



National War College



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Why are Your Spouses Here at NWC?

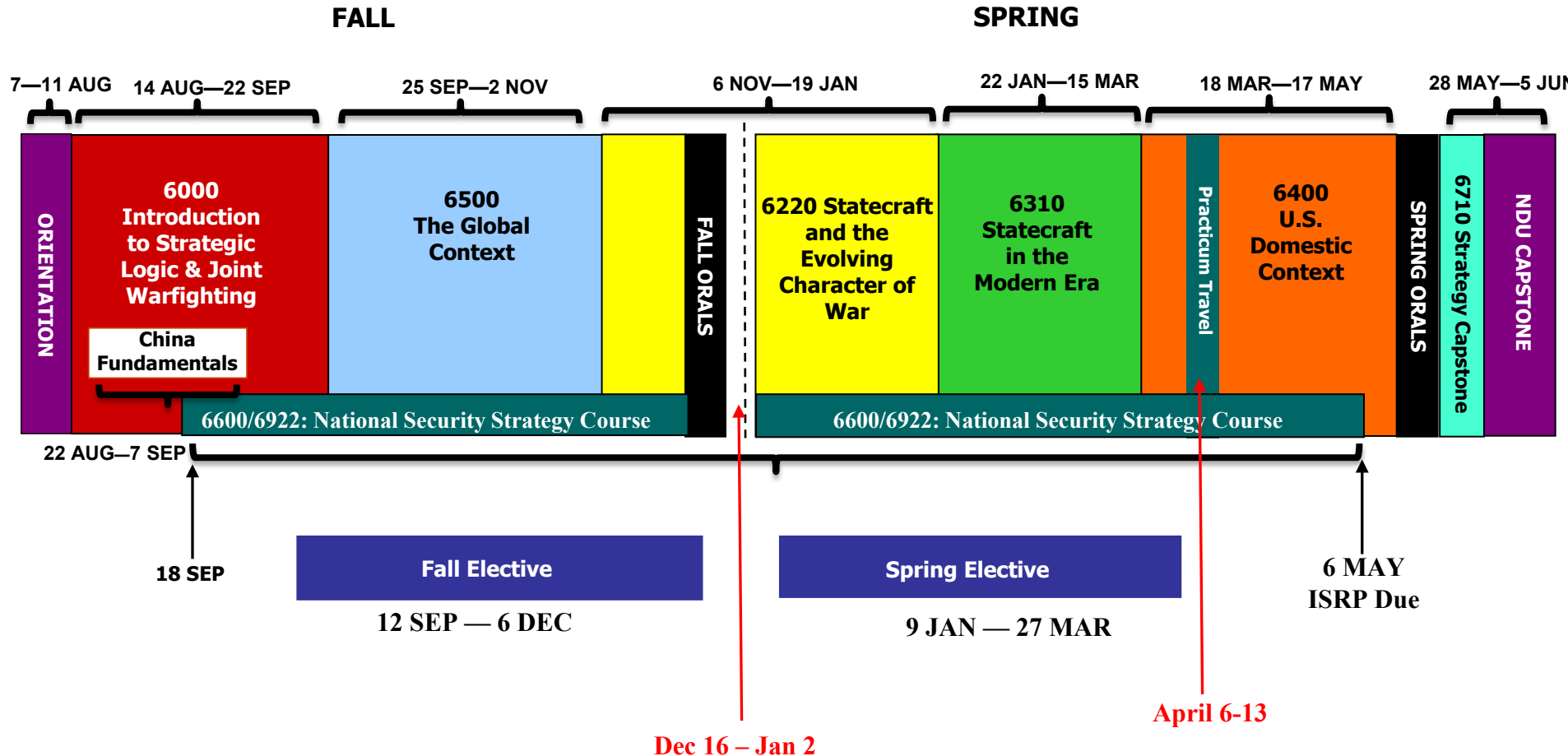
- 1) Be exposed to authors, speakers, and peers who will challenge your THINKING. Be humble and excited.
- 2) Become the most thoughtful, open-minded, critical and strategic thinkers they can be.
- 3) Create professional relationships that will benefit them and their organizations for the rest of their careers.
- 4) Learn and practice the art of professional discussions, defending their ideas both orally and in writing.

