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COMMANDER'S CORNER

**Mr. Michael "Mike" Homan,
Deputy Director,
International Officer School**



Mr. Michael "Mike" Homan retires after more than 14 years of civilian service to the Air University International Affairs mission. During his tenure, Mike first served as the International Military Student Officer (IMSO) and then as the Deputy Director for International Affairs and the International Officer School. Mike led his Team to USAF's IMSO of the Year honors in 2013, 2018, and 2021 and the AETC International Student Support Award in 2013, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

He elevated the International Honor Roll from an Air University to a CSAF/CMSAF program and initiated actions that resulted in the first International Alumni of Distinction Seminar in 2023, which is now a recurring program that enables senior leader alumni engagement in support of the National Security Strategy, National Defense Strategy and Department of the Air Force International Engagement Plan.

Mr. Homan leveraged his 31+ years of military experience in 26 countries and his experience as the first International Officer School Commandant to elevate AU's support to DAF Security Cooperation Education and Training Programs achieving unmatched success and elevating the AU brand internationally. During his tenure he led international engagement activities with more than 3,000 International Airmen from 100 Countries. Mike indicated he is moving on to a far more challenging role as a grandfather and great grandfather. We wish him well as he transitions to retirement.



Front and Center: Our IOs' Engagement in our New Year-Long Wargaming Efforts

At Air Command and Staff College (ACSC), we recognize that the landscape of modern warfare is ever-evolving, and so is the need for diverse perspectives and global collaboration. Our international officers play a vital role in the success of our year-long wargaming efforts, enriching our exercises with their unique insights, experiences, and cultural awareness.

Throughout the year, ACSC's wargaming simulations offer an immersive environment where officers from various nations can engage in strategic thinking and critical decision-making. By incorporating the diverse backgrounds and expertise of international officers, our wargames become more than just training exercises—they transform into dynamic, multi-faceted scenarios that better reflect the complexities of real-world operations.

Visit us to see what else we are doing: <https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/ACSC/>

As we continue to expand and evolve our wargaming program, we are excited to see how our international officers will continue to shape the future of military strategy, promoting collaboration and innovation across borders.

PICTURES

International Military Students out and about



International Military Students of AWC and ACSC and their families enjoy getting together in the River Region



Food, music, good times with friends are always on the menu. There was much rejoicing.



International Military Students travel far and wide during their time at Maxwell.



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These International Students walked under Alabama skies in 1975



AOFC CLASS 74-C

FRONT ROW - Left to Right: Lt Col Khomsis, Saudi Arabia; Lt Col Amessleh, Iraq; Lt Col Vahdat, Iran; Lt Col Kim, Korea; Lt Col Mattini, Iran; Col Gurler, Turkey; Col Carlson, Commandant, AIAOS; Col Kergesse, Laos (Class President); Lt Col Thompson, Chief, Allied Officer Programs Division; Lt Col Yacineian, Iran; Lt Col Tameidon, Iran; Lt Col Senecc, Laos; Lt Col Alemayehow, Ethiopia; Lt Col Shamsi, Iran; Lt Col Ceas, Philippines.

SECOND ROW - Left to Right: Maj Hedayat, Afghanistan; Lt Col Dush, Vietnam; Lt Col Cao, Vietnam; Capt Yamaguchi, Japan; Maj Fales, Portugal; Lt Col Forero, Colombia; Maj Mohammad, Afghanistan; Maj Coran, Guatemala; Maj Zhaneev, Greece; Maj Boonrong, Thailand; Lt Col Castillo, Guatemala; Maj Nazlan, Malaysia; Maj Shadi, Iran; Lt Col Solomon, Ethiopia; Maj Ohye, Ghana; Lt Col Amirani, Iran.

THIRD ROW - Left to Right: Maj Ross, Switzerland; Maj Christensen, Denmark; Maj Risera, Honduras; Maj Florinis, Greece; Lt Col Baynes, Philippines; Lt Col Tam, Khmer Republic; Maj Im, Korea; Maj Agin, Turkey; Maj Soussak, Thailand; Maj Samank, Indonesia; Maj Farouq, Jordan; Maj Mujaji, Nigeria; Capt Wugrin, Saudi Arabia; Maj Yanyong, Thailand; Maj Shales, Tunisia; Lt Col Silva, Chile; Lt Col Schmitz, Germany.

FOURTH ROW - Left to Right: Maj Chalevo, Thailand; Lt Col Tam, Vietnam; Maj Saruti, East; Maj Purnan, Malaysia; Maj Basha, Jordan; Maj Mekojo, Nigeria; Maj Zelaya, El Salvador; Maj Carrera, Peru; Maj Videla, Argentina; Maj Soleili, Iran. (Not Shown: Lt Col Al Samsin, Saudi Arabia.)



