



## 2020 Civil Affairs Symposium

### "Civil Affairs: A Force for Influence in Competition"

#### Biographies of Symposium Organizers, Speakers, and Panelists

##### Civil Affairs Association Leadership and Event Organizers



Joseph P. Kirlin III, Colonel, USA (ret.) is an independent financial planner and advisor in West Chester, PA. He serves as President of the Civil Affairs Association. He has been awarded the Civil Affairs Associations' Eli Nobleman Annual Award and Ralph Temple Award, and is a Distinguished Member of the Civil Affairs Regiment. In addition to graduating from the U.S. Army War College, he has a B.A. in Political Science and an M.A. in History (Soviet/East European Studies) from Niagara University, NY and an MBA from LaSalle University, Philadelphia, PA. He is currently part of the youth leadership program for the Military Order of the World Wars Philadelphia Chapter, providing classes on leadership and free enterprise to high school students.



Colonel (Ret.) Christopher Holshek is an [international peace & and security consultant](#) and a senior civil-military advisor at [Narrative Strategies](#), the [Alliance for Peacebuilding](#), as well as the NATO project on "[Resilient Civilians](#) in Hybrid and Population-Centric Warfare." His more than three decades of civil-military conflict management experience includes CA and UN deployments at multiple Army/Marine, joint, and multinational levels and settings across the full range of operations. As an Association Vice President, he is responsible for the annual symposia and roundtables, and edits the *Civil Affairs Issue Papers*. He is a Distinguished Member of the Civil Affairs Regiment (Corps).



Major General (Ret.) Daniel R. Ammerman retired in September 2019 after 39 years of military service which includes initial CA deployments to Bosnia in 1996 and Kosovo in 2001. He commanded the 432<sup>nd</sup> CA Battalion in Iraq in 2003 supporting the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division and later 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, then commanded a jointly manned 304<sup>th</sup> CA Brigade in Iraq during 2008-2009. He then took over the 353<sup>rd</sup> CA Command and U.S. Army Civil Affairs & Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) in succession. Association Vice President for Membership and recipient of the Eli. E. Nobleman Award, he is also a senior financial manager for Schneider Inc., a large international logistics company and a Certified Public Accountant.



Lieutenant Colonel [Arnel P. David](#) is currently the DACOS G5 of the NATO Allied Rapid Reaction Corps in the United Kingdom. He was formerly the US Special Advisor to the Chief of the General Staff (UK 4-Star) and the Chief of Staff of the Army Strategic Studies Group (SSG) in Washington D.C. After company command in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault), he completed the Civil Affairs Qualification and Regional Analysis Courses. On his last deployment he was the Commander's Initiative Group Chief for the Special Operations Joint Task Force – Afghanistan. He is coauthor of [Military Strategy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: People, Connectivity, and Competition](#) (Cambria Press, 2018). A new book on Civil Affairs is forthcoming.

## Keynote Speakers



Lieutenant General (Retired) Charles "Hoop" Hooper is one of the Nation's foremost experts on U.S. security cooperation, security assistance, foreign military sales and the Chinese military, with over 30 years of experience in: security policy formulation and execution; China's military and defense industries; India's defense sector; strategic intelligence; security cooperation; sensitive negotiations; foreign military sales; education and transformational leadership. With operational assignments with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry and 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Divisions, he taught Chinese Foreign Policy at the Naval Postgraduate School and is a fluent Chinese and Arabic linguist, with a certificate in Chinese Language & Literature from the UK Ministry of Defense Chinese Language School, who served as senior U.S. military officer in China and Egypt, as well as senior DoD strategist and planner for U.S. Africa Command and a senior China policy official, Office of the Secretary of Defense. In his final assignment, Hoop was Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, the Harvard Kennedy School of Government (MPA), and was a post-graduate research fellow at the Harvard Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. In addition to being a rare American recipient of the French National Defense Medal, he was the first Army student-officer and first Harvard Kennedy School of Government student to give a Harvard University graduate student commencement address. Hoop is a member of MENSA and the Council on Foreign Relations.



