Homeland Security, Agriculture, and Health and Human Services. She has examined the response of both field personnel and policy makers during real-world HA/DR operations, and has facilitated simulation exercises involving local, State, Federal, military, and foreign government officials in more than 10 countries. Most recently, she is working with OPNAV to capture the best practices and lessons learned from the disestablished Maritime Civil Affairs and Security Training command, and to investigate how the unique capability of maritime Civil Affairs could be reconstituted by the U.S. Navy if/when needed. Dr. Speers has a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering from the University of Michigan.

Luncheon Speaker



Jason W. Forrester serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Personnel) in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs). Jason is responsible for Reserve component manpower, personnel, compensation, and medical matters, as well as multiple related functions that support the 1.1 million members of the National Guard and Reserve. From 2011-2013, Jason served as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower & Reserve Affairs), where he spearheaded Army-wide and interagency efforts to create a career-ready military. From 2009-2011, he served in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs) as: Advisor for DoD's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" review; Team Chief (Personnel & Readiness); and on the Efficiencies Initiative (reprioritizing DoD resources). From 2007-2009, Jason worked for Veterans for America (VFA), where he testified before Congress and the President's Commission on Wounded Warriors. Twice between 2004-2009, Jason was a Visiting Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). In 2006, he directed The Carter Center's Elections Observation Presence in Guyana. From 2005-2006, Jason was Legislative Assistant to Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-WV). In 2003-2004, he served on General Wesley Clark's presidential campaign and the Kerry-Edwards national security team. From 1999-2000, he was a member of the Gore-Lieberman national security team. From 2001-2003, he was Research Director for the Nuclear Threat Reduction Campaign, a project of the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation. From 1998-2001, Jason was a researcher in the Foreign Policy Studies Program of the Brookings Institution. His first job in Washington was on the staff of the Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict. Jason is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the International Institute for Strategic Studies. He received an M.A.L.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and was graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in political science from the Sewanee: The University of the South. He was named Sewanee's Distinguished Young Alumnus for 2008.

Panel Discussion: Shaping the Future of Civil Affairs – The Way Forward



Dr. Karen Guttieri is the Security and Development Policy Lead with the Peace Innovation Lab at Stanford University. Dr. Guttieri's international relations research addresses dynamics of transitional processes and various aspects of stability operations and peacekeeping: evaluation metrics, information and communications technology innovation, civil-military relations, and cognitive preparedness. She's published in the domains of international security, military strategy and doctrine, international law, cognitive psychology, and organizational learning. She directed multidisciplinary and interagency research teams on Governance Innovation for Security and Development and Anomie and Insurgency. An award-winning teacher, Dr. Guttieri is co-teaching a pop-up course, "Getting to Trust in Conflict Environments" at the Stanford d.school. She has previously taught courses in international politics, stability operations, and political psychology. Karen developed graduate courses and programs on Security and Development and the Rule of Law for the Civil Affairs community. She pioneered hybrid distributed learning, created a research site on APAN, and co-developed a complex operations wiki. She is a member of the Stakeholder Committee of the Peace and Stability Operations Training and Education Workshop. Karen is completing a book manuscript on the American military's approach to Civil Affairs. The book maps the evolution of the stability operations paradigm over time, and military learning as new technologies and normative standards for treatment of civilians emerged. Dr. Guttieri was selected in 2014 to become an Honorary Member of the Civil Affairs Regiment.



Major General Daniel R. Ammerman is the Commanding General of US Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne). The command has 13,000 Soldiers and civilians for the worldwide mission of supporting Combatant Commanders, along with their respective Army Service Component Commands, with theater oriented strategic through tactical level Civil Affairs and military information support operations. Previously, he commanded the 353rd Civil Affairs Command with the mission of supporting strategic through tactical Civil Affairs requirements in support of US European Command (EUCOM) and US Africa Command (AFRICOM) along with their Army Components. He was also Deputy Commanding General of the 99th Regional Support Command and was responsible for supporting the Commanding General in providing administrative, logistics and facilities support to Army Reserve Soldiers the Northeastern U.S. MG Ammerman has more than 33 years of military service, including deployments as a Civil Affairs officer to Bosnia in 1996 as a Civil Affairs detachment commander, and Kosovo in 2001 where he was dual-hatted as the Task Force Falcon G-5 and Civil Affairs Battalion Executive Officer. He commanded the 432d Civil Affairs Battalion in 2003 supporting the 1st Marine Division in South-Central Iraq, and later the 82nd Airborne Division in Western Iraq, earning the Navy Presidential Unit Citation and Meritorious Unit Citation. He commanded the 304th Civil Affairs Brigade from 2006 to 2010. He led a jointly manned 304th Civil Affairs Brigade in Iraq during 2008-2009 conducting civil military operations in support of Multi-National Corps-Iraq with the brigade, earning the Meritorious Unit Citation. MG Ammerman is a graduate of the Army War College, earning a Master of Science degree in Strategic Studies. In his civilian life, MG Ammerman works as a senior financial manager for Schneider Inc, a large international logistics company. He is a Certified Public Accountant and has a Masters in Business Administration from University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee.