AOFC CLASS 74-D

FRONT ROW - Left to Right: Capt Malvoshan, Iraq; Maj Idoko, Nigeria; Maj Gholan, Saudi Arabia; Maj Ahmed, Nigeria; Col Carlson, Commandant, AIAOS; Maj Tam, Khmer Republic (Class President); Lt Col Thompson, Chief, Allied Officer Programs Division; Maj Jenine, Khmer Republic; Maj Al-Padgah, Saudi Arabia; Capt Kshoed, Iran.

SECOND ROW - Left to Right: Capt Talehdoust, Iran; Capt Moseouli, Iran; Capt Shorran, Iran; Capt Poblete, Chile; Capt Mesherabadi, Iran; Capt Kolschat, Thailand; Capt Nazlan, Lebanon; Capt Mohbi, Iran; Capt Prascha, Thailand; Capt Tiraneh, Ethiopia.

THIRD ROW - Left to Right: Lt Lt Hondono, Honduras; Lt Lt Saad, Saudi Arabia; Capt Shairani, Afghanistan; Capt Mohamed, Jordan; Capt Endozo, Philippines; Capt Soney, Laos; Capt Keattip, Laos; Capt Escandille, El Salvador; Capt Sulman, Jordan; Capt Lamasiao, Philippines; Lt Lt Ben Salah, Tunisia; Lt Lt Salgado, Honduras.

Allied Officer Familiarization Course (AOFC) was the name for International Officer School (IOS) a long time ago

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JOPC CLASS 75-A

FRONT ROW - Left to Right: Capt Hump, Thailand; Lt Gady Zaidi, Pakistan (Key); Col Carlson, Commandant, AIAOS; Major Badiono, Indonesia (Class President); Lt Col Thompson, Chief, Allied Officer Programs Division; Capt Ortega, Venezuela; Capt Vasconcelos, Portugal.

SECOND ROW - Lt Lt Ekbat, Turkey; Lt Lt Madias, Dominican Republic; Capt Trung, Vietnam; Capt Fadipe, Nigeria; Lt Lt Komlan, Laos; Lt Lt Lien, Vietnam; 2nd Lt Szasz, Honduras.



JOPC CLASS 75-B

FRONT ROW - Left to Right: Maj Farwaj, Afghanistan; Maj Huro, Khmer Republic; Maj Wansa, Brazil; Lt Col Beiniach Brazil; Col Carlson, Commandant, AIAOS; Lt Col Shurilo, Brazil (Class President); Lt Col Thompson, Chief, Allied Officer Programs Division; Maj Martins, Brazil; Maj Pereda, Guatemala; Maj Garcia, Colombia; Capt Nielsen, Denmark

SECOND ROW - Left to Right: Capt Seachitta, Laos; Capt Yoo, Khmer Republic; Capt Yakovlev, Iran; Capt Briens, Laos; Capt Malokzadeh, Iran; Capt Ibrahim, Iran; Capt Joaquin, Portugal; Capt Jafari, Iran; Capt Soghab, Iran; Capt Al-Nidhi, Saudi Arabia; Capt Samadi, Iran; Capt Aman, Jordan.

THIRD ROW - Left to Right: Capt Mabt, Afghanistan; Capt Sobeh, Jordan; Capt Akhán, Turkey; Capt Lokhan, Indonesia; Capt Sobahy, Saudi Arabia; Capt Cholil, Indonesia; Capt Fatin, Malaysia; Capt Sidiq, Saudi Arabia; Capt Sobehri, Saudi Arabia; Capt Pedersen, Denmark; Capt Derar, Jordan; Capt Rahin, Malaysia; Lt Lt Altintas, Turkey.

In 1975, JAWS made people afraid to go in the water. *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* won Best Picture.

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AIFC CLASS 75-0

FRONT ROW - Left to Right: Lt Col Aquino, Philippines; Lt Col Goshob, Iran; Lt Col Loggie, Philippines; Lt Col Hertzsch, Germany; Lt Col Cavita, Chief, Allied Officer Program Division; Lt Col Elm, Ethiopia (Class President); Col Carlson, Command, AIAAC; Lt Col Rasmussen, Norway; Lt Col Teyeb, Saudi Arabia; Lt Col Bayez, Philippines; Lt Col Laybani, Iran.

SECOND ROW - Left to Right: Maj Saha, Zaire; Lt Col Ahmad, Afghanistan; Lt Col Ush, Nigeria; Lt Col Khaygar, Iran; Lt Col Uisa, Colombia; Lt Col Saliba, Lebanon; Lt Col Cabrera, Guatemala; Lt Col Mosen, Oman; Lt Col Avleto, Venezuela; Lt Col Alshy, Iraq; Lt Col Senezi, Iran; Maj Alani, Morocco.

