



# *Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies*



NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY  
INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM

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# Regional Centers



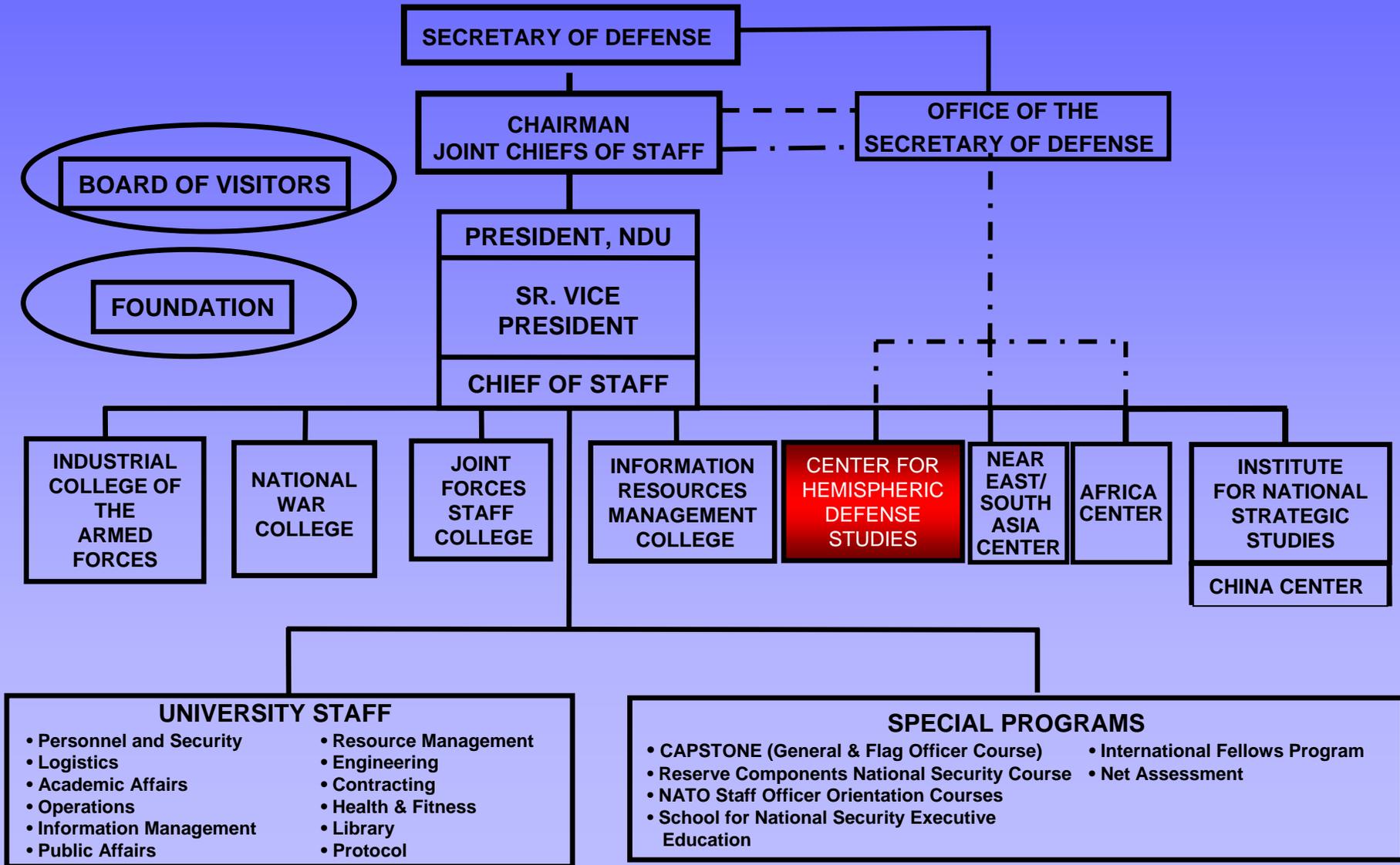


# *National Defense University* (*NDU*)





# NDU Organizational Chart





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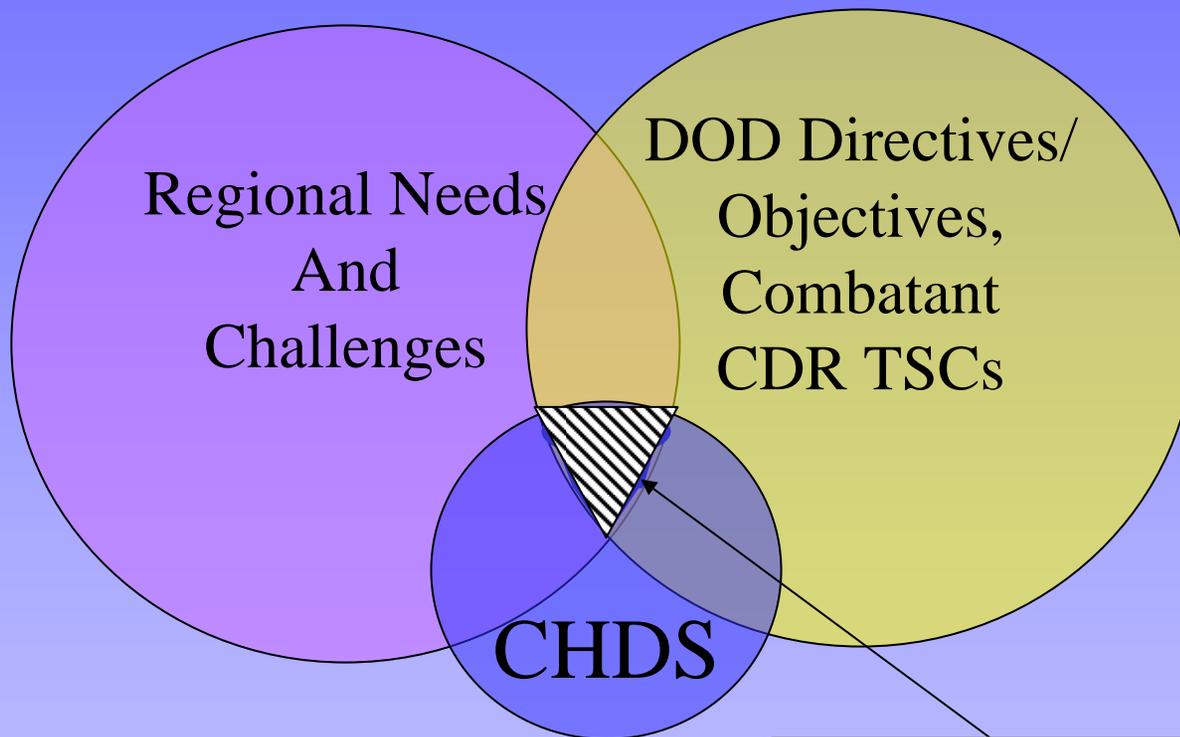


## **Background**

- **Created as a result of the Defense Ministerial Conference Process**
  - **Williamsburg – 1995**
  - **Bariloche - 1996**
    - **Secretary of Defense William Perry initiative**
  - **Inaugurated in September 1997**
  - **First course held in March 1998**



# *CHDS Mission Focus*



- National Security Planning Process
- Defense Decision Making
- Policy Formulation
- Regional Security Forum



# *Mission*



## **The Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies**

- **Provide education, and conduct outreach, research and knowledge-sharing activities on defense and international security policy-making with military and civilian leaders of the Western Hemisphere.**
- **Advance international security policy and defense decision-making processes, foster partnerships and promote effective civil-military relations in democratic societies.**
- **Contribute to a cooperative international security environment and mutual understanding of U.S. and regional defense and international security policy issues.**



# FY06 Educational Programs



- Counter ideological support for terrorism
- Harmonize views on common security challenges
- Educate on defense and security in civil societies

## Regional Security and Defense Communities

### Washington D.C.

### In Region

Senior Executive Dialogue  
3 x per year

National Security Planning  
Workshop 2-3 days

Washington Diplomatic  
Seminar 1 week

CoCom Directed Workshop /  
Event 2-3 days

Amistad/IADC 1 week

Legislative Leader Seminar  
2-3 days

Strategy and Defense Policy  
2 x per year

Sub-regional Conference  
2-3 x per year

Interagency Coordination &  
