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## **National Defense University Commencement to be Held June 11th**

(Washington DC) The National Defense University's Commencement exercises will be held on Thursday, June 11th, at 10:00 a.m., at Fort Lesley J. McNair in southwest Washington, DC. A total of 582 students from the College of International Security Affairs (39), the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (320), and the National War College (223) will participate in the graduation ceremony held in front of historic Roosevelt Hall.

Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen, USN, will be the Commencement speaker. He is the 17th chairman and serves as the principal military advisor to the Secretary of Defense and the President of the United States.

Former U.S. Senator John W. Warner will receive an honorary Doctor of National Security Affairs degree, *Honoris Causa*. A three-time chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, former Senator Warner recently returned to private life after his decision to not seek re-election to a sixth term as U.S. Senator for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Approximately 54 percent of the graduates are senior officers from the U.S. armed services. Federal government civilians, international students from more than 60 countries and private sector civilians make up the other 46 percent.

Students in the College of International Security Affairs will receive a Master of Arts degree in Strategic Security Studies (with a concentration in combating terrorism). Industrial College of the Armed Forces students completing degree requirements receive a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy. And, National War College students receive a Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy.

The National Defense University is the nation's premier center for joint professional military education. The University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education as a graduate-level institution that prepares future leaders of the armed forces and other civilian agencies for high-level policy, command, and staff responsibilities.

Media organizations interested in covering the Commencement ceremony should contact Dave Thomas, NDU Director of Public Affairs, at (202) 685-3140 or ThomasD2@ndu.edu to make arrangements to do so.

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