“This was the hardest ‘year off’ of my life”

- GEN Martin Dempsey, Former CJCS



NWC Curriculum: AY 2024



~75 pages of reading per class (seminar) or equivalent video.
Dates in **RED** will not change.



Priorities and Balance



- Your spouses are here to learn...and Roosevelt Hall is their place of duty.
- BUT, family and once-in-a-lifetime events come first, always.
- Core Courses are paramount. Electives are interesting.
- Write, get feedback from others, and re-write.
- The Faculty Seminar Leaders (FSLs) are here **to help them succeed**. Communicate with the faculty from Day 1.



Questions?



Final Thought

“Attitude is a choice.

Happiness is a choice.

Optimism is a choice.

Kindness is a choice.

Giving is a choice.

Respect is a choice.

Whatever choice you make, makes you.

Choose wisely.”

- Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

Welcome Family



COL Jon “Ice” Eisberg, USA
Dean of Students

My Mission



Commandant's representative with students

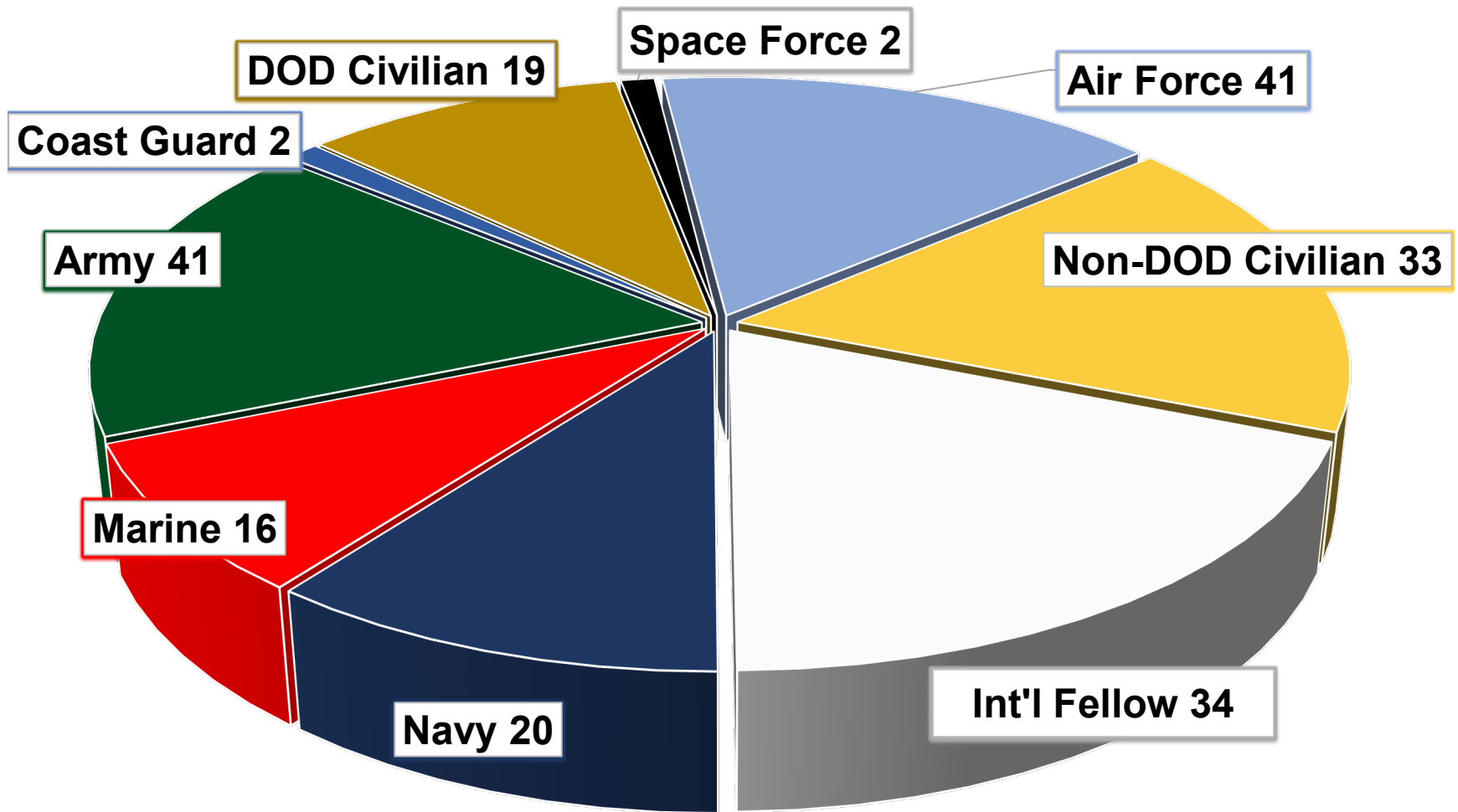
Student's advocate in the University / College