Counterterrorism Course 3  
weeks

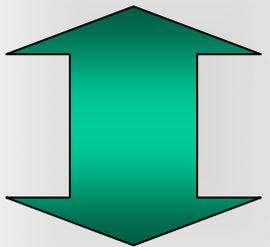
Strategy and Defense  
Policy (Caribbean)

Advanced Defense Studies:  
DL & Residence (Pilot)  
14 weeks / 1 week

Advanced Policymaking  
Seminar 1 week

Interagency Coordination &  
Counterterrorism Seminar  
1 week

Senior  
Policymakers



Emerging  
Civilian, Military,  
& Police

#### Legend:

- New Activity
- Existing Activity
- Modified Activity



# *CHDS Statistics: 1998-2005*



- Participation by all countries of the Americas and the Caribbean except Cuba.
- More than 12,000 participants in CHDS courses, seminars, conferences and workshops.
- 2,222 Graduates from resident courses in Washington, D.C. as of July 2005.
  - ✓ Civilians (73%)
    - 52% government employees (Ministries of Defense, Interior, Foreign Relations, Economy, Justice), legislators and staff
    - 21% non-governmental personnel (media, academics, think tanks, NGOs, business community)
  - ✓ Military (27%)



# CHDS Alumni



- **CHDS alumni are active in their national and regional security and defense missions:**
  - Assignments to top level positions
  - Formulating security strategies and defense policies
  - Advising senior officials and legislators



- **Alumni also frequently interact with CHDS and each other:**
  - Alumni Web Page and Chat Room
  - Newsletter
  - Electronic Journal
  - MERLN
  - Continuing Education (Sustainment Courses)
    - + Advanced Policy Seminars
    - + Distance Learning
  - Alumni Associations and Strategic Studies Centers





# *Center For Hemispheric Defense Studies*



- Regional DoD academic institution for the enhancement of cooperation in international security and defense matters and issues
  - Military to civilian relations
  - Building civil-military understanding
- CHDS provides country/sub-regionally tailored activities to meet specific needs.
  - Exempt from Article 98 restrictions
  - Requirement for external funding
- Highly respected international faculty offers multi-lingual fluency, expertise, and cross-cultural awareness.



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