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**General Charles R. Holland to Receive 2012 Eisenhower Award  
University Celebrates Distinguished Alumnus**

(Washington, D.C.) National Defense University (NDU) and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) announce the selection of General Charles R. Holland, U.S. Air Force (retired) and graduate of ICAF Class of 1986, as the recipient of the ICAF Alumni Association's Eisenhower Award. The award ceremony and dinner will be held on February 24, 2012 at the Fort Myer Officers' Club in Washington, D.C.

Holland was Commander of the U.S. Special Operations Command from 2000-2003. In that capacity, he commanded approximately 57,000 special operations forces of the Army, Navy and Air Force, both active duty and Reserve. During his tenure, he was responsible for the development of special operations strategy, doctrine and tactics to synchronize Department of Defense (DoD) plans against terrorists' networks and prioritized all DoD plans that supported the global campaign against terror.

He also made recommendations to the Secretary of Defense and The Joint Staff regarding force and resource allocations to meet global requirements; not only in support of operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, but also in support of the military's Unified Combatant Commanders.

Holland is a command pilot with more than 5,000 flying hours and more than 100 combat missions, including 79 in an AC-130 Gunship in Southeast Asia. His selection was based on the depth and breadth of his experience and his contributions toward U.S. National Security interests.

Holland served on the board of directors of General Atomics, Inc. and currently serves on the boards of AeroVironment, Inc. and Protonex Technology Corporation, and as an advisor to Camber Corporation, General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, and Raytheon Company.

The prestigious Dwight D. Eisenhower Award is named after the most illustrious alumnus and faculty member of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. The award honors an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to the integration of the technological and industrial resources of the nation for a strong U.S. national security and industrial base.

For more information about the Eisenhower Award Dinner, or the Alumni Association of the ICAF, please contact Nicki Dover at [Nicole.Dover@ndu.edu](mailto:Nicole.Dover@ndu.edu).

About the College – The Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) is one of five colleges within National Defense University. ICAF prepares selected military officers and civilians for

senior leadership positions. Upon successful completion of the College's requirements, students earn a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy. ICAF's academic program consists of two major components--core curriculum and electives/research, offering a number of concentration programs. The core curriculum covers National Strategy and Resources Management for National Security. Courses are completed on campus. For more information about ICAF, please contact: Eileen Daniels at 202-685-4338 or [DanielsE@ndu.edu](mailto:DanielsE@ndu.edu); for additional information about the college, visit: [www.ndu.edu/icaf](http://www.ndu.edu/icaf).

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