

2011 George C. Marshall Army ROTC Awards Seminar Roundtable Leader BIO's

Santiago Busa – Roundtable 1 – Pakistan: Friend or Foe?

Mr. Busa is a retired Foreign Service officer with the United States Department of State. He recently served at the United States Military Academy, West Point as the Visiting Professor of International Relations in the Department of Social Sciences.

He is a professional diplomat who in the past 23 years has served with distinction at American Embassies in Honduras, Korea, Philippines, Hong Kong, Ethiopia, and Kuwait. Before entering the diplomatic corps he served as an infantry officer in the United States Army upon graduation from West Point in 1976. His distinguished military service includes command and staff positions in the U.S., Korea and Panama. One of his assignments was as the Director of Political Studies at the U.S. Army School of the Americas where he lectured in Spanish to officers from throughout South America. Sonny earned the coveted Ranger and Parachutist badges in addition to many other awards and decorations.

Tom King – Roundtable 2 – Iran, Israel and the Neighborhood

Mr. King heads INR/NESA's political analysis group at the U.S. Department of State covering Iran, Iraq, the Gulf States, and Yemen. Previously, he held the Iran portfolio since 1996 and also worked on Afghanistan during 1997-8. He has briefed the Secretary of State, Department principals, the Director of National Intelligence, the National Security Advisor, Congressional committees and staff, and foreign officials. He has authored a variety of INR Assessments on Iran and contributed to Intelligence Community products on the subject.

Mr. King joined the Bureau of Intelligence & Research in 1994 after serving as a Foreign Service Officer in Washington, Peru, and Mexico. Prior to entering the Foreign Service, he was senior budget analyst for the New Mexico State Legislature, a private school principal, and a teacher.

John Concannon & Tom Valentine – Roundtable 3 – Russia: Ally or Antagonist

Mr. Concannon currently serves as a Senior Counterintelligence Analyst in the US Department of Energy (DOE) Headquarters, Washington, DC. Prior to DOE, he served for ten years as the Eurasia Regional Specialist for the Department of Defense Program, Partnership for Peace (PfP) Information Management System (PIMS). PIMS was a US initiative to strengthen the NATO PfP Program. COL Concannon was the Country Desk Officer for ten Eurasia Partner Countries in the EUCOM/CENTCOM AORs concentrating on PIMS planning strategy and in-country program implementation. To this assignment he brought over fourteen years experience in US Embassy Country Team operations, program management, and foreign government liaison. Prior to PIMS, COL Concannon was assigned in Vienna, Austria, to represent the Secretary of Defense on the US Delegation to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). A three-time military attaché, he earlier served in Budapest, Moscow, and Helsinki. Other military assignments in Turkey, Germany, Korea, and Viet Nam round out COL Concannon's experience as a Military Intelligence and Russian Foreign Area Officer. He completed 30 years US Army service in 1995 with the rank of Colonel.

Mr. Valentine currently serves as a Senior Counterintelligence Analyst in the US Department of Energy (DOE) Headquarters, Washington, DC. As a Reserve Army officer, he is a 35D, All-Source Intelligence Analyst attached to the 2300th MI Group, National Ground Intelligence Center (NGIC), Charlottesville, VA. Prior to joining DoE in 2006, CPT Valentine was in the active-duty Air Force, assigned to the AF Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) as a Special Agent. While assigned to Ramstein AB, Germany, he specialized in Counterintelligence (CI) investigations and deployed to Iraq in 2004-2005 as a Detachment Commander, providing CI support to Force Protection in Dhi Qar province. Prior to his tour in

Germany, CPT Valentine was assigned to The Pentagon as a Politico-Military Affairs officer and General's Aide. Other assignments included Ft Meade, MD; Vandenberg AFB, CA; Cape Canaveral, FL; and Grand Forks, ND, where he served as a Minuteman III (ICBM) Combat Crew Commander. CPT Valentine is a certified Russian linguist and Foreign Area Officer (FAO) with experience in Russia, Croatia, and Bulgaria.

Tom Dowling – Roundtable 4 – Africa: Escalating Security Challenges

Mr. Dowling had a 30-year career in the Foreign Service, serving in Pakistan, Egypt, Iran, Tunisia, Dubai, and Jerusalem and as the Deputy Chief of Mission/Chargé at the US Embassy to Mongolia. He has extensive experience in arms control, serving as the State Department representative and deputy negotiator for the U.S. – Soviet Nuclear Testing Talks and a member of the U.S. Delegation to the Convention on Conventional Weapons. Mr. Dowling also served in the Office of Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia in OSD/Policy.