Receive and communicate issues to the academic and administrative departments

Ensure student environment is equitable and consistent

Help enforce policies and procedures set forth by the college and university

Class of 2024!



Total = 208

Class of 2024 by Organization

MILITARY

Army	41
Air Force	41
Space Force	2
Coast Guard	2
Marine Corps	16
Navy	<u>20</u>
Subtotal	122

NON-DOD CIVILIANS

State Department	20
CIA	3
U.S. AID	3
Dept of Homeland Security	3
Dept of Energy	1
Dept of Justice (FBI/DEA/ATF)	2
ODNI	<u>1</u>
Subtotal	33

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS

34

DOD CIVILIANS

OSD (Policy)	3
DIA	3
DISA	
NSA	3
NGA	2
Dept of Air Force	1
Joint Staff	2
DSLDP	4
MDA	<u>1</u>
Subtotal	19

TOTAL

208

NWC International Fellows

AY24

Australia	France	Jordan	Pakistan
Belgium	Georgia	Korea	Saudi Arabia
Brazil	Germany	Kuwait	Sri Lanka
Bulgaria	Ghana	Mauritania	Taiwan
Canada	India	Mexico	Thailand
Colombia	Indonesia	Mongolia	United Kingdom
Cyprus	Israel	Nepal	Vietnam
Czech Rep	Italy	Nigeria	
Finland	Japan	Oman	

NWC Standard Academic Week

	Mon	Tu	Wed	Th	Fri
AM 0830-1130	Lecture/Seminar	Lecture/Seminar	NDU President Lecture Series (or) Kennan Lecture Series	Lecture/Seminar	Lecture/Seminar
PM 1330-1530	Practicum Seminar	Electives	Electives	Guest Speakers/Special Events	Special Events (Promotions, Ret, etc....)

During Lunch normally 1130-1330:

Intramural and Presidents Cup Sports Program

Student Committee Meetings

Spouse Elective

Select brown bag information sessions/discussion



A Typical Day

- **0700-0800: arrive at committee; work out; coffee; study; Discuss readings**
- **0830 or 0900: Core Course for 2.5 - 3 hours**
 - Select Wednesdays, the University will host the President's Lecture Series (PLS)
- **1100 or 1130: lunch**
- **1330 Tuesdays and Wednesdays- starting in Sep: Electives begin; American Studies for international fellows on Wednesdays**

Weekly glance-

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday morning - Core course

Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons – Electives and American Studies (Wed)

Monday afternoon - Practicum course (starting in mid-Sep)

Activities and Governance

- EXCOM- Student Government
 - Each Committee will have one EXCOM rep (pre-selected)
 - International Fellow (IF) Member-at-large
 - Treasurer
 - Meet at least once a month
 - President/VP meet with Dean of Students weekly (Commandant monthly)
- Voluntary reps from each committee on:
 - Sports Committee
 - Yearbook Committee
 - Social Committee
 - OPS Committee
 - Teddy's Committee
- Affinity groups
 - Brent Elementary
 - Women in National Security (WINS)
 - Others on demand (Running group; French Culture; Poker; Kennan Society)

Student Activities

- Committee led events
- Sporting events- President's cup; Jim Thorpe Sports day
- Numerous student-led events throughout the year:
 - Oktoberfest (end of September/early October)
 - Committee Thanksgiving potluck (November)
 - Christmas / Holiday party (December)
 - Committee Chili Competition
 - St. Patrick's Day Celebration (March)
 - Crawfish/Shrimp Boil (February to May)
 - Cinco de Mayo (May)
 - End of Year / Graduation Party (May/June)
- International day- ISMO organized; Student-run
- Teddy's Student Social Club
- NWC Spouses' Club & NDU Spice group



NWC – LOTS OF COMPETITION FOR STUDY TIME... STARTING IN THE FIRST WEEKS



Convocation

Pomp and Ceremony
Getting a Sense of our
Historic Workplace!



