



Promotion of Vice Director



It is with great pride that we share the news of the recent promotion of our Vice Director, Major General Carlos Eduardo Barbosa Acosta (Kadu) to the rank of Lieutenant General. With over three decades of dedicated service to his homeland, the Federative Republic of Brazil, Lieutenant General Kadu has built an exemplary career, consistently demonstrating professionalism, leadership, and charisma. The IADC personnel is honored to celebrate this milestone with him and his family. Congratulations!

From his very first day as Vice Director of the IADC, Lieutenant General Carlos Eduardo Barbosa Acosta (Kadu) has been a respected and authoritative figure. His leadership and dedication has earned him a special place in the hearts of the entire College community. General Kadu's contributions have left an unforgettable mark on the IADC, securing his place in the institution's history.

PROMOTED ALUMNI

The Inter-American Defense College (IADC) congratulates three distinguished alumni from its Brazil Chapter on their recent promotions to the next higher rank within their respective branches: General de Divisão Márcio Luiz do Nascimento Abreu Pereira, General de Divisão Jorge Luiz Abreu do O' de Almeida Filho, and General de Brigada Fábio Cordeiro Pacheco. We celebrate their continued success and dedication.



**General de Divisão
Márcio Luis do Nascimento Abreu Pereira
Class 56**



**General de Divisão
Jorge Luiz Abreu do O' de Almeida Filho
Class 57**

The IADC takes immense pride in celebrating the achievements of our esteemed graduates alongside their families. We are honored to witness their outstanding accomplishments within their respective forces. The College's leadership, faculty, and staff, together with our Alumni network spanning the hemisphere, extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for their continued success.



**General de Brigada
Fábio Cordeiro Pacheco
Class 60**



Promotion of COL Keir Scoubes

It is with immense pleasure that the Inter-American Defense College (IADC) proudly shares with the entire ALUMNI community the exciting news that COL Keir Scoubes, ALUMNI of Class 61, has been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in the United States Army.

More than a Soldier

- Brigadier General Scoubes has also taken command of the Land Component of the Utah National Guard (UTNG). His promotion and new command assignment are a source of great pride and joy for the IADC. We join his lovely family in honoring this remarkable achievement.

- It should be noted that BG Scoubes is also a full-time secondary school teacher and a long-time member of his city council and contributes altruistically to the betterment of his community.



During his promotion ceremony, in addition to his family, he was accompanied by COL Jeff Simmons, current Deputy Director of SOUTHCOM J79 and classmate of BG Scoubes. A notable highlight of the promotion ceremony for BG Scoubes was that his son, 2LT Scoubes, had the honor of serving as the flag bearer.

NEW APPOINTMENTS



**Colonel of the National Police
Rafael A. Feliz Martínez
Class 59**

The IADC is delighted by this ALUMNI's success and extends heartfelt congratulations to Colonel Feliz and his esteemed family on this well-deserved honor.



On March 25, 2024, the Colonel of the National Police of the Dominican Republic, MSc Rafael A. Feliz Martínez, ALUMNI of the Class 59 of the Inter-American Defense College (IADC), who later served as Coordinator of the APC Academic Program, IADC for the period 2020/2021, was appointed by decree 174-24 issued by His Excellency the President of the Dominican Republic, as Administrative Vice-Rector of the Police Institute of Higher Studies IPES, of the Dominican National Police.





**Captain
Jonathan Andrechik
Class 58**

- Captain Andrechik's career has been truly remarkable and impressive, both in terms of assignments and successful missions of high relevance for his country, as well as in terms of his solid academic and professional training, aspects that can be reflected in the large number and variety of recognitions and distinctions with which he has been awarded throughout his career: five medals for meritorious service, four medals of commendation from the Coast Guard and the imposition of the Commander's Letter of Commendation ribbon stand out. Although, without a doubt, the most significant recognition he has obtained was the long-awaited Presidential Service Insignia in 2013 and the Advanced Nautical Forces Insignia in 2015.

Similarly, the IADC proudly celebrates and shares the significant accomplishments of our ALUMNI community. We are pleased to congratulate Captain Jonathan Andrechik, Class of 58, who, as of April this year, has assumed the role of Commander of the U.S. Coast Guard Sector in New York. In this capacity, he serves as both Sector Commander and Harbor Captain, overseeing all Coast Guard missions in New York Harbor and New Jersey Harbor.



The great family of the IADC, wishes Captain Jonathan Andrechik success in his high functions and joins his distinguished family in the pride they feel in seeing him successfully crown his professional goals in the service of his Homeland.



