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2023 | ALUMNI PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE

FEBRUARY 21, 22, 23, 2023
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA



CENTER FOR HOMELAND
DEFENSE AND SECURITY
NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL



2023 CHDS Alumni Professional Exchange (APEX)

Continuing Education Workshop | Barbara McNitt Ballroom, Hermann Hall
Naval Postgraduate School | February 21 - 23, 2023

DAY ONE – Tuesday, February 21

- 8:00 a.m. **Welcome**
Registration & Coffee Service
- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome**
- Glen Woodbury, Director, CHDS
- Opening Remarks**
- Admiral Ann Rondeau, USN (Ret.), President,
Naval Postgraduate School
- Workshop Overview**
- Debra Kirby, President, CHDS Association
- 8:50 a.m. **Keynote Address**
- Erik Hooks, Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency
- 10:00 a.m. **Morning Break**
- 10:20 a.m. **Plenary Session: American Patriotism Today**
- Nabeela Barbari, Executive Vice President, OTH Solutions
 - Steve Sund, Former Chief, U.S. Capitol Police
 - Dan O'Connor, Director, Field Security Division,
Office of the Chief Security Officer, OCSO, FEMA
- 11:40 a.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Alumni Short Talks on New Ideas in Homeland Security:
Nuclear Threat and Strategic Competition**
- Robert Wagner, Senior WMD Subject Matter Expert,
Octant Associates
- 2:15 p.m. **Afternoon Break**
- 2:35 p.m. **Alumni Short Talks on New Ideas in Homeland Security:
Microvisibility: New Ideas in Leadership**
- Nitin Natarajan, Deputy Director, CISA
- 3:30 p.m. **Alumni Announcements**
- 4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

DAY TWO – Wednesday, February 22

- 7:30 a.m. **Coffee Service**
- 8:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks**
• Debra Kirby, President, CHDS Association
- 8:15 a.m. **Alumni Opportunities / Launch of ProPages**
• Heather Hollingsworth Issvoran, Director,
Strategic Communications, CHDS
Contract Support for Creek Technologies
• Emily Bruza,
Digital Content Manager, CHDS
Contract Support for Creek Technologies
- 8:30 a.m. **Presentation of the CHDS Alumni Service Award**
Presentation of Christopher Bellavita Award
Nitin Natarajan and Caleb Cage
• Debra Kirby, President, CHDS Association
- 9:00 a.m. **Plenary Session: Smart Practices in Interagency Regional Coordination
and Collaboration**
• Brig. Gen. Alicia Tate-Nadeau, Director, Illinois Emergency
Management Agency
• Ted Berger, Executive Director, Cook County Department
of Emergency Management and Regional Security
• Beth Windisch, Executive Officer, Cybersecurity and
Infrastructure Security Agency
• Tom Sivak, Administrator, Region 5, FEMA
- 10:15 a.m. *Morning Break*
- 10:35 a.m. **Alumni Short Talks on New Ideas in Homeland Security:
Next Generation 911**
• Karima Holmes, Director, Washington, DC, 911 and 311
- 11:45 a.m. *Lunch*
- 1:00 p.m. **Plenary Session: Open Artificial Intelligence: Emerging Technologies
and Threats**
• Rodrigo Nieto Gomez, NPS Faculty
- 2:15 p.m. *Afternoon Break*
- 2:35 p.m. **Plenary Session: The Great Simplification: What HS
Leaders Need to Know About the Future of Energy**
• Nate Hagens, Director, Institute for the Study of Energy
and Our Future
- 4:00 p.m. *Adjourn*
- 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. **Networking Reception (Hosted by the CHDS Association)**
****All alumni, guests, speakers, faculty, and staff are invited****

DAY THREE – Thursday, February 23

- 7:30 a.m. **Coffee Service**
- 8:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks**
- Debra Kirby, President, CHDS Association
 - Remembrance of those who have recently passed
- 8:45 a.m. **Plenary Session: Five Crises: COVID-19 and the Necessity of Resilience**
- Caleb Cage, recipient of Christopher Bellavita Award
- 10:00 a.m. ***Morning Break***
- 10:20 a.m. **Alumni Short Talks on New Ideas in Homeland Security:
Cyber Armageddon: Not Yet**
- Elvis Chan, FBI Asst. Agent in Charge, San Francisco
- 11:45 a.m. ***Lunch***
- 1:00 p.m. **Alumni Short Talks on New Ideas in Homeland Security:
Viewing Recruitment and Retention Through a New Lens**
- Mikaela Ellenwood, Mass Care Branch Director, National IMAT White, FEMA
 - Scott Fenton, Region 9 Operations Branch Director, FEMA
- 2:15 p.m. ***Afternoon Break***
- 2:35 p.m. **Plenary Session: CHDS Alumni Meeting**
- CHDS Association Board and Alumni
- 4:00 p.m. ***Adjourn***