Committee Assignments

Think "Homeroom"
Let the bonding begin!



EXCOM

Student Leadership
Prez and VP can help set the tone



Committee Social

**Bring the spouse/ significant
other**
A nice kickoff before the
academics get rolling



**First Pour @
Teddys**

**Then, two
things
happen:**

**Teddy's
And
Softball...**

**Student Life
and
Acculturation
are
Off to the
Races!!**



The Fall Brings Oktoberfest, Gettysburg and more Teddy's (and Teddy's swag)



MEANWHILE, ALL KINDS OF CLUBS AND GROUPS SPRINGING UP, INCLUDING...

Brent Elementary

Tutoring kids is a meaningful experience – service as members of the NWC community is, too



DEIA

Learning from each other best practices around inclusive leadership and bridging gaps in organizational culture



WINS

Promoting awareness about the value and the need for inclusion of Women as National Security Leaders



Kennan Society

A thinking group with a strategy problem....



Onto the Holidays... Fun
for Adults and Kids, as
well as a day of Service



A new year brings PREP-T's / Agency Visits...



Carolina

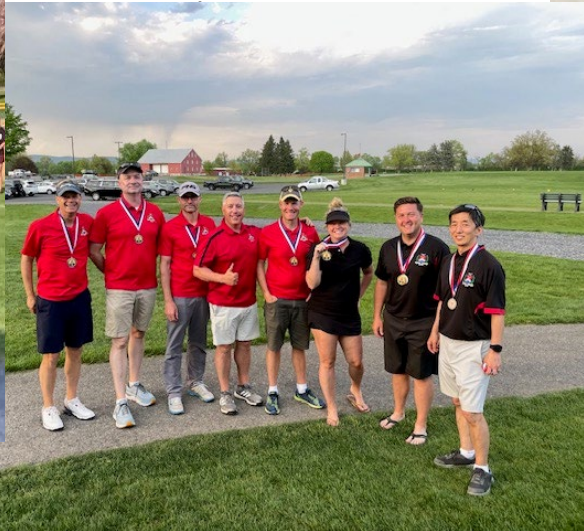
...and international foodfest, international travel, and Cinco de Mayo



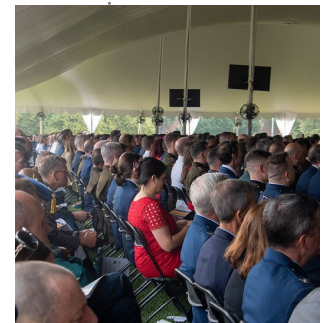
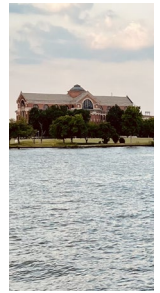
SPRINGTIME: WARRIORS HIT THE ROAD...



...WITH A SIDE OF SPORTS AND STRATEGY



AND FINALLY...END OF YEAR CELEBRATION AND GRADUATION!



Spouse Club

- **Student spouse-run organization designed to foster activism and friendship**
- **Designed for all spouses**
- **Focus:**
 - **Internal social activities**
 - **Service and participation within college events**
 - **Education**