Lieutenant General Jody J. Daniels recently assumed command as 34<sup>th</sup> Chief of Army Reserve and 9<sup>th</sup> Commanding General, U.S. Army Reserve Command – the first woman to lead the Army Reserve. She previously commanded the 88<sup>th</sup> Readiness Division. During her more than 37 years of active and reserve military service, LTG Daniels has also served as: Chief of Staff, U.S. Forces Command; Assistant Chief of Staff, U.S. Africa Command; Commanding General of the 87<sup>th</sup> Army Reserve Support Command and Deputy Commanding General, First Army Division East; as well as other leadership positions, including in Korea, Kosovo and Iraq. LTG Daniels completed Civil Affairs deployments to Kosovo and Iraq, where she served as the Chief of Plans and Integration and later Director for Intelligence for the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq. In her civilian career, she was Director of Advanced Programs for Lockheed Martin's Advanced Technology Laboratories, and has served on the Defense Advanced Research Programs Agency Information Science & Technology Review Board, the ISAT Steering Committee, and Drexel University's Computer Science Department Advisory Board. Daniels holds a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) and an M.S. in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.



Brigadier General Robert S. Cooley, Jr. recently assumed the role as the Army Reserve Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Reserve Command, Fort Bragg, NC, after serving as Commanding General, 353<sup>rd</sup> Civil Affairs Command. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY, and received his Masters' in Business Administration from University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, and in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA. His civil affairs deployments include: in 2005, as Operations Officer for the 448<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion; in 2006, as civil affairs planner in the Multinational Forces – Iraq Civil Military Operations Directorate in Baghdad; in 2009, as Deputy Commander for the Provincial Reconstruction Team Khost, Afghanistan. He then commanded the 422<sup>nd</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion in Greensboro, NC, and became Chief of Staff at the 352<sup>nd</sup> Civil Affairs Command at Fort Meade, MD. In June 2014 he assumed command of the 1st Mobilization Support Group at Fort Totten, New York and in June 2016 became Deputy Commander, 85<sup>th</sup> Support Command, Arlington Heights, IL.

### Workshop I: Civil Affairs Proponent



Colonel (Ret.) Dennis J. Cahill is Deputy Capability Manager for Civil Affairs at the U.S. Army Special Operations Command's Force Modernization Center. He is a Distinguished Member of the Civil Affairs Corps Regiment, served as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Honorary Colonel of the Civil Affairs Corps, and was a National Security Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 2005-2006. In 2016, he attended the Senior Executive Fellowship Program at the Harvard Kennedy School.



Colonel Jay Liddick is Civil Affairs Capability Manager in the U.S. Army Special Operations Command Force Modernization Center at Fort Bragg, NC, responsible for CA Branch force modernization. His civil affairs assignments have included CMOC Chief, Company Commander, Battalion Executive Officer, Brigade S3, Battalion Commander, HRC Civil Affairs Branch Chief, Deputy Brigade Commander, and the CA Advisor/IW Integrator at the U.S. Army Peace Keeping & Stability Operations Institute. Colonel Liddick has deployed to the Dominican Republic, Bosnia, Iraq, Colombia, Afghanistan, and Indonesia, and Honduras. Jay is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College.

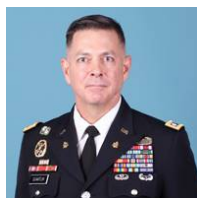


Colonel Scot Storey currently serves as the Director of the U.S. Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute, as it promotes the collaborative development and integration of peace and stability capabilities across the U.S. government, international organizations, and the community of interest. Prior to this, he was U.S. III Corps, Fort Hood, TX Assistant Chief of Staff, G9, responsible for coordinating all matters on civil-military operations. As such, he also served as the Deputy J9 for Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve in Baghdad, Iraq where he facilitated coordination with international, interagency, and non-governmental organizations in Iraq and Syria. He also previously commanded the 95<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne).