The last six years of his career, he was Deputy Director/Acting Director of the Near East and South Asian Analysis in the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research. He is a graduate of the Joint Military Intelligence College (JMIC) and since 1998, has been a member of the faculty of The National Defense Intelligence College (formerly JMIC), teaching courses in Middle East Studies, Capability Analysis, Terrorism Analysis, and International Economics. Mr. Dowling was a professional staff member of the 9-11 Commission. He is an experienced lecturer and speaker. He received the National Intelligence Medal, the Secretary of State's Career Achievement Award and four State Department

MAJ Conway Lin & MAJ Joe Kim – Roundtable 5 – Northeast Asia: China, Japan & the Koreas

MAJ Lin is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Sciences at the U.S. Military Academy. He received a BS in Electrical Engineering at the U.S. Military Academy in 2000 and a Master of Public Policy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University in 2009.

MAJ Lin has served at 1st Space Brigade, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/U.S. Army Strategic Command as Wideband Satellite Operations Center Company Commander; 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division as the Communications, Networks and Electronics Officer; and in the 122nd Signal Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division as Mobile Voice and Data Network Node Manager & Administrator.

MAJ Kim is a United States Army Special Forces officer with 12 years of active duty service. He recently completed an assignment as an instructor in the Department of Social Sciences at the United States Military Academy, teaching the core introductory principles of economics course and a comparative politics course on the governments of Japan and the two Koreas.

Major Kim's initial assignment as an infantry officer was with the 1st Infantry Division based in southern Germany from 1999 to 2002. While with the 1st Infantry Division, he deployed on the NATO led peacekeeping mission to Kosovo. As a special forces officer, Major Kim was assigned to the 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Lewis, Washington. His deployments with the 1st Special Forces Group included the southern Philippines and two separate deployments to Iraq and is currently serving with the 1st Special Forces Group.

His education includes a B.S. in mechanical engineering from the U.S. Military Academy and an M.B.A from Harvard Business School.

John Bessler – Roundtable 6 – Dealing with Cross-Cultural Challenges: Afghanistan- Society, Local Politics, Counter-Insurgency

COL Bessler assumed the job as Deputy Director at the US Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute, located at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania in 2010 after returning from Afghanistan, where he commanded all US forces, and all NATO and US mentors, trainers, and coalition OMLTs in the Western Provinces. An infantry officer, he has commanded at every echelon and served in mechanized, airborne, and light infantry assignments. COL Bessler earned a BS from the College of William and Mary where he was commissioned as a Distinguished Military Graduate in 1985, an MSA from Central Michigan University, and an MSS from the US Army War College in Carlisle PA. He has published several works on friction in a coalition environment, the indicators leading to transition from military to civilian primacy, among others.

Zachary Abuza – Roundtable 7 – Transnational Non-State Actors: the Major Threat to US International Security Interests

Dr. Abuza specializes in Southeast Asian politics and security issues. He is a graduate of Trinity College and received his MALD and PhD from the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy. He is the author of *Conspiracy of Silence: The Insurgency in Southern Thailand and Its Implications for Southeast Asian Security* (US Institute of Peace, 2008); *Political Islam & Violence in Indonesia* (Routledge, 2006); *Militant Islam in Southeast Asia* (Lynne Rienner, 2003); and *Renovating Politics in Contemporary Vietnam* (Lynne Rienner, 2001). He has also authored two studies for the National Bureau of Asian Research, entitled *Funding Terrorism in Southeast Asia: The Financial Network of Al Qaeda and Jemaah Islamiya*, NBR Analysis (2003); and *Uncivil Islam: Muslims, Politics & Violence in Indonesia*, NBR Analysis (2004). His monograph, *Balik Terrorism: The Return of the Abu Syyaf Group* was published by the U.S. Army war College's Security Studies Institute in 2005.

Bert Tussing – Roundtable 8 – Homeland Security & Homeland Defense

Professor Tussing, Director of Homeland Defense and Security Issues, Center for Strategic Leadership, US Army War College is a native of Portsmouth, VA and a 1975 graduate of The Citadel. During a 24 year career with the United States Marine Corps, he served operationally with the 2nd Marine Division; 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing; Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One; Marine Helicopter Squadron One (where he was designated as a Presidential Command Pilot); and with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. Over the course of his career he participated in multiple humanitarian relief exercises in the Caribbean; Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada; operations as a part of the Multinational Force in Beirut; Operation Provide Promise and Deny Flight in Bosnia and the final withdrawal of U.S. forces from Somalia.

