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# NEWSLETTER

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### **Message from President Michele Sellitto:**

The Foreign Policy Association (FPA) once again is pleased to co-host the annual International Fellows Reception with the United States Army War College. The time is Thursday, December 13, at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, Carlisle. This is a special event you will not want to miss.

Our sincere thanks to FPA members Ann and Robert Glasscock, who have graciously volunteered to be \$1,000 sponsors of this year's IF reception. If you would like to be listed as an IF sponsor at the \$500 or \$1,000 level, please contact one of the following:

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What is the International Fellows Program? Each year, starting in 1977, the U.S. Army Chief of Staff invites his counterparts in some 80 foreign countries to send one or more qualified officers to participate in a one-year resident program at the Army War College. International Fellows spend the year researching, studying and writing on topics of significance to them or of interest to their countries, gaining a balanced view of the United States, its culture, and its institutions, and developing relationships, both personal and professional.

If eligible, the officers can graduate with a master of strategic studies degree. An estimated 60 percent of the more than 1,700 IF graduates over the years have gone on to become general officers in their respective countries. This year, there are 76 officers from 73 countries with 180 spouses and other family members who have accompanied them to Carlisle. Graduation for the Class of 2019 is June 7.

The International Fellows Reception gives each of us a rare opportunity to meet and talk with senior-level military officers from around the world. One of the principal reasons they are here is to acquaint themselves with the U.S. and to get to know its people better. It is one of the special benefits of membership in the FPA.

You should have received an invitation in the mail for the IF event. The deadline for reservations has been extended to December 6. If you need more information, contact Ron Pontius at 717-991-0899 or ronpon@comcast.net.

# The 42nd Annual International Fellows Reception

Hosted by
The Foreign Policy Association of Harrisburg
and
The United States Army War College

Thursday, December 13, 2018 6 to 8 p.m.

U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center 950 Soldiers Drive Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Light hors d'oeuvres included Parking adjacent to Heritage Center

FPA Members \$30, Guests \$35 Make checks payable to:

The Foreign Policy Association of Harrisburg

Deadline for payment/reservations extended to December 6.

# International Fellows Class of 2019

Representing the following countries:

Afghanistan - Albania - Algeria - Argentina Australia - Bahrain - Bangladesh - Bosnia & Herzegovina - Botswana - Brazil - Bulgaria Burkina Faso - Canada - Chile - Colombia Czech Republic - Denmark - Egypt - El Salvador Estonia - Ethiopia - France - Georgia - Germany Ghana - Guatemala - Guinea - Hungary - India Indonesia - Israel - Italy - Japan - Jordan Kazakhstan (2) - Korea - Kosovo - Kuwait Kyrgyzstan - Latvia - Lebanon - Lithuania Malaysia - Mali - Mauritania - Mexico - Mongolia Morocco - Nepal - Netherlands - New Zealand Niger - Nigeria - Norway - Oman - Peru Philippines - Poland - Romania - Rwanda Saudi Arabia (3) - South Africa - Spain - Taiwan Tanzania - Togo - Tunisia - Turkey - Uganda **Ukraine - United Arab Emirates United Kingdom - Vietnam** 

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#### **Terrorism and Counterterrorism**

# Scribed by Dayshalee Rosario Cruz

Philip Mudd, a former CIA and FBI official, told the Foreign Policy Association on November 28 that in America's war on terrorism, mistakes were made on both sides.

Mudd spoke at the FPA's fourth annual President's Speakers Series at the West Shore Country Club. About 215 FPA members and guests attended.

Our first mistake, Mudd said, was underestimating the resolve of our enemy. It took awhile for America and her allies to understand that the main purpose of the acts of terrorism was to recruit more fighters to the cause.

The cause, he said, was the idea that nations should be governed by the rule of law that is based on a message from God, at least as interpreted by the terrorists.

A mistake made by the terrorists, according to Mudd, was that they could intimidate the West. Also, that each time they communicated with one another, they told their adversaries not only who they were, but where they were.

Nevertheless, each time the West was able to capture or kill one of their leaders, the terrorists chose another. Mudd said the ultimate answer is to deny the terrorists safe havens where they can plan their attacks unhindered.

Mudd said Americans are right to be concerned about terrorism, but that our country faces far bigger threats to its future, particularly as it affects children.

Mudd said we are falling behind the rest of the world in providing adequate educational opportunities. In addition, he noted that we trail many countries in offering affordable health care. He cited statistics showing that we lag in the area of infant mortality and that life expectancy in the U.S. is declining, due in part to drug abuse and suicide.

Mudd joined the Central Intelligence Agency in 1985 and began work in its Counterterrorist Center in 1992. He was assigned to the White House in 2001, but left shortly after the September 11 attacks to help establish a new government in Afghanistan.

From 2003 to 2005, he served as deputy director of the CIA's Counterterrorist Center. In 2005, he became deputy director of the FBI's newly created National Security Branch. He left government service in 2010 to form a private company specializing in security consulting.

2018-2019 Program Topics / Schedule
All Events at the West Shore Country Club
Except the International Fellows Reception

(Due to speaker availability, there has been a switch in topics for our March and April meetings.)

Dec. 13 International Fellows Reception
U.S. Army Heritage Center, Carlisle
ADVANCED RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Jan. 24 Fight for Middle East Leadership: Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Turkey

Feb. 27 Russia's War on Western Democracies

March 28 National Defense Strategy

**April 25** Current State of Arms Control

May 16 Japan and East Asia

**May ??** Embassy Trip, to be determined

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