Colonel Mark A. Cunningham is Commanding Officer, Third Civil Affairs Group, Marine Forces Reserves located at Great Lakes Naval Station near Chicago, IL. He and his Marines developed and tested concepts for civil reconnaissance in support of great power competition for Marine and Joint operations. As a U.S. government civilian, Colonel Cunningham serves as the Principal Intelligence Analyst for Future Warfare Analysis for the National Air & Space Intelligence Center, where he supports the force design efforts of U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force.

### Workshop II: USACAPOC(A)



Colonel Marshall Straus Scantlin is currently the Director, Strategic Initiatives, at U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne). Colonel Scantlin has deployed, commanded, and served as a staff officer in Civil Affairs units since he completed the Civil Affairs Officer Advance Course in 2001. He was a U.S. Army War College Fellow at the University of Texas for academic year 2016-2017 and formerly the Chief, Dynamic Fires Branch, Joint Fires Element, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command in Camp Smith, HI.



Brigadier General Jeffrey C. Coggin is Commanding General, U.S. Army Civil Affairs & Psychological Operations Command (Airborne), Ft. Bragg, NC, where he was also Deputy Commanding General. Assignments include: Environmental Science Officer, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion & Preventive Medicine, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD; Environmental Science Officer, 489<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion, Knoxville, TN, as Civil Military Cooperation Battalion Liaison Officer to the U.S. Agency for International Development in the Balkans as well as the Public Health Team Chief for the Coalition Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force and direct support team chief for the first Coalition Humanitarian Liaison Cell (CHLC 13) in Afghanistan. He was also the Battalion's General Support Detachment and Alpha Company Commander in Iraq, then its Executive Officer and Commander, including additional (command) tours in Iraq. After leaving the 489<sup>th</sup>, BG Coggin served as Chief, Functional Specialty Cell Two at the 352<sup>nd</sup> Civil Affairs Command, Ft. Meade, MD and then assumed command of the 360<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne), Ft. Jackson, SC, then returned to the 352<sup>nd</sup> as Chief of Staff prior to command of the 321<sup>st</sup> Civil Affairs Brigade, San Antonio, TX. BG Coggin was also Commanding General of the 350<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Command, Pensacola, FL.

Workshop III: NCO Forum



Sergeant Major (Ret.) Timothy Kohring is the civilian Training Specialist & Supervisor at the CA Proponent, where he was SGM. A Vice President of the Civil Affairs Association, he is currently Honorary Sergeant Major of the Civil Affairs Regiment (Corps), and has held every leadership and staff CA NCO position in the Army. CA units include: the 403<sup>rd</sup>, 414<sup>th</sup>, 431<sup>st</sup>, and 96<sup>th</sup> CA Battalions, 360<sup>th</sup> CA Brigade, 4<sup>th</sup> CA Group (USMC), USAJFKSWCS, SOCEUR, USACAPOC(A), USASOC, and USSOCOM. He was also Operations SGM of the G-3/5/7 Army

Reserve Command. He is also a long-term adult Boy Scout Volunteer.



Sergeant Major Garric M. Banfield is the Civil Affairs Proponent Sergeant Major. CA billets include: Senior Enlisted Advisor for the CA Center-Special Operations Forces Cell and, Brigade Command Sergeant Major, 95<sup>th</sup> CA Brigade (Special Operations) (Airborne). Operations include: *Operation Desert Falcon*, *Operation Joint Endeavor*, *Operation Joint Guard*, *Operation Iraqi Freedom*, *Operation Enduring Freedom*, *Operation New Dawn*, and the Multinational Force and Observer mission. He has a B.S. in Information Systems Management from the University of Maryland and an

M.S. in Defense Analysis/Irregular Warfare from the Naval Postgraduate School.



