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Informing the WHINSEC Community

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WHINSEC Current Operations Symposium

The School of Professional Military Education provided an academic forum to discuss recent and ongoing events, Feb 14-18. Presenters were senior military and civilian officials of the U.S. military and of Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Mexico. This forum highlighted the importance of achieving unity of effort during the conduct of Stability Operations (Counter-Drugs, Counter-Terrorism, Peace Keeping, Humanitarian Assistance, or Disaster Relief Operations) among all participants; military, government, non-governmental and international organizations.



Scenes from the symposium with presenters from U.S. and Partner-Nations. (Upper right) Symposium attendees pose with Institute leaders 'for the record.'

Counterdrug Operations Course Works on River Operations A Week in Stennis, Miss, Training with NAVSCIATTS

The students and instructors of the Counterdrug Operations Course became students and 'training aids' to the students learning small craft patrolling at the Navy's Small Craft



Instruction and Technical Training School at the end of February. WHINSEC has now worked with NAVSCIATTS at Stennis four times; the riverine operations have become an integral part of the course training.



Walter Santamaria Retires after 57 Years The stalwart director of the Institute's (and USARSA's)



Translation Division since 1964, Walter earned recognition from the Institute, from his fellow employees, and from the entire Army.



Dominican Republic celebrates 167 years of Independence with talk of the nation's history and the sharing of toasts and cake.

CDR, MARFORSOUTH, Visits



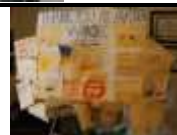
MG John Croley came to the Institute on a mission to find ways to work together in the region.

Panama Delegation Comes to Institute

Panamanian Police Officials toured WHINSEC for discussions about the courses offered in residence and those taught by Mobile Training Teams that may be sent to requesting partner nations.



Institute Extras (Clockwise, from top right) EA White Schoolchildren thank the Institute for partnering with them; Col. Ibarra and CSM Silveira visit TAC-6 during field training; TAC-10 meets lawmakers in the Ga. Capitol; Ms. Alexander translates a D.A.R. class on Georgia history; CSMs go to SOUTHCOM NCO Conference.



Awards, February

NCO & Soldier of the Quarter: SGT Cedeño; SPC Barco



Army Achievement Medal: MAJ Sepulveda (Symposium coord) SSG Guardado (BoV support)

Certificates of Achievement (BoV support): SFC Rivas SSG Lobo

Anniversary Certificates of Appreciation: CPT Vides SGM Vladimir SFC Jaramillo SSG Cortes SSG Riveraflores SSG Rodriguez, Hiram



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