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**Lieutenant General David W. Barno, U.S. Army,
Named Director of the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies**

Lt. Gen. Michael Dunn, USAF, President of the National Defense University, has announced the appointment of Lieutenant General David W. Barno, U.S. Army, as the Director of the Near East South Asia (NESA) Center for Strategic Studies.

The NESA Center enhances stability in the Near East and in South Asia by providing an academic environment where strategic issues can be addressed, understanding deepened, partnerships fostered, defense-related decision-making improved, and cooperation strengthened among military and civilian leaders from the region and the United States.

Lt. Gen. Barno will assume his new duties April 10, 2006.

“General Barno brings tremendous knowledge and experience to this important position. He will advance the important work done by the NESA Center to the benefit of the countries in the region and the U.S.,” said Lt. Gen Dunn. “We are pleased that he has accepted this appointment.”

Background information about Lieutenant General Barno

Lt. Gen. Barno received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He also holds a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from Georgetown University, and is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

Commissioned in 1976, Lt. Gen. Barno has served in a variety of command and staff positions in the United States and overseas throughout a thirty year career. He has served in three combat operations and has commanded troops at every level from lieutenant to lieutenant general. Recent command tours include commanding general of the U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson, South Carolina 2001-2003 and commander of combined Forces Command in Afghanistan 2003-2005 in Operation Enduring Freedom.

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