THIRD ROW - Left to Right: Maj Wigdala, Denmark; Maj Anas, Thailand; Maj Rumbong, Indonesia; Maj Baik, Korea; Maj Armas, Peru; Maj Kusong, Thailand; Maj Sulaiman, Nigeria; Maj Tamaklo, Ghana; Maj Augga, Indonesia; Maj Tsai, China; Maj Chung, Korea; Maj Wong, Malaysia; Maj Ovie, Spain.

FOURTH ROW - Left to Right: Capt Gutierrez, Nicaragua; Capt Okushi, Japan; Maj Arriaga, Honduras; Maj Withrow, Jordan; Maj Casado, Uruguay; Maj Alegre, Argentina; Maj Bouschour, Tunisia; Maj Fahad, Saudi Arabia; Maj Zakeria, Malaysia; Maj Aghasad, Afghanistan; Maj Chaudhry, Pakistan; Maj Nemroy, Portugal; Capt Tribolot, Portugal; Capt Malik, Jordan; Capt Al-Saadhy, Saudi Arabia.

In 1975, boxing great Muhammad Ali defeated Joe Frazier in "The Thrilla in Manila"

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The Vietnam War came to an end.

US / USSR relations were strengthened as Apollo-Soyuz linked up in space.



AJFC CLASS 75-D

FRONT ROW - Left to Right: Colonel Weiser, Chief, Standards Instruction; Colonel Pinyoo, Thailand; (Class President); Lt Col Colvin, Chief, Allied Officer Programs Division.

SECOND ROW - Left to Right: Commander Piroo, Thailand; Major Savitree, Thailand; Lt Col Sookak, Thailand.



AJFC CLASS 75-B

FRONT ROW - Left to Right: Capt Shalchide, Iran; Maj Nisak, Jordan; Maj Hunden, Lebanon; Maj Adana, Nigeria; Colonel L.S. Carlson, Commandant, AJAOS; Maj Al-Arzi, Saudi Arabia (Class President); Lt Col A.E. Colvin, Chief, Allied Officer Programs Division; Maj Ogunsetun, Nigeria; Maj Sookak, Thailand; Capt Farzaneh, Iran; Capt Sadeghi, Iran.

SECOND ROW - Left to Right: Capt Nair, Malaysia; Capt Hoeselini, Iran; Capt Parhad, Iran; Capt Hoeselini, Staff; Capt Bayati, Iran; Capt Soras, Thailand; Capt Kazzaladeh, Iran; Capt Ansari, Iran; Capt Boujelalakt, Tunisia; Capt Elissalidh, Jordan.

THIRD ROW - Left to Right: Capt Alvarez, Honduras; Lt Rodriguez, Dominican Republic; Capt Farades, Venezuela; Capt Josephillo, El Salvador; Capt Rodriguez Utero, Dominican Republic; Capt Asderelait, Jordan; Capt Kamarzaman, Malaysia; Capt Mansudi, Saudi Arabia; Lt Aracama, Panama; Lt Toull, Tunisia.

In 1975, the University of Oklahoma Sooners football team won its second straight National Championship (their 5th of 7).

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These students of 1975 feature in our International Honor Roll



FLORINIS
Major Greece

IV
AFC

CASTILLO
Lt Col Guatemala



HUSAM
Major Jordan



AL HAMDAN
Lt Col Saudi Arabia

MUGRIN
Captain Saudi Arabia



AVELEDO
Lt Col Venezuela



PAREDES
Captain Venezuela

We have inducted 573 International Alumni of Air University to date: seven from the Class of 1975 alone.

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Congratulate the Graduates



SNCOA Graduations:

25B on 13 Feb 2025

25C on 28 Mar 2025

25D on 18 Jun 2025

25E on 26 Aug 2025

25F on 10 Oct 2025

Air War College

Graduation:

14 May 2025

Air Command and

Staff College

Graduation:

15 May 2025



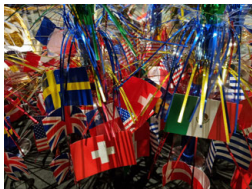
ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

Colonel Libero CALDAS, Brazilian Air Force (AWC 2023), currently the Dean of the Aerospace Policy and Strategy Course, Brazilian Air Force course equivalent to AWC

Wing Commander Jirasak DAOCHERN, Royal Thai Air Force (ACSC 2020), serves as an Instructor at the Royal Thai Air Force ACSC

Brigadier General Ali Said Hamed Bati Al Balushi, Royal Air Force of Oman (ACSC 2013), is now Commander of ADAM Air Base

Lieutenant General Rolf FOLLAND (ACSC 2009), serves as Norwegian Military Representative to NATO



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