Following his operational assignments, Tussing was assigned to the Pentagon where he served as Marine Corps analyst to the Secretary of the Navy in the Office of Program Appraisal. He was a Brookings Legislative Fellow and through that he served on the staff of the Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee's Personnel Subcommittee. Following that he served as the Deputy Legislative Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

He joined the Center for Strategic Leadership of the U.S. Army War College in 1999 with a focus on Homeland Defense Terrorism and Congress and Military Policy. He has served on many advisory groups in support of the United States Northern Command, the Department of Homeland Security and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and America's Security Affairs. Tussing is a senior fellow of George Washington University's Homeland Security Policy Institute; a member of the Board of Experts for UC-Irvine's Center for Homeland Security Policy Institute; a member of the Pennsylvania State University's Homeland Security and Defense Advisory board; and a senior fellow of Long Island University's Homeland Security Management Institute.

Professor Tussing is a graduate of the United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Center for International Studies (Seminar XXI), the United States Naval War College. He holds a masters degree in National security from the Navy War College and a Masters degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

James Campbell – Roundtable 9 – The American Professional Military Ethic

CAPT Campbell is a native of Philadelphia, PA and a 1973 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. A career submariner, he served onboard six nuclear submarines, including NR-1, and was privileged to command the USS Greenling and the USS Nevada. He also commanded the Navy Nuclear Power training Unit in Ballston Spa, New York overseeing the training of sailors and officers at three nuclear plants. In addition to a Bachelor of Science degree from USNA, he holds a Masters degree in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University.

CAPT Campbell was the Director of Character Development at the United States Naval Academy from 2000-2003 and retired from that position in June 2003. In August 2004, he was appointed by the Superintendent as the first Class of 1972 Distinguished Military Professor for Character Education. In that position, he teaches the core military ethics course for Midshipmen Fourth Class and the Capstone Officership Seminar for Midshipmen First Class. He additionally teaches a one-day military ethics module to students at the Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Newport, RI.

Roger Cabiness – Roundtable 10 – Social Media: Relevance to Our Army & Responsibilities of Our Army

MAJ Cabiness received a United States Army Reserve Commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps through the Reserve Officers Training Corps program at Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland in May of 2000. Concurrently, he received a Bachelor of Science in the field of Telecommunications. He is a native of Prince George's County Maryland. MAJ Cabiness is a graduate of the Ordnance Officer Basic Course, the United States Army Airborne School, the Combined Logistics Captains Career Course, and the Department of Defense Information School. He has served with distinction in both Operation Joint Guardian (Kosovo-KFOR) and Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

His past assignments include: Tactical Operations Officer, 280th Base Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany; Automotive & Armament Platoon Leader, B Company, 299th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany; Maintenance Control Officer (Shop Officer), B Company, 299th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany; Company Executive Officer, B Company, 299th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany; Brigade Maintenance Officer, HHC 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany; Student Combined Logistics Captain's Career Course, Fort Lee, Virginia; Current Operations Officer, 45th Sustainment Brigade Support Operations Officer (SPO), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Commander, 536th Maintenance Company (Direct Support), 45th Sustainment Brigade, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Equipment Readiness Division Chief (ERD), 45th Sustainment Brigade SPO, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; National Events & Outreach Officer for the United States Army Cadet Command Marketing and Public Affairs Directorate, Fort Monroe, Virginia. MAJ Cabiness is currently participating in the Army's Training with Industry program with duty at Google Inc., Mountain View, California.

MAJ Cabiness awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (1OLC), the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (3OLC), the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Kosovo Campaign Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd award), the NATO Medal, Parachutist Badge and the Combat Action Badge. MAJ Cabiness also wears the Valorous Unit Award for combat operations in Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

William Flavin – Roundtable 11 – US Military Support to Stability & Peace Operations

Professor Flavin – Mr. Flavin assumed the job as the Directing Professor Doctrine, Concepts, Training and Education Division at the US Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute, located at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA in July 2007. Before this assignment, he was a senior foreign affairs analyst with Booz Allen and Hamilton on contract to assist the US Army Peacekeeping Institute for doctrine development. From 1995 to 1999, he was a Colonel in the US Army serving as the Deputy Director of Special Operations for the Supreme Allied Commander Europe at the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe.

Mr. Flavin has a BA in History from VMI and an MA in History from Emory University. He was a senior fellow at CSIS for his Army War College year and then taught at the Army War College.

