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## **National Defense University Graduation to be Held June 12th**

(Washington DC) National Defense University graduation will be held on Thursday, June 12th, at 10:00 a.m., at Fort McNair in southwest Washington, D.C. A total of 576 students from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (318), the School for National Security Executive Education (35), and the National War College (223) will participate in the ceremony in front of Roosevelt Hall.

General James E. Cartwright, USMC, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will be the graduation speaker. He is the eighth vice chairman and is the nation's second highest ranking military officer.

Dr. William J. Perry will receive an honorary degree of Doctor of National Security Affairs, *Honoris Causa*. He is the Michael and Barbara Berberian Professor at Stanford University, with a joint appointment at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies and the School of Engineering. He serves as co-director of the Preventive Defense Project, a research collaboration of Stanford and Harvard Universities. He is an expert in U.S. foreign policy, national security and arms control. Dr. Perry served as the 19<sup>th</sup> Secretary of Defense from 1994 to 1997.

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.

Industrial College of the Armed Forces students completing degree requirements receive a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy. School for National Security Executive Education students receive a Master of Arts degree in Strategic Security Studies (with a concentration in combating terrorism). 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 an accredited graduate-level institution that provides an educational and research environment to prepare future leaders of the armed forces and other civilian agencies for high-level policy, command, and staff responsibilities.

Media organizations interested in covering the graduation ceremonies 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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