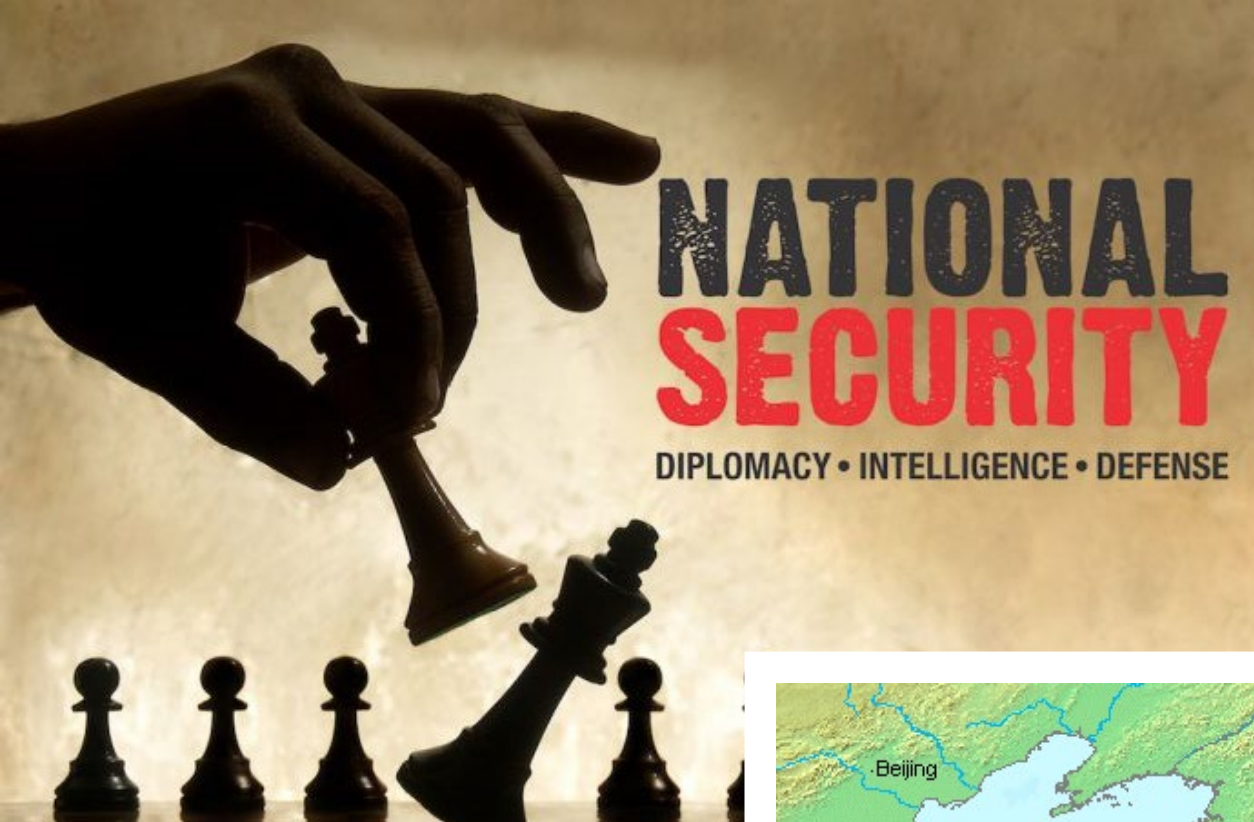
Organization

- Honorary President- position traditionally held by the NWC Commandant's spouse.
- President – Manages and organizes Board. Leads Executive Board Meetings.
- Vice President – Assists President management and organization of board/club administration and operations. Assumes the duties of President when necessary.
- Secretary - Maintains meeting minutes of Board/Club meetings and handles all Club Correspondence.
- Treasurer - Maintains financial records and carries out any required financial transactions.
- Tours – Organizes Club tours.
- Reservations –Synchronizes reservations and collects funds for tours and activities.
- Hospitality - Acknowledges significant events in the lives of students, faculty and staff.
- Newsletter - Creates and edits monthly newsletter.
- Ways & Means - Works with the Board to identify and facilitate fund raising projects for the Group.

