



Civil Affairs Roundtable XX

More than *Monuments Men*: Military Support to Governance in the 21st Century

George Mason University Peace Operations Policy Program

The Reserve Officers Association

The Alliance for Peacebuilding

In coordination with

The Civil Affairs Association

The Foreign Area Officer Association

and

United Nations Association of the USA – National Capital Area

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The movie *The Monuments Men* reminds us of the time when specialized military units had a direct role in filling the gaps of governance in war-torn countries. Today's Civil Affairs and Foreign Area officers perform much more indirect tasks in supporting governance, not only in post-conflict situations but also for conflict prevention. What should the role of military forces be in helping to build and preserve peace, considering the complexity and comprehensiveness of today's environments, the need to provide governance and security at community as well as country levels, and the capabilities of interagency, intergovernmental, and non-governmental civil society organizations to lead and perform many of the functions originally given to the military? How should all these organizations continue to evolve and what policies and practices should they adopt to more effectively work together in a way that also minimizes cost and risk at a time of waning public interest in foreign intervention?

AGENDA

8:00 Registration / coffee/ refreshments

8:30 Roundtable hosts:

- Dr. Allison Frendak-Blume, Director, George Mason University Peace Operations Policy Program
- Robert Feidler, Director of Army Affairs and Director of the Strategic Defense Education Forum, Reserve Officers Association

8:35 Panel Discussion: “The Monuments Men and their legacy for military support to governance in the 21st century”

- Lynn H. Nicholas, Author of *The Rape of Europa*
- Major (ret.) Corine Wegener, Cultural Heritage Preservation Officer, Smithsonian Institution, and Board Member, Civil Affairs Association
- Dr. Kurt E. Müller, Colonel, Civil Affairs (ret.), Senior Research Fellow, Center for Complex Operations, National Defense University

10:00 Break

10:15 Briefing by Colonel Terry D. Lindon, Deputy Director, The Institute for Military Support to Governance: “The IMSG – Mission, Initiatives, and Partners”

11:45 Pick up lunch and return to seats

12:00 Lunchtime Speaker: Michelle Hughes, President and CEO, VALRAC Innovation, LLC: “The Seven Pillars of Effective Security Sector Governance Reform: Lessons from Conflict”

12:45 Break

13:00 Panel Discussion: How Others Look at Military Support to Governance

Moderator: Colonel (ret.) Christopher Holshek, Senior Fellow, Alliance for Peacebuilding

- U.S. State Department – Melanne Civic, Rule of Law and Transitional Justice Adviser at U.S. Department of State
- NATO – Lieutenant Commander Cees van der Klaauw, Civil-Military Command and Control, Allied Command for Transformation
- United Nations – Lieutenant Colonel Chirag Ghura, Defense Sector Reform Advisor, Security Sector Reform Unit, Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (via Skype)

14:30 Open Discussion – Facilitated by GMU-POPP

14:55 Closing Remarks, Announcements, and Adjournment – Prof. Friendak-Blume

15:30-17:00 – Post-event reception at O’Sullivan’s Irish Pub, 3207 Washington Blvd, Arlington, VA, with finger food hosted by the Foreign Area Officer Association