

## **Dr. Albert C. Pierce Named University Professor of Ethics and National Security At National Defense University**

Lt. Gen. Michael Dunn, President of the National Defense University, has announced the appointment of Dr. Albert C. Pierce to the newly created position of University Professor of Ethics and National Security.

The position will reach across all parts of the institution, and will be a resource for the entire university in its teaching, research, and outreach efforts in the ethical dimensions of national security policy, strategy, and operations.

Dr. Pierce will assume his new duties on a full-time basis in February 2006.

“This new university professorship will help us emphasize the ethical dimensions in all our teaching, research, and outreach at NDU,” said Lt. Gen Dunn. “We are pleased that Dr. Pierce has accepted this appointment.”

### Background information about Dr. Pierce

Dr. Pierce has had a long association with NDU. From 1981 to 1983, he served as the first deputy director of the Strategic Concepts Development Center (SCDC), a think tank created by Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and Deputy Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci. SCDC was the predecessor of NDU’s Institute for National Strategic Studies, which provides direct support to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. In February 1985, Dr. Pierce joined the faculty of the National War College, and he served there as Professor of Military Strategy until the summer of 1998.

From August 1998 to February 2006, Dr. Pierce served as the founding director of the Center for the Study of Professional Military Ethics at the U.S. Naval Academy, whose mission is “to promote and enhance the ethical development of current and future military leaders.” Under his leadership the Center has developed a range of highly successful and popular programs for midshipmen and faculty, as well as programs supporting the teaching of ethics in various Marine Corps schools and Navy programs. The Center’s national outreach programs include a Resident Fellows Program (which brings military officers, civilian academics, career civil servants, and others to the Center for an academic year in an intensive program in professional ethics) and the annual McCain Conference (which brings together key military and civilian faculty and staff responsible for ethics courses and character development programs at the Air Force Academy, the Coast Guard Academy, the Merchant Marine Academy, the Military Academy, and the Naval Academy).

Prior to coming to NDU in 1981, Dr. Pierce served as Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, writing speeches, Congressional testimony, and the Fiscal Year 1982 Annual Report for Secretary of Defense Harold Brown. In 1983 and 1984, he was Defense

Correspondent for NBC News. Prior to moving to the Defense Department, he was with the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

In April 2001, Dr. Pierce delivered the keynote address at the Fourth Annual James Bond Stockdale Leadership and Ethics Symposium at the University of San Diego. In March 2002, he gave the Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Memorial Lectures in National Security Affairs at the University of California, Berkeley.

Over the past year, Dr. Pierce has conducted highly regarded seminars on ethics for senior leaders as part of NDU's Capstone program for new flag and general officers. In the fall semester of 2005 he taught an NDU elective course, "Conflict, Strategy, and Ethics."

Among his publications are *Ethics and the Future of Conflict*, co-edited with Anthony F. Lang, Jr. and Joel H. Rosenthal (Prentice Hall Studies in International Relations, 2004); *Strategy, Ethics, and the "War on Terrorism"* (Berkeley Public Policy Press, 2003); *A Model for Moral Leadership: Contemporary Applications*, Occasional Paper No. 15 (The Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, Southern Methodist University, 2003); and "Conflict, Strategy, and Ethics" in J. I. Coffey and Charles T. Mathewes, editors, *Religion, Law and the Role of Force: A Study of Their Influence on Conflict and on Conflict Resolution* (Transnational Publishers, 2002).