Questions



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Spouses' National Security Elective



- **Who:** NDU Spouses / Significant Others / Adult Family members (Optional)
- **What:** NWC Spouses' National Security Elective (aka Spouses' Elective) now open campus wide to all NDU Spouses, including IF spouses.
- **When:** 12 Topics during the Fall Semester and 12 topics during the Spring Semester. Sessions are on Tuesdays (1200-1300), starting Tuesday, 12 September with Introduction to Strategy. There will be a few sessions that will run 90 minutes. There will be no classes over Thanksgiving and Winter breaks. Graduation will be on the last day of the course.
- **Where/How Delivered:** In Arnold Auditorium of Roosevelt Hall, National War College – primarily by NWC Faculty
- **Why:** To provide spouses and adult family members the opportunity to learn about National Security, the National Security Enterprise and other topics similar to those their spouses are taking. Also a forum to meet other spouses and attend a program on campus at NDU/NWC.
- **Topics include:** 1) Introduction to Strategy/Global Geopolitics 2) Some regional focus (China, Russia, Global South) 3) Some service and agencies making up the National Security Enterprise and 4) Other selected topics, e.g., Women in National Security, Civil War, US Constitution and Rule of Law.

Schedule

12 Sep	<u>WELCOME & ORIENTATION</u>	NDU/NWC Vaky	9 Jan	George Washington/ The American Revolution	Arnold
19 Sep	Foundations of Strategy	Oler	16 Jan	US Constitution – Rule of Law	Vaky
26 Sep	Current Issues in Global Geopolitics	TBD	23 Jan	US Congress	Campbell
3 Oct	US National Security Enterprise	Auerswald	30 Jan	Women, Peace and Security	Finley
10 Oct	Joint Staff/OSD	Barry	6 Feb	USMC	Prosser
17 Oct	Department of State – US Embassies	Allison/Malnak	13 Feb	USAF/USSF/USA*	Fox/Leth
24 Oct	China	Murphy	20 Feb	USN/USCG*	Glasser, Smith
31 Oct	Russia/Ukraine	Omelicheva	27 Feb	USG Agencies*	Neville, Baek, Doyle, Vaky
7 Nov	Global South	Craig	5 Mar	US Civil War	Oler
14 Nov	US Intelligence Community	Colston/Duarte	12Mar	Cyber	Markoff
28 Nov	Negotiations	Bronson	19Mar	Simulation and War Gaming	Chambers
5 Dec	US Debt and the Deficit – Impact on National Security	Ward	26Mar	GRADUATION (* 90 minute sessions)	



NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

A FORCE MULTIPLIER

August 30, 2023

Innovation and Excellence for National Security and Global Peace



Our Mission: Supporting NDU Excellence & Innovation

The National Defense University Foundation (NDU Foundation) secures funding and resources to support the academic and professional development programs for senior military and diplomatic leaders attending the National Defense University.

The Foundation **creates excellence and innovation among** the faculty and student body through **external partnerships, financial support and original initiatives.**

The National Defense University (NDU) Foundation is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)3 philanthropic foundation.



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Our Mission: A Closer Look



Forging Partnerships

The NDU Foundation engages military and diplomatic senior leaders with private sector thought leaders and subject matter experts within and across the national security industrial complex.

Creating Best-in-Class Learning and Professional Development

NDU Foundation drives vital support and resources to National Defense University for the sole purpose of ensuring NDU remains a world-class university offering a best-in-class approach to senior leader development for the nation and our allies.

Ensuring Excellence and Mission Success

Our efforts are fueled by the understanding of the important role public-private partnerships play in our national security and defense ecosystem. Together with our supporters, NDUF provides much needed resources to foster faculty excellence, support student success, build international relationships, and improve NDU.



NDU Foundation Priority Areas

- **Faculty Excellence**, including support of research to benefit the productivity and teaching excellence of NDU faculty;
- **Student Success**, including support for student papers, research, and publications to enhance student learning opportunities and outcomes;
- **International Relationships**, including support for the International Student Management Office and the College of International Student Affairs to build strong international relationships with national security leaders from our allies, partners, and friends engaged with NDU, and engage current students and alumni;
- **Improving the University**, including acquiring technology to improve teaching, learning, and the infrastructure of the university to support national security education and outreach.