MAJ Jason Staraitis & MSG Daniel Purdue, Roundtable 12 - Role of the Platoon Leader & NCO

CPT Robert Beat & MSG Sean Dohr, Roundtable 13 – Role of the Platoon Leader & NCO

CPT Rafael Albornoz & SSG Lynette Bryant– Roundtable 14 – Role of the Platoon Leader & NCO

CPT Roman Ortega & SFC Joshua Bunton – Roundtable 15 – Role of the Platoon Leader & NCO

CPT Cody Russell & SFC Daniel Webster-Roundtable 16 – Role of the Platoon Leader & NCO

LTC Barbara Streator, Roundtable 17 – VSR – Battle of Robert’s Ridge-Operation Anaconda, Afghanistan

MAJ (Ret) R. James Cook, Roundtable 18 – VSR – Battle of Robert’s Ridge-Operation Anaconda, Afghanistan

Major (Ret.) R. James Cook served Army ROTC at Virginia Military Institute twice. During his first assignment to VMI, he was the Military Science II Branch Chief 2003-2005. After he retired from the Army, he accepted a position for COMTek currently working as the Senior Military Science Instructor teaching MSIVs.

He enlisted into the Military Intelligence branch in 1985 as a 98G, Voice Interceptor - Spanish Linguist. After lengthy training, he became a Paratrooper assigned to the 313th Military Intelligence Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, NC from 1987-1988. Later, he did a two-year assignment with the 748th Military Intelligence Battalion as a Transcription Analyst for Strategic Intelligence focused on Central America. In 1990, he was assigned to a Special Operations Team-A (SOT-A) conducting tactical intelligence with 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Ft. Bragg, NC. He attained the rank of SSG. He competed for and won the Green-to-Gold scholarship. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate from Methodist College and commissioned a Regular Army Lieutenant in Aviation through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program. Major (Ret.) Cook attended Flight School and the Advanced Aircraft Qualification Course at Ft. Rucker, AL. He flew the CH47D Heavy-Lift Helicopter, the UH60A/L Blackhawk Helicopters, the VH60A, Blackhawk VIP utility helicopter, and the UH1 Huey. In 1996, he was assigned to the 4-123 Aviation Regiment, Ft. Wainwright, Alaska as a Flight Platoon Leader and Liaison Officer. After completion of the Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course at Ft. Lee, VA, he returned to Ft. Bragg, NC. He was assigned to the 4-159th Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Battalion as the Shops Platoon Leader in support for UH60, CH47Ds, and AH64Ds. In March 2001, he was selected to command Headquarters and Headquarters Company with 4-159 Aviation Regiment. He left command in June 2002 and volunteered to deploy to Operation Enduring Freedom, Bagram, Afghanistan with C-159th (Flippers). Major (Ret.) Cook served as the Maintenance Officer in charge of CH47D Maintenance for Northern Theater Operations and was later picked to plan and conduct CH47D

flight operations for Task Force 180. He flew over 130 combat flight hours. After his assignment to Army ROTC, Major (Ret.) Cook was assigned to the Joint Task Force – Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as the Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General. He worked one year as an Aide to an Army Major General and a Navy Rear Admiral. Following his tour in Guantanamo, Major (Ret.) Cook was assigned as the Brigade S3 to stand up the newly formed Army Air Operations Group at Ft. McNair, D.C. He was selected to be the program manager for several Special Access Programs in and around the Joint Forces Headquarters, National Capitol Region. His last assignment before he retired was the XO for the 12th Aviation Battalion, at Davison Army Airfield, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

His awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1OLC), Army Commendation Medal, Army (1OLC) Achievement medal (1OLC), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal (1 star), Humanitarian Service Medal, Senior Aviator Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Ranger Tab. He is qualified in five aircraft. He is married to the former Patricia A. Laskoski of Kearny, NJ. They have three children, Robbie (14), Jacob (13), and Sarah (11).

Major (Ret.) Cook currently serves as the Executive Director of the Rock Bridge Family Services, a private not-for-profit organization whose mission is to help individuals with autism in the community and their families. He also serves as an active board member of the Dual-County Community Services Board overseeing the care and treatment of the Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse community within two counties, Rockbridge and Bath Counties. He organized a 10K fundraiser for a local youth that needed a Kidney Transplant. His efforts raised over \$17,000 to help out the family with medical bills. He is the Singles Sunday School director at a local church and teaches Sunday School, participates in the VWIL/VMI consolidated Aviation Club, a Defense Counsel for VMI's Honor Court, and hosts 10 cadets at his home each Sunday.

