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**National Defense University Dedicates International Student Center in Honor of Former
NDU President and Retired Army General Richard A. Chilcoat**

Washington, D.C. -- Vice Admiral Ann E. Rondeau, USN, National Defense University President, recently presided over the dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting for the newly constructed office spaces of the Richard A. Chilcoat International Student Center at the University.

The dedication honors the late Lieutenant General (LTG) Richard A. Chilcoat, USA, (Ret), who served as the 9th President of the National Defense University from 1997 to 2000. LTG Chilcoat passed away in March 2010

The ceremony and reception was attended by over 400 guests including LTG Chilcoat's wife, Mrs. Dixie Chilcoat and his daughter, Ashley, General Colin L. Powell, USA, (Ret), the Class of 2011 International Officers, NDU leadership, defense attachés, ambassadors and other diplomats, and sponsors from the local community among other distinguished guests.

Colonel John Charlton, USAF, (Ret), Senior Director of the International Student Management Office served as the Master of Ceremonies and Ambassador Thomas Krajewski, NDU Senior Vice President, gave the welcoming remarks. Ambassador Ryan Crocker, Dean of the Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University, spoke of LTG Chilcoat's distinguished career and highlighted the criticality of international cooperation in the global security environment. VADM Rondeau dedicated the Center by underscoring the significant achievements and strong leadership LTG Chilcoat exemplified while serving as NDU President, and noted his active involvement in international programs, all of which contributed to his legacy.

In the keynote address, General Powell spoke of the important role international partnerships play in U.S. global security and how the relationships and friendships developed through NDU's International Programs help build and strengthen our alliances abroad. He spoke of his time as a student at the National War College during the first year that NDU opened its doors in 1976. He highlighted the lack of an international presence then in contrast to the more than 120 international officers from 67 countries represented at NDU today. He went on to express his esteem and admiration for the late LTG Chilcoat who had served as Powell's executive assistant while he was Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1989-1993.

General Powell recognized LTG Chilcoat's many notable contributions and accomplishments including: his combat tours in Vietnam; service as the 43rd Commandant of the U.S. Army War College; Deputy Commanding General, Ft. Jackson, S.C.; Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy, in the Office of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans; Chief of Staff, 3rd Infantry Division, U.S. Army Europe; Seventh Army Commander, Devil Troop Brigade, 5th Infantry Division, Ft. Polk, LA; speechwriter to General John A. Wickham, Jr., U. S. Army Chief of Staff; and Dean of the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University.

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