NDF Foundation Flagship Programs

- McNair Partners
- Chairman's Advisory Group
- National Security Briefings
- Innovation Forums
- Faculty Publications, Research, & Book Signings
- Annual "Patriot Dinner"



Collaboration and Partnership Opportunities



- Funding travel & events for students and faculty to engage with industry
- Funding ISMO programs to build international relationships
- Endowing Centers of Excellence, faculty and student research, and academic/industry chairs
- Providing programmatic support via webinars, forums and strategic communications

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SpiCE

(Spouses of International Cultural
Exchange)

Born in the Summer 2005, SpiCE is a social group open to the Spouses of the student of the National Defence University at Fort Lesley J. McNair. We meet once a week to share cultures, learn new languages and cultivate friendships to last a lifetime. Over the years we have built a proud tradition of providing a venue where people come together, make friends, have fun, support one another, and make it a memorable year.

Mission

The Spouses of International Cultural Exchange Program is a loose knit, all volunteer organization that allow the spouses and families of the International Students enrolled at National Defence University (NDU) the opportunity for social interaction with each other and with a small group of facilitators in a supportive, non-threatening environment. The program affords people from diverse backgrounds the chance to learn from and about one another while getting to know each other as people through general conversation, various team building exercises, and other types of cultural exchange. This two-way conduit of open communication is based on mutual respect, honesty, trust, camaraderie, and friendship.

Social Media

- Facebook: SpICE 2023-2024
- Whatsapp: SpICE 2023-2024
- Email: ratnacary@yahoo.com
- Tel. 360 292 9064

Meetings

- Every Thursdays 10:00 – 12:00 (this will give ample times for everyone who need to pick up children from school)
- Meeting points: Marshall Building Room 155; various places for fun field trips
- Needs access to the Base

Basic Rules:

- Dress Code: Appropriate Clothing. Casual, comfortable. Advance notice will be given for special events. No flip flops
- No Alcohol in the class room (Display only)
- Topics of discussion: Anything and everything. Debating religious and political differences is strongly discouraged
- We will not meet anytime NDU is closed
- Photos are HIGHLY encouraged!!

Basic Rules:

- Relatives, family members, and special guests are welcome. Please let me know ahead of time.
- We are flexible. We have an open door policy so if you are late, it's no problem. Just come. If you have to leave early, it's no problem. The only exception is when we go off site. WE WILL LEAVE ON TIME.
- Have FUN!!!!
- Together clean up room and bring the room's arrangement back.
- Please inform me your concerns, food allergies, pictures limitations and/or restriction...

Events:

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- 1. Country Briefs (pls send me the material a week before: ratnacary@yahoo.com). A presentation on your country, government, women empowerment, special religious, social, ,national holidays, your hobby or favourite cultural activities. geography, tourism... Everyone is encouraged but you are not required to give the presentation.
 - 2. Traditional Events:
 - Thanksgiving (November)
 - Holiday Seasons (Christmas, New Year, Hanukah, Eid)
 - Cookies Exchange (December)

Events:

- 3. Seasonal Events:

- Valentines (February)
- Mardi Grass
- Halloween (October)

- 4. Family Events:

- Weddings
- Birthdays (May)

- 5. Fun Events:

- Western country dance
- Batik Workshop
- Dance Around the World

Country Briefs

- Simple and fun ways in introducing your country: A presentation on your country, government, women empowerment, special religion, social, national holidays, your hobby or favourite cultural activities. geography, tourism... specific Flora, building/statues; CUISINE!!!!; Traditional culture (Dance, Sport, Singing, Yodeling....); Famous people.....
- Everyone is encouraged but you are not required to give the presentation.
- We LOVE to taste some of your Cuisine. Don't forget to put the ingredients, and recipes if possible.















Off Site Events

- The White House Tour
- Library of Congress Tour
- Kennedy Center Tour
- Cherry Blossoms Tour
- Cox Farm
- Botanic Garden Tour
- The Great Falls Tour







SpICE 5K Around The World



SpICE 5K Around The World

- The group is created to gather all members of SpICE regardless the year and the country, to do a virtual walk/run 5K. The event is taking place any day in April, anywhere you are. The participants are free to run or walk for 5K. Please post the picture (s) of the participants doing or finishing the 5K. I will issue a virtual certificate for those who has finished the event.
- The main purposes of the program are to keep the friendship strong, to keep the great memories alive, and to contribute a little to maintain a healthy lifestyle. It is about coming together as an international community, to share an experience, and to have fun together.



Thank
You!