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Gary W. Linhart & Kevin E. Kennedy, Roundtable 19 - VSR – Battle of Wanat, Afghanistan

Mr. Linhart, Staff Ride Historian (contractor ~ MPRI), Staff Ride Team, Combat Studies Institute (CSI) was born in Fitchburg Massachusetts. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1987 and served as an Infantry Officer for 21 years, with assignments at the National Training Center, Korea, Fort Carson, Fort Benning and Fort Leavenworth. He also served as an ROTC instructor at Syracuse University and a Battalion advisor to the Saudi Arabian National Guard. He has a Bachelors of Science in Military History and a Masters degree in Social Sciences from Syracuse University. His area of expertise is mechanized and naval warfare. He is also the lead instructor for the Battle of Wanat Staff ride and has developed junior and senior level versions of that ride that can be taught to TRADOC and FORSCOM units. He has two daughters: Marci and Sophe.

Mr. Kennedy, Staff Ride Historian (contractor ~MPRI), Staff Ride Team, Combat Studies Institute (CSI), graduated from the University of Arizona in 1989 with a B.A. in History and was commissioned as an Infantry Second Lieutenant. He served in a variety of leadership and staff assignments throughout his 20 year career to include two combat tours in the Persian Gulf (1991 and 2004). Mr. Kennedy received an M.A. in Military History from Louisiana State University in 2002. In 2005, he joined CSI and served as the chief of the Staff Ride Team from 2006 until his retirement from active duty in 2009. Mr. Kennedy rejoined CSI in November 2009 where he is currently serving as a staff ride historian. His areas of expertise begin with the United States Army in World War II, and have grown to include the American Indian Wars and the American Civil War.

Charles D. Collins, Jr. & Ricardo A. Herrera, Roundtable 20 – VSR – Battle of Wanat, Afghanistan

Mr. Collins, Instructor, Staff Ride Team, Combat Studies Institute (CSI) is an assistant professor of history at Combat Studies Institute. He is the course author for numerous courses including: The Sioux

Wars and Cheyenne Wars courses, and The Operation Anaconda Virtual Staff Ride. He received a B.A. in History from Southwest Missouri State University and an MMAS in History from the US Army Command and General Staff College. While on active duty, Mr. Collins served in various armor and cavalry assignments. He retired from the Army in 1996. Mr. Collins' published works include: The Corps of Discovery: Staff Ride Handbook for the Lewis and Clark Expedition, The Atlas of the Sioux Wars (2d Edition), The Cheyenne Wars Atlas, and numerous articles on a wide variety of military topics.

Dr. Herrera, Instructor, Staff Ride Team, Combat Studies Institute (CSI), is a historian with the US Army's Combat Studies Institute. Before joining CSI, he was director of honors and a tenured history professor at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio; previously he was assistant professor of history and department chair at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas. Dr. Herrera received his Ph.D. in 1998 and M.A. in 1994 from Marquette University and his B.A. from UCLA in 1984. He was commissioned an Armor officer in 1983 and has served on active duty, in the Army Reserve, and in the California Army National Guard.

Curtis S. King & Dale Cordes, Roundtable 21 – VSR – Palm Sunday Ambush, Afghanistan

Dr. King is the acting team chief and an instructor for the Staff Ride Team, Combat Studies Institute, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1982 with a B.S. in History and English Literature. After various assignments, Dr. King returned to the Military Academy as an instructor in 1992. In 1998, he became a professor at the Combat Studies Institute (CSI). While at CSI, Dr. King received his Ph.D in Russian and Soviet history (1998) from the University of Pennsylvania and spent a 6-month tour in Sarajevo, Bosnia (1999-2000) as a NATO historian. Dr. King retired from the Army in May 2002. In October 2002, he was hired to the staff ride team of CSI as a civilian associate professor and is an adjunct professor at Kansas State University. He has published numerous articles and entries to edited works on a wide variety of military history topics

Mr. Cordes, Virtual Staff Ride Technician (contractor~CUBIC), Staff Ride Team, Combat Studies Institute (CSI) is the Multimedia Developer/3D Artist at the Combat Studies Institute (CSI). Prior to working for CSI, Dale was an Art Director for Sportvision, building on-air graphics for major sporting events. This led him to working for the PGA Tour producing 3D animations and matte paintings for their tournament broadcasts. Dale currently works with the CSI instructors building terrain environments for the Virtual Staff Rides (VSRs) and executing VSRs for various Army and government organizations. As of this date, Dale has constructed dozens of terrain environments and executed over 100 VSRs for audiences including generals and political leaders as well as enlisted soldiers and ROTC cadets.