Command Sergeant Major Jeremiah E. Grow is the command sergeant major for the 83<sup>rd</sup> CA Battalion. CSM Grow has held every CA NCO leadership position, from Team Sergeant up to Senior Operations Sergeant Major and ARSOF 38B Branch Manager. CA units include: 96<sup>th</sup>, 91<sup>st</sup>, 97<sup>th</sup>, and 82<sup>nd</sup> CA Battalions. Deployments include OEF-Philippines, OEF-Afghanistan (three tours), OIF-Iraq, SOCAF, and JSOTF-TS. He is a graduate of the Command & General Staff College Sergeants Major Course, holds a B.S. in Strategic Studies & Defense Analysis from Norwich

University, and is currently pursuing a Masters in Diplomacy.



Master Gunnery Sergeant Flaherty serves as the G-9 Planner Chief and Civil-Military Operations senior enlisted advisor at 3<sup>rd</sup> Civil Affairs Group (U.S. Marine Corps Reserve), Great Lakes, IL. His deployments include: *Operation Iraqi Freedom* and, with 4<sup>th</sup> CAG for *Operation Enduring Freedom* in Afghanistan. He has also served in an Individual Augmentee billet with U.S. Central Command serving as the Civil-Military Operations Chief for *Operation Inherent Resolve*, then as the Headquarters Detachment Chief and G-9 Operations Chief, 2<sup>nd</sup> CAG, Washington, D.C.

#### Workshop IV: Current Operations



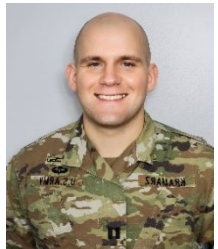
Captain James P. Micciche is an Army Strategist (FA59) and former Civil Affairs officer who is currently a Command and General Staff Officers Course student. As a Civil Affairs officer he has operational and deployment experience in the Arabian Peninsula, Africa, Europe, and the Republic of Korea. As a signal officer he deployed to Afghanistan and served as an aide-de-camp. He is also a former medic/flight medic and holds a Master of Art in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University.



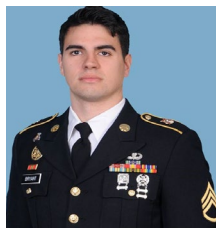
Major Tom Westphal is currently serving as a Civil Affairs Planning Officer with the 351<sup>st</sup> Civil Affairs Command. Before transferring to the reserves, he served eight years on active duty, holding various positions with the 96<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), and as an Armor Officer with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division in Korea, and with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment. His deployments include Iraq (*Operation New Dawn*, 2010-2011), Tajikistan (Civil-Military Engagement Program, 2014-2015), and Jordan (Civil-Military Engagement Program, 2016).



Major Majel Savage recently returned from deployment to Jordan as the Civil Liaison Team Chief of Civil Affairs Support Detachment 10. In 2012, she commanded the 304<sup>th</sup> Military Police Detachment in Kandahar, Afghanistan. After transfer to CA Branch, she served in the 432<sup>nd</sup> and 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalions. In her civilian career, she is a lead canine trainer for GardaWorld Federal Services, training explosives/narcotics detection, and patrol canines for police, military and contract handlers. She also has a master's degree in Sports & Fitness Management.



Captain Lukasz Kramarz is currently a Civil Affairs Team Leader in the 83<sup>rd</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion. He recently completed a deployment to Lithuania where he closed out the mission while assisting the U.S. Embassy Country Team in Vilnius with opening relations with the Lithuanian Rifleman's Union and the Polish minority within Lithuania. Prior to entering CA, Captain Kramarz served in 1-41 Infantry Battalion in Ft. Carson, CO as an Infantry Platoon Leader. He graduated from Lewis University with a bachelor's in history in 2014.



Staff Sergeant Christopher Bryant is assigned as a Special Operations Civil Affairs Medical Sergeant on Civil Affairs Team 121, Bravo Company, 91<sup>st</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion, Special Operations (Airborne). He holds a Tier 1 certificate in DoD International Affairs, is a credentialed Special Operations Combat Medic, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Health Science. Before joining Civil Affairs, he was a Detainee Operations Specialist. He has deployed in support of Flintlock19 and as the Medic for a Civil-Military Support Element.

