



## History of the Seal

The scarlet and blue colors surrounding the globe are adapted from the National flag and are used to allude to partnership between the United States and the other nations of the Western Hemisphere....



The leaves are tied together by "1997," the year in which the Secretary of Defense established the Center.



The globe is positioned to emphasize the area most often associated with the Western Hemisphere: the North, Central, and South American landmass, the Caribbean, and a segment of Antarctica.



Laurel and oak leaves that are emblematic of achievement and strength through knowledge cradle the globe.



The wreath is taken from the National Defense University's coat of arms and symbolizes the Center's origins.



Inscribed on the scroll is "Mens et Fides Mutua." This means "Understanding and Mutual Trust."



The words "National Defense University" also appear on the scroll.