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**National Defense University iCollege
Graduates 20 Advanced Management Program Students**

On Friday, December 17, 2010, 20 members of the 41st class of the Advanced Management Program (AMP) were awarded graduate certificates by the NDU iCollege's Chancellor, Dr. Robert D. Childs. The graduation address was given by Lieutenant General William T. Lord, Chief of Warfighting Integration and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. Vice Admiral E. Rondeau, United States Navy, President of the National Defense University, and Ambassador Thomas C. Krajeski, Senior Vice President of the National Defense University, also participated in the recognition of the graduates.

During his address, Lieutenant General Lord spoke about this being the "Century of Cyber." He explained that back in 1903 the Wright Brothers gave the world the first flight. Now, we are on the precipice of another first, Cyber Security, and that by the year 2020, more than 3 billion people will be on the Internet. "It is up to the new Chief Information Officers (CIO's) to become subject matter experts not only on information assurance, but also to secure mission assurance," said Lieutenant General Lord.

The AMP graduates represented mid-to senior-level military officers and civilians from the Department of Defense (Army, Air Force, Defense Information Systems Agency, Marine Corps), as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Indian Affairs/Department of Interior, National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, South Korean Army, Bulgarian Army, and the Czech Republic Intelligence Service.

During the ceremony, 20 AMP certificates, 20 Chief Information Officer (CIO) certificates, and seven Information Assurance 4011 certificates were awarded. Five of the graduating students were DoD Information Assurance Scholarship Program recipients, and two distinguished graduates were recognized by the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association's (AFCEA) Mr. John Hovell. The distinguished graduates were Colonel Vaclav Zid, Czech Republic Intelligence Service and Mr. James Lee, United States Marines Corps. The class plaque was presented to Dr. Childs by Mr. Robert Joynson of Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC). After the ceremony, graduates, faculty/staff and special guests celebrated with a luncheon reception sponsored by the NDU Foundation.

Mid-to senior level government officials may apply for the AMP or other programs of the National Defense University iCollege by visiting this link: <http://www.ndu.edu/icollege/>.

About the College - The NDU iCollege, a U.S. Department of Defense educational institution, prepares leaders to direct the information component of national power by leveraging information and information technology for strategic advantage. Although most students come from DoD (military and civilians), the school also accepts Federal Agency, private sector, and international students into its graduate programs. Education is focused around CIO, CFO, Information Assurance/Cyber, Enterprise Architecture, IT Project Management, and other information leadership competencies. The NDU iCollege also has just been awarded degree granting authority from the U.S. Department of Education for its new Government Information Leader Master of Science Degree. Courses are completed on campus and/or online. For more information about the NDU iCollege's programs, please contact: Jolly Sienda at jolly.sienda.ctr@ndu.edu; or for general information about the college, visit www.ndu.edu/icollege.

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