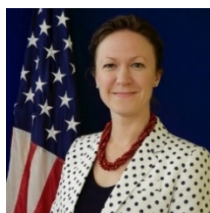


Staff Sergeant Abraham M. Blocker is a USMC reservist currently assigned to the J7/9 Directorate at U.S. Southern Command, having served in the 4<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Group deploying to Central America in support of Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force - Southern Command as well as operations in Norway and Trinidad. He served for nine years on active duty, deploying to Afghanistan and on board the *USS Bataan*. As a civilian career, he works in New York City for JP Morgan's Corporate & Investment Bank within the Prime Finance Team covering Hedge Funds and Asset Managers globally.

Panel Webinar I - Interagency Young Leaders



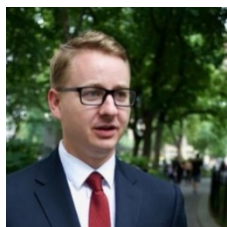
Ryan McCannell is the director of the Center for Conflict and Violence Prevention (CVP) at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Previous assignments included: faculty instructor at the U.S. Army War College and senior advisor to the Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute team at Carlisle Barracks, PA; democracy specialist, senior advisor, and division chief for Conflict, Peacebuilding and Governance in the USAID Bureau for Africa; and program officer for African political development programs at the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs in Washington D.C. Mr. McCannell received a bachelor's degree and certificate in African Studies from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service; a master's in Geographic and Cartographic Sciences from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia; and a master's in Strategic Studies, with distinction, from the U.S. Army War College.



Caitlin Conaty is a Women, Peace, & Security Advisor in the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, A/DASD for Stability and Humanitarian Affairs at the Pentagon. Prior to joining DoD, Caitlin was Acting Deputy Director for the Bureau of Conflict & Stabilization Operation's Africa Office at the U.S. State Department. Previously at State, she led teams to counter violent extremism in East Africa and prevent electoral violence in Nigeria, including development of the USG election strategy to support peaceful and credible elections in Nigeria in 2015 and oversaw a global \$350M assistance program. Caitlin supported conflict prevention efforts in Embassies Juba, Nairobi, Kinshasa, CG Lagos, and others. Her civil-military work has taken her to AFRICOM, Ft. Bragg, Djibouti, and Mozambique. Prior to joining State, Caitlin worked in finance and construction. She earned her MA from George Washington University and BA from George Mason University.



Emelia Fujita is currently a Plans Officer in Echo Company, 83<sup>rd</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion, which deploys Civil Affairs Forces into the Indo-Pacific. She recently returned from a rotation to the Republic of Korea, where she worked with the 8<sup>th</sup> Army Civil Affairs Directorate as the Civil Information Management Chief. Emelia was previously regionally focused on West and Central Africa, serving as the Special Operations Command-Africa liaison to the USAID West Africa Regional Mission in 2018. Prior to Civil Affairs, Emelia was an Army Nurse. She earned her undergraduate degree in nursing from the University of Missouri in 2012.



John Phillips is currently a Program Officer with the State Department Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration where he works on the Asia team. His previous experience includes the Bureau for Conflict and Stabilization Operations, USAID's Office of Inspector General, and OSD-Policy as an intern. As a Marine, he is a Civil Affairs reservist attached to III Marine Expeditionary Force out of Okinawa, Japan. He earned his master's in international law and diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University in 2017 and continues to focus academically on international humanitarian law.

Panel Webinar II – Gender, Population Engagement and Civil Affairs



Colonel (Ret.) Bill Hestwood is assigned to the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center (CAC) G-5 (Plans) section and works on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) and Protection of Civilians (PoC) issues. He is the Army lead for WPS and works across the Army to implement WPS and PoC into Army doctrine, training, education and strategies. He retired from the U.S. Army Reserve in 2009 after 30 years of service.