Subcomisionado de Policía de Panamá, Julio Cedeño Díaz



- It is a great honor for the Inter-American Defense College (IADC) to share with you two important pieces of news that fill us with pride and joy, the first, the Deputy Commissioner of Police of Panama, Julio Cedeño Díaz, ALUMNI of Class 63, after concluding his master's studies at the IADC, managed to obtain the first position in the promotion course to the higher rank of Commissioner in the 2024 diploma, where he developed an important project to improve national research

The IADC congratulates the ALUMNI of Panama Cedeño Díaz and his distinguished family for this important step in his prolific career, extending his best wishes for success in his high functions at the service of the intelligence of his Homeland.

Congratulations to our alumni!

IADC OCONUS TRIP

In the context of the international study trip "Outside the Continental United States 2024" (OCONUS) of the 63rd Class of the Inter-American Defense College (IADC), the first part of which took place in Honduras, on April 24, 2024. The leadership, staff members and part of the academic staff, held a fellowship meeting with the Honduras Chapter ALUMNI at the Intercontinental Hotel in Tegucigalpa. Deputy Police Commissioner Alexis Antonio Galeas Galvez, of Class 63, represented his country.



The evening portion was conducive for the attendees to exchange shared points of view, opinions and hemispheric concerns, in a relaxed and cordial atmosphere. Likewise, the alumni were able to share quality time with one another.

The event was also attended by retired General Marco Antonio Bonilla Reyes, former deputy director of the IADC representing Honduras in 2001.



IADC OCONUS TRIP



Hall of honor

The management leadership of the College took advantage of this incredible occasion to distinguish four outstanding Mexican ALUMNI, granting them the honor of belonging to the Hall of Honor of the IADC:

- General de Grupo P.A.D.E.M.A. Joel Guzmán Molina Class 52.
- Contralmirante José Carlos Luna Loaeza Class 58.
- Contralmirante Oscar Eduardo Domínguez De los Santos Class 60.
- Contralmirante Adrián Villalobos Monteverde. Class 62.



The second part of the IADC's OCONUS trip took place in Mexico, on April 29, 2024, at the Marriot Hotel in Mexico City. This was where the pleasant meeting of the ALUMNI Mexico Chapter, with the managerial leadership, academics, former members and current members of the staff of the CID of that country and the students of Class 63 took place.

On the occasion, the outstanding Vice Admiral José Héctor Orozco Tocaven, a graduate of Class 56, who holds the presidency of the ALUMNI Chapter in Mexico, and also currently serves as Director of the Center for Higher Naval Studies of Mexico, honored the event with his distinguished presence.



Likewise, Brigadier General D.E.M. Eugenio Leonardo López Arellanes, Director of the National Defense College (CODENAL), presented fine gifts to members of the IADC personnel and to the students of class 63.

IADC ACTIVITIES



GUATEMALA

The director of the Inter-American Defense College (IADC), Major General Richard Heitkamp, made a productive working visit to Guatemala, on April 19 of this year, where he held an important meeting with the ALUMNI of that country.

It was held at the facilities of the American Club in Guatemala City, the main local host was Colonel (R) Olmedo Vásquez, a graduate of Class 36 and president of the Guatemala Chapter, who, together with the leadership of the IADC, facilitated a synergistic and positive space for the exchange of ideas among the graduates. They were able to share in a relaxed and cordial way with their colleagues, likewise, during the meeting it was possible to show the great affection and sense of belonging that the members of the Guatemala Chapter have towards the IADC.





Perú

As part of a working tour to South America, the director of the Inter-American Defense College (IADC), Major General Richard Heitkamp, traveled to Lima, Peru, to participate in the MECODEX meeting, which took place from May 29 to 31, 2024.

- This opportunity ALUMNI was propitious to recognize graduates of the Peru Chapter for their outstanding and constant support to the IADC. The awardees were: Colonel FAP Christian Rodrigo Pereyra Alpas, Class 59, for his notable contribution to the development of indicators for the 2024 crisis exercise of the IADC of Class 63, Vice Admiral Jorge Montoya Manrique of Class 36, Vice Admiral Oscar Torrico Infantas, of Class 48, Captain Carlos Prado Castañeda of Class 57 and Captain Pedro José Pablo Iriarte Chávez belonging to Class 60, all of them provided their invaluable support to carry out the ALUMNI event: Peru 2024, contributing significantly to the materialization of the same.



The setting chosen for the pleasant meeting was the San Borja Lima Naval Club, on that occasion the leadership highlighted Peru's active contribution to the IADC and thanked them for the commitment shown by the Peruvian students and staff who participate in the renowned academic program, offered by the IADC annually.

Panamá

Major General Richard Heitkamp, director of the Inter-American Defense College (IADC) met on June 17, 2024, with part of the ALUMNI Panama Chapter, the meeting was held at the Miramar Hotel in Panama City.



- On the occasion, the attendees were able to enjoy the pleasant company of their colleagues and exchanged opinions regarding relevant hemispheric issues in the field of defense and security, while listening to the words of the IADC leadership on the Board, who thanked the Panamanian State for the remarkable commitment shown by the Panamanian State to the College, appreciating the importance of continuing to send students from that country annually to attend the hemispheric academic programs offered by the IADC.



The entertaining evening was attended by a good number of graduates, among which Ambassador Jorge Hernán Miranda Corona, a graduate of Class 37 and former commissioner Oriel Oscar Ortega Benítez, a graduate of Class 54, stood out.



Paraguay

On the occasion of the celebration of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) that took place in Asunción, Paraguay, the director of the Inter-American Defense College (IADC), Major General Richard Heitkamp, developed an important agenda that included several meetings and activities with relevant actors of the political and military scene of the country.

- In this regard, one of the most relevant activities that he carried out during his visit was the pleasant meeting with the ALUMNI of the Paraguay Chapter, which took place at the Maurice Talleyrand restaurant, in the city of Asunción.



On the occasion, the director of the IADC shared a pleasant moment of camaraderie with graduates from different promotions, who took advantage of the occasion to exchange experiences, opinions and expectations regarding the organization of future activities jointly to strengthen the fraternal ties that unite the graduates of the Republic of Paraguay with the Inter-American Defense College.



Brazil

The director of the Inter-American Defense College (IADC), Major General Richard Heitkamp, during a working trip to South America, participated in an important fellowship meeting with the ALUMNI of the Brazil Chapter, residing in Rio de Janeiro.



The evening took place at the facilities of the Fairmont Rio de Janeiro hotel, on August 22 of this year, this important meeting served for graduates to exchange ideas with their colleagues from different promotions.

- One of the topics addressed had to do with the projection of future meetings in other cities of Brazil, so that more Brazilian graduates can participate in this type of initiative. Due to the large geographical extension of the host country many graduates are unable to participate. However, the opportunity also served to highlight the traditional and highly valued participation and integration that has always characterized the Brazilian representation before the IADC.





Chile

As a corollary of the working tour to South America, the director of the Inter-American Defense College (IADC), Major General Richard Heitkamp, visited the city of Santiago de Chile, on the occasion he held an important number of strategic meetings with relevant political and military actors of the Chilean scene and also hosted an important fraternity meeting with the ALUMNI of the Chile Chapter.

The opportunity was propitious for the graduates to renew connections with their peers and exchange points of view regarding relevant hemispheric issues, while enjoying a pleasant moment sharing anecdotes and lessons learned in the IADC classrooms.



The central point of the meeting revolved around a simple but significant ceremony for the transfer of presidency of the Chile Chapter, in this sense, the outgoing president, Col. (R) Luis Filippi de Solminihac, of Class 39, handed over the presidency to MSc Fernando Martínez Andrade, of Class 63, who, upon assuming responsibility for the Chapter of his country, pledged to give continuity to the impeccable work carried out by his predecessor and to follow the same line of unity within the ALUMNI Chile guild.

ALUMNI VISITS

CLASS 48



On the occasion, the Alumni shared very pleasant moments, reminiscing with special emotion about their time in the classroom and valuing how this experience has significantly enriched their network of contacts, their professional careers and their lives.



On July 11 and 12, 2024, the Inter-American Defense College was pleased to receive the visit of ALUMNI from Class 48. During the development of both days a series of academic conferences were held, among which the participation of General EP Walter Astudillo Chávez, a graduate of Class 47, who collaborated with the CID for another year as an advisor to Class 48 and currently holds the position of Minister of Defense of Peru. Another of the outstanding speakers was Vice Admiral Oscar Alejandro Torrico Infantas, Director General of the Peruvian Navy and graduate of the 48th class of the IADC.



Reconnect with your College

As a finishing touch to their visit, the Alumni of Class 48 presented a commemorative plaque of their visit to the director of the Inter-American Defense College (IADC), Major General Richard Heitkamp, who thanked them for the gesture and invited them to continue actively participating in initiatives of this nature, emphasizing that the IADC is their home and therefore, its doors will always be open to each of them.





Class 53

The ALUMNI of Class 53 visited the facilities of the Inter-American Defense College (IADC), from June 22 to 24, 2024, developing a productive academic agenda, and there was also time to enjoy a pleasant reception organized with meticulous care by the director of the IADC, Major General Richard Heitkamp and his distinguished wife Mrs. Shannon Heitkamp, at his residence.

Hall of Honor

- On this occasion, the graduates of Class 53 were able to enjoy an atmosphere of camaraderie and cordiality, while meeting again with their colleagues, also during this visit the following ALUMNI were entered into the Hall of Honor of the IADC:

Vice-Admiral Carlos Eduardo Horta Arentz, Major General Omar Esteban Sepúlveda Carvajal, Major General (R) Fernando Murillo Orrego, and Brigadier General Jaime Areizaga Soto.



Farewell to two beloved teachers

Undoubtedly, one of the most significant and enriching activities of the visit of Class 53 to the IADC, was the meeting they held with the students of Class 63, which was also the setting chosen by the management leadership to hold the farewell ceremony of two Professors highly respected and loved by all the Classes that have passed through the classrooms of the IADC: Professor Dr. Roberto Pereyra Bordón and Professor Dr. Mariano Bartolomé, who received with heavy emotion the words of gratitude of several of their colleagues and also the expressions of affection of the representatives of both classes. The farewell ceremony was conducted by Professor Dr. Mark Hamilton, Professor and Coordinator of the Faculty.



- The IADC considers with absolute certainty that receiving visits from graduates of this nature has a very relevant strategic value to achieve the learning objectives of all students, since the perspective that the ALUMNI brings to the new generations of students of the IADC, undoubtedly contributes to broaden their horizons and is a source of joy and satisfaction for our beloved institution.



Gather your class!



For this reason, the IADC encourages all ALUMNI in the hemisphere who wish to carry out meetings, visits, academic refresher days or activities that promote knowledge and continuous training among its members, to contact us through alumni@iadc.edu mail to share their concerns, ideas and proposals in order to find a way to materialize them for the benefit of all the ALUMNI Chapters of America.

REUNION OF CLASS 36 ALUMNI IN GUATEMALA



Likewise the graduates of Class 36, participated in a visit to the Military Academy and sites of governmental and cultural interest within Guatemala City. There was also space to enjoy beautiful group tours, the exquisite Guatemalan gastronomy and the incomparable cordiality that characterizes that great country.



A pleasant meeting of the ALUMNI of Class 36, took place in Guatemala from July 21 to 28, 2024. The attendees developed a rich agenda that included various activities, such as an important Conference on the theme "National Defense Policy 2021-2032" that was held at the MG Héctor Alejandro Gramajo Morales Convention Center of the Guatemalan Army, given by the General Directorate of Defense Policy of the Ministry of National Defense.

Participation of alumni



The Alumni of Class 36 who participated in this meeting are the following, from Colombia: MG Luis Alfredo Rodríguez Pérez; from Ecuador MG Bolivar Mena Villamarin, from Mexico VADM Conrado Aparicio Blanco; from Peru: LTG Carlos Samame; from the United States: SCI Joanna Esty; USVI: BG(VI)/COL Eddy Charles and as local hosts participated for Guatemala the SCI Rafael Rottmann, Col. Rolando Sandoval, Col Olmedo Vásquez and Col. Miguel Antonio Meléndez, some of them accompanied by their families.

Visit to the San Juan Sacatepéquez Polytechnic School

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GRADUATION OF CLASS 63



The IADC congratulates its new graduates and their families, while expressing that it has been truly gratifying to see the growth of all those who made up Class 63, without a doubt, this important achievement within their respective careers and their professional goals will bear importance in their countries and abroad. This is just the beginning of many objectives and challenges ahead, important achievements obtained and infinite opportunities that still await them.

61 graduates

On June 25, 2024, the Inter-American Defense College (IADC), under the leadership of Major General Richard Heitkamp, added 61 new graduates, who from that day on, became part of the select group of IADC ALUMNI.



Congratulations class 63
¡LA MEJOR!

SAVE THE DATE! SEPTEMBER 18 & 19, 2025!



The Inter-American Defense College Foundation (IADCF), the Association of Spanish Diplomas in Security and Defense (ADESyD) and the Ecuador Chapter of former IADC Advisors and Graduates (ASOCID-Ecuador) are pleased to announce the First IADC Hemispheric Convention on Security and Defense which will be held September 18 & 19, 2025 in Madrid, Spain. This will be a great opportunity to meet IADC Graduates, current and former Advisors, current IADC College leadership, and other interested civilian and military "amigos" from OAS member and observer countries such as Spain.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet and exchange observations with others who have attended the IADC over the past 63 years! Our two-day program will incorporate social and cultural programming along with the academic conferences where we will exchange observations on hemispheric and transatlantic security and defense, promote the exchange of knowledge and experiences gained through the IADC lens.



Gather your classmates, colleagues from your country and be prepared for ¡La Mejor! Y ¡La Primera Convención del CID! Program information and registration will be released soon. Our email: MADRID2025@iadc.edu

IADCF activities

The IADCF meets monthly and has made impressive strides since its reinstatement and reinauguration in March 2024. During our first 6 months, we proactively engaged with the IADC alumni community. We established a Director of Alumni Relations, met with Alumni in-person and virtually, and conducted our first IADC Alumni survey in May to better foster a sense of unity and purpose with IADC Alumni throughout the hemisphere and Spain. In June, we met at the IADC for our meeting and attended Class 63's graduation and on-campus reunions for class 53 and 48. In July, we met with graduates in Argentina and later in the month in Guatemala while attending Class 36's reunion. We are also actively involved in planning the 1st IADC Hemispheric Security and Defense Convention which will be held in Madrid 18-19 September 2025.



- IADC Foundation efforts have been directed toward strengthening the Foundation's administrative and legal framework. We are actively on expanding our social media presence and developing a new website <https://iadcf.org/> to showcase our mission, projects, and accomplishments. If you haven't already done so, please join us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FOUNDATION.IADC>, Instagram and LinkedIn. Since many of our Board members are also graduates, we also share information on the IADC Alumni WhatsApp Chat.



- The IADC Foundation's fundraising initiatives are also promising as we work to secure resources to support the crucial projects as outlined by the IADC leadership. This progress reinforces the Foundation's role and paving the way for substantial support for the IADC's strategic objectives in the future. As a US Charitable organization (501 C3), we are now able to accept individual and class donations online, here is a link to our [Donation Page](#) !We look forward to continuing to support the IADC and its graduates!

IADC LIBRARY AND LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER



Discover the power of training at the Inter-American Defense College! In our new video, we take you to the heart of Washington, D.C., where leaders from 28 countries come together to forge a safer future. Since 1962, we have trained more than 3,000 senior officers and civilians, creating networks of cooperation that transcend borders. With a unique approach that combines theory and practice in key areas such as strategy and human rights, our graduates are leading change in their nations. Don't miss this opportunity to get inspired and learn how the College is forging tomorrow's leaders!



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A graduate in the library

We are pleased to announce that under the direction of Class 58 member Juan Carrasco (2018-2019), the Library and Learning Resource Center is undergoing an exciting transformation. With a renewed focus on academic excellence, we have optimized access to a wide range of data sources and academic journals, thanks to our strategic agreement with the National Defense University.

Mr. Carrasco is dedicated to providing our academic community with exceptional tools and resources to foster both learning and research. From training in the use of bibliographic resources to organizing classes and workshops, the Center is fully equipped to comprehensively support the academic needs of all our users.

We invite everyone to explore the new opportunities we offer and to make the most of these valuable tools on their path to academic success.

Dear ALUMNI and friends of the IADC, we have reached the end of the Newsletter corresponding to the activities carried out between the months of May and September 2024, it has been a real pleasure for us to have worked actively for you gathering all the information that we have presented to you in this edition.

Wait for new news..

- Very soon we will be incorporating into our IADC ALUMNI Newsletter interesting news regarding the results obtained from the questionnaires that we have been sending you through the Faculty, the IADC Foundation and Professor Katherine Almeida, which will reveal to us what are your most significant interests regarding various topics that will be developed in the future, through different activities.



We hope that this new edition has been to the liking of all of you, do not forget that we hope to hear from you at any time and also remember that all our institutional communication channels are always at your disposal, for this purpose, you can contact our ALUMNI Program, dependent on the Directorate of External Relations of the IADC, through the Director, Mr. Ricardo Lebrón, at the email ric.lebron@iadc.edu, you can also contact the ALUMNI Liaison Colonel Aldo Victoria (Army - Mexico), at the email iadc_alumni@iadc.edu or with the ALUMNI Coordinator Zoraya Alas (Civil - Paraguay) at the email zoraya.alas@iadc.edu

**See you in the next installment of the IADC Newsletter 2024...
a fraternal hug for each of you who are ¡LA MEJOR!**