Brigadier General Ferdinand Irizarry II became the U.S. Army Reserve Command, G-3/5/7 in June 2013. Prior to his current assignment he was the Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (Airborne) based at Fort Bragg, NC. He was commissioned from Johns Hopkins University as an Infantry officer in 1981 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Irizarry served with the 1/175 Infantry Regiment, Maryland Army National Guard, 3rd Battalion, 41st Infantry, 2nd Armored Division, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany. His first Civil Affairs assignment was with the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command, Fort Bragg, NC. He later served as the S3 and the executive officer of the battalion and the J5 (Civil-Military Operations), Joint Task Force-Provide Promise, Yugoslavia. In 1996, he was assigned to Land Forces Central Europe, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe, Germany, Operation Joint Endeavor and Joint Forge, Bosnia- Herzegovina and Operation Joint Guardian, Kosovo, where he served in a number of positions including: civil-military plans officer in the Civil Military Cooperation Branch; joint plans officer; special assistant to the commander of the Stabilization Force; and chief of the J9. From February 2000 to May 2004, he served at SWCS as the chief of the Civil Affairs/Civil Military Operations Training and Doctrine Division and later as the Director of Special Operations Proponency. His follow-on assignment was as the G3 and Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne). In August 2006, he was named the first commander of the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne) at Fort Bragg. From August 2008 to August 2010, he served as the executive officer to the Under Secretary of the Army in Washington, D.C., and deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom–Afghanistan. He holds a Master's in Public Administration from Golden Gate University.



Brigadier General Hugh Van Roosen is a graduate of the University of New York at Albany and the US Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. He currently is serving as Director, Institute for Military Support to Governance. His past assignments include numerous Infantry, Special Forces, and Civil Affairs positions. Notable assignments include: Civil Affairs Director for Special Operations Command Europe; Civil Affairs Brigade Commander; 353d Civil Affairs Command Commanding General; Chief of Staff Forces, United Nations Mission in Liberia; Deputy Commanding General for the US Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command; and, Senior Advisor to the United Nations on South Sudan. Brig. Gen. Van Roosen's military schools include: the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Operations Officer Course; the Regional Studies Course; the NATO Strategic Civil-Military Coordination Course; the United Nations Civil-Military Coordination Staff Planner's Course; Syracuse University National Security Fellow; and, the United Nations Senior Leader Course.



Lieutenant Colonel Lou Simon assumed the duties of Director of the Marine Corps Civil-Military Operations School on 1 June 2013. A native of Queens, New York and raised in New Jersey, he enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves in 1993 as an infantry machine gunner, graduated from Villanova University and was commissioned in 1997. He previously served as a Civil-Military Operations Planner from June 2012 to June 2013. LtCol Simon's primary MOS is a UH-1Y gunship pilot, but he also has the AMOS of Weapons and Tactics Instructor, East Asian FAO, and Civil Affairs Officer. His deployments include three tours with a Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), one in the Atlantic, one in the Pacific, and one in the Indian Ocean as well as two tours in Afghanistan, the first to Kandahar and Oruzgan, and the second to Helmand. He participated in the Foreign Military Sales of 36 U.S. attack helicopters to the Republic of Korea. LtCol Simon is a graduate of the School of Infantry, the Mountain Warfare Training Center, Naval Aviator Flight School, the Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course, Amphibious Warfare School, the U.S. Navy War College, the Defense Language Institute, the Republic of Korea Navy War College, and the Marine Corps Civil Affairs Officer Course. He holds a M.A. in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School.