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**NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY STRENGTHENS RESEARCH:
Institute for National Strategic Studies Brings on Renowned Leaders**

Washington, D.C. – Vice Admiral Ann E. Rondeau, (USN) President of the [National Defense University](#) is pleased to announce that the [Institute for National Strategic Studies](#) has brought on six renowned national and international security leaders to strengthen the analytic capabilities as part of the broader research support for the University.

Joining the Institute to enhance the research arm at the National Defense University are: **Mr. David Becker** who most recently was the earthquake Stabilization Coordinator and Political Counselor for the US Embassy in Port au Prince, Haiti; **Mr. Leon S. Fuerth**, former National Security Advisor to Vice President Al Gore; **Mr. David C. Gompert**, former Acting Director of National Intelligence; **Ambassador John E. Herbst** who came on board in September, was the State Department Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization and former Ambassador to the Ukraine; **Mr. Jean D. Reed**, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Chemical and Biological Defense and Chemical Demilitarization; and **Lt. Gen. (ret) James N. Soligan**, former Deputy Chief of Staff for Transformation, Allied Command Transformation.

Mr. David Becker will be a senior fellow at the [Center for Complex Operations](#) focused on U.S. Government civil agency activities during stabilization and reconstruction, and humanitarian assistance operations. Ambassador Herbst is the new Director for the [Center for Complex Operations](#) (CCO). Mr. Leon Fuerth will be joining the [Center for Technology and National Strategic Policy](#) (CTNSP) to focus his work on forward engagement and security policy. Mr. Gompert will be joining the [Center for Strategic Research](#) (CSR) to study the US-China strategic relationship, with special attention to the nuclear, space, maritime, and cyber domains. Mr. Reed will be joining CTNSP to explore topics relating to chemical biology defense and national security. Lt. Gen. James Soligan has been named the Director for the new [Center for Transatlantic Security Studies](#) at INSS

[Dr. Hans Binnendijk](#), Director of INSS, and Vice President for the [Office of Research and Applied Learning](#), has reorganized NDU's research programs to strengthen research focused on supporting the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Combatant Commanders, and other U.S. Government Agencies. These new additions to the INSS team will strengthen the capability to meet that mission.

The National Defense University is the nation's premier center for joint professional military education. The university is an accredited graduate-level institution that provides an educational and research environment to prepare future leaders of the armed forces and other civilian agencies for high-level policy, command, and staff responsibilities.

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