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International Officers Class of 2004

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS HALL OF FAME

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CITATION

The United States National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C., in recognition of outstanding military achievement, hereby inducts into the United States National Defense University International Fellows Hall of Fame Division General Juan José Ruíz Morales, Minister of Defense of the Republic of Guatemala. By order of Vice Admiral Ann Rondeau, President, United States National Defense University, dated the 25th day of October 2011.

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

In honor of

Division General
Juan José Ruíz Morales
Minister of Defense
Republic of Guatemala

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Division General Juan José Ruíz Morales



General JUAN JOSÉ RUÍZ MORALES has been in active service for the Guatemalan Armed Forces for 32 years. After graduating from Guatemala's officer military academy, "Escuela Politécnica", he has occupied different key positions in the military institution. He has successfully completed special courses such as the Special Forces Courses "Airborne" and "Kaibil". General Ruiz later transitioned to the Guatemalan Air Force and has since recorded 6,200 helicopter flight hours.

During his career, General Ruiz Morales has received Military training in Guatemala and overseas with exceptional results. Some of his notable training includes Flight Physiology, Pressure Chamber and Flight Safety, McDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida, EE.UU; Night Flight -NVG-, Salvadorian Air Force; Command Course, Colombian Air Force, Instituto Militar Aeronautico, Santa Fe de Bogota; United Nations Military Observer, Finnish Centre of United Nations Training, Nisalo Finland; Strategic Military-Civic Internal Development Course, from the SOF, U.S.A.; and Command and Staff Course for the Air Force, Escuela Superior del Aire, Madrid, Spain. He holds a B.S.C in Technology and Resource Management from Galileo University in Guatemala, a Post graduate degree in National Defense Resource Management from the Defense Resource Management Institute, Naval School in Monterey, California, a Masters Degree in National Resources Strategy from the National Defense University in Washington D.C., a Diploma in National Strategic Studies from the Strategic Studies Center (ESTNA), Guatemala.

Some of the most important positions General Ruiz has held are: Guatemalan Air Force Commander, General Chief of National Defense Joint Staff and, currently National Defense Minister.

During his posts in the Guatemalan Armed Forces he has received the following distinctions: Flight Instructor, Three Presidential Citations for outstanding actions, Three Stars on Combatant Plaque and the Bronze Star for distinguished services.

He has also been awarded the following medals: 1ST Class Aptitude and Conduct Medal, Air Force Cross, Army Cross, Navy Cross, Cross of Distinguished Services, and the Armed Forces Cross.

He is the author of the current Operational Strategy of the Guatemalan Army.

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies

Colonel John Charlton, USAF (Ret)
Senior Director, International Student Management Office

Welcome Remarks

Ambassador Nancy McEldowney
Senior Vice President, National Defense University

Remarks

Major General Joseph Brown
Commandant, Industrial College of the Armed Forces

Remarks

Vice Admiral Ann Rondeau
President, National Defense University

Induction of

Division General Juan José Ruíz Morales

Presentation of Certificate of Honor
Presentation of Hall of Fame Memento
Unveiling of Hall of Fame Photograph

Inductee Remarks

**A Buffet Luncheon will Follow in
Marshall Hall South Atrium**