Colonel (Ret.) Jody Prescott is a retired Army Judge Advocate officer who works on commercial litigation and environmental law at the Department of Homeland Security. He is a lecturer at the University of Vermont, teaching environmental law, energy law & climate change, and cybersecurity law & policy. This year, he is also an adjunct scholar with the Modern War Institute at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY. He is the author of *Armed Conflict, Women and Climate Change* (2018) and the lead author of *Ordinary Soldiers: A Study in Ethics, Law, and Leadership* (2014).



Colonel Caroline Pogge commands 1st Brigade, Atlantic Training Division. She previously commanded the 403<sup>rd</sup> CA Battalion and served with the Army Reserve Counterterrorism Unit attached to the State Department. With the 411<sup>th</sup> CA Battalion, she deployed as: Assistant CA Team Chief in Baghdad, Iraq; Iraqi Business Development Officer at the US Embassy – Amman, Jordan; and, CA Team Chief for the Wasit Provincial Reconstruction Team in Al Kut, Iraq. She was also Battalion Executive Officer in the Horn of Africa. In her civilian career, Caroline is a healthcare consultant and an Adjunct Professor at Fordham University on Population Health, Public Health and Outcomes Measures to future healthcare administrators. She holds a Doctor of Public Health from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, a Master of Healthcare Administration from the University of Kentucky, a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (International Relations) from Tulane University.



Lieutenant Colonel Susan Gannon is currently serving as the U.S. Central Command Military Advisor to USAID. Prior to this, she was commander of the 450<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne) and a theater civil affairs planner in support of USARCENT. Prior to Civil Affairs, she was an active duty Air Defense Artillery officer serving in divisional and Patriot Air Defense units. Susan holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh, a Master of Arts in leadership and management from Webster University, and most recently completed an Army War College Fellowship at the Fletcher School of International Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, MA.



First Lieutenant Kristin Kennedy currently serves with the 450<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne) in White Plains, MD. As a civilian, she is the Program Manager for the Global Defense Reform Program at the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, where she supports advisory programs to build the capacity of defense and security institutions in more than 18 foreign partner nations. She is also a returned Peace Corps Volunteer with two years of service in Zambia and has worked on public health programs in 48 countries. Kristin has an MSc in Public Policy from Carnegie Mellon University and a B.A. in Political Science from Hood College. She is also a 2019 Security Fellow for the Truman National Security Project.

Panel Webinar III – Allied and Multinational Perspectives on  
Civil-Military Engagement and Influence



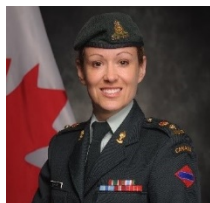
Major General Hugh Van Roosen is Deputy Military Adviser for Peacekeeping Operations at United Nations Headquarters. During his 41 years in the U.S. Army, he served largely in Civil Affairs and Special Forces. He commanded a Civil Affairs battalion and brigade during combat operations in Iraq and served in a number of multi-national operational assignments, including as Senior Adviser to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan and Chief of Staff (Forces) for the United Nations Mission in Liberia. In addition to the U.S. Army War College, U.S. Special Forces Qualification Course, and other U.S. military schools, he attended the UN Senior Leaders Course, UN Civil-Military Coordination Staff Training Course, and UN Civil-Military Coordination Course.



LTC Stefan Muehlich is currently the Branch Chief of the Concepts, Interoperability and Capabilities Branch of the CIMIC Centre of Excellence (CCoE) in The Hague. He served five years as CIMIC Staff Officer Plans Policy & Operations and Section Head Liaison in NATO Joint Force Command Brunssum. Three of his five assignments to Afghanistan were as a CIMIC Staff Officer. For his last assignment as Liaison Officer for NATO Joint Force Command to HQ *Resolute Support*, he received the U.S. Joint Service Achievement Medal. Prior to his tour in Brunssum, he was Military Assistant of the Vice Chief of German Army Staff. He is studying for his Master of Civil Military Interaction.



Lieutