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U.S. Army JFK Special Warfare Center & School Civil Affairs Centennial Week
Reserve Officers Association
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U.S. Global Leadership Coalition
Is pleased to invite you to the

2019 Civil Affairs Roundtable:
"Optimizing Civil Affairs"

Tuesday, April 2nd 2019
National Guard Armory Conference Center
200 East Capital St., SE
Washington, DC 20003

The 2018 Civil Affairs Centennial & Symposium at Ft. Bragg, NC last November was a seminal event in “strengthening the Regiment to secure the victory” as the executive summary of the *2018-19 Civil Affairs Issue Papers* explains. The Symposium workshop, panels, and presented papers helped galvanize discussion on how the Regiment can organize, train, educate, and resource its forces – well beyond standard military program requirements – to shape human security environments and help the U.S., its allies and its partners prevail in the years to come. Whether for special or conventional force operations, it concluded, the main challenge for the active or reserve CA Soldier or Marine remains being the Joint Force, Army, or Marine command subject matter expert on civil factors that affect the military mission – or, as the following Civil Affairs White Paper put it, how CA forces are DoD’s “primary human geography-focused capability to understand and engage civil populations and agencies... across the competition continuum in joint and multinational operations that include military engagement, security cooperation, deterrence, crisis response, limited contingency operations, large-scale ground combat operations, operations in dense urban environments, and defense support to stabilization.” With respect to the latter, the Stabilization Assistance Review is an opportunity to institutionalize civil-military interagency planning relationships, including the need for civilian experts on the ground working alongside CA to enable a unified, civilian-led conditions-based approach that appropriately layers and sequences security and non-security assistance, as seen in eastern Syria and across Africa. At the Roundtable, the discussion shifts to a more granular identification of DOTMLPF-P [doctrine, organization, training, material, leadership, education, and policy] pathways to guide CA modernization and continuous investment in an innovative and adaptive force well networked in planning and operational relationships and persistently engaged and aligned regionally to facilitate political-military goals and objectives. In addition to the speakers and panel discussions, attending members and friends of the Regiment will conclude by looking at how to advance civil affairs at a more ambitious, multilateral scale over the next year’s cycle.

Agenda

- 8:00 Registration and refreshments
- 8:30 Welcome
Major General William J. Walker, Commanding General, District of Columbia National Guard
- 8:35 Opening Remarks
Joe Kirlin, Colonel, U.S. Army Civil Affairs (Ret.), President, Civil Affairs Association
- 8:50 Presentation of the 2018-19 Civil Affairs Issue Papers
Christopher Holshek, Colonel, U.S. Army Civil Affairs (Ret.), Director, Civil Affairs Association and Distinguished Member of the Civil Affairs Regiment
- 9:00 Keynote Speaker
Mr. Mark E. Mitchell, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict
“The Civil Affairs Role in the Competition Continuum and Interagency Stabilization”
- 9:30 Interagency Panel Discussion
Moderator: *Mr. Ryan McCannell, Head of Office of Conflict Management & Mitigation, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development*
Panelists:
- *Peter J. Quaranto, Senior Advisor - Peace & Security, Office of U.S. Foreign Assistance (F), U.S. Department of State*
 - *Stephen Lennon, Director, Office of Transition Initiatives, U.S. Agency for International Development*
 - *Mr. Patrick M. Antonietti, Director for Peacekeeping and Stabilization, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy – Stability and Humanitarian Affairs*
 - *Colonel Scott L. Heil, Syria Transition Assistance Response Team Senior Military Advisor, Undersecretary of Defense – Policy*
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Civil Affairs Force Development Stakeholder Panel
Moderator: *Colonel (Ret) Dennis J. Cahill, Director, Civil Affairs Force Modernization at Civil Affairs Branch Proponent, U.S. Army JFK Special Warfare Center & School*
Panelists:
- *Major General Darrell Guthrie, Commander, U.S. Army Civil Affairs & Psychological Operations Command (Airborne)*
 - *Colonel Calvin E. Fish, Policy Assistant for Civil Affairs, Special Operations / Low Intensity Conflict*
 - *Colonel Valerie A. Jackson, U.S. Marine Corps, National Center for Dispute Resolution*
 - *Colonel Michael W. Rauhut, Director, U.S. Army Peacekeeping & Stability Operations Institute*
 - *Lieutenant Colonel Ryan M. Hansen, Commander, 97th Civil Affairs Battalion*
- 12:00 Luncheon Discussion: “The [NATO] Civil-Military Cooperation Center of Excellence – Ways Ahead for Cooperation and Synchronization with U.S. Civil Affairs”
Major Csaba Szabo, Concepts, Interoperability, and Capabilities, CCoE
- 12:30 Facilitated Discussion: Venue and Dates of the 2019 Civil Affairs Symposium and Theme of the 2019-20 Civil Affairs Issue Papers
Facilitator: *Christopher Holshek, Colonel, U.S. Army Civil Affairs (Ret.), Program Director, Civil Affairs Association and Distinguished Member of the Civil Affairs Regiment*

- 13:30 Final Announcements, Closing Remarks, and Adjournment
Joe Kirlin, Colonel, U.S. Army Civil Affairs (Ret.), President, Civil Affairs Association
- 14:00 Civil Affairs Association Board Meeting (Members Only)
Joe Kirlin, Colonel, U.S. Army Civil Affairs (Ret.), President, Civil Affairs Association
- Agenda posted separately
- 15:30 Meeting Adjournment

Next Event: Civil Affairs Symposium 2019. Date and location TBC.

Notes:

1. For the convenience of especially military personnel seeking professional development opportunities, this [Department of Defense approved conference] event is taking place prior to the PKSOI Peace & Stability Operations Training & Education Workshop on "Forecasting Peacekeeping and Stability Requirements in a Changing World," April 3rd-5th at the Army War College, Carlisle, PA. For more, go to:
<https://pksoi.armywarcollege.edu/conferences/psotew/>
2. Registration for the event is \$30 for Civil Affairs Association members and \$35 for non-members, which covers administrative costs, lunch and refreshments. To register in advance and avoid the \$40 at-door cash fee, go before noon EST 29 March 2019 to: <https://caa49.wildapricot.org/event-3246310>
3. Nearest Metro station to the National Guard Armory is "Stadium-Armory."
4. Roundtable uniform is duty uniform, Class B or business casual.

For more information, go to: <http://www.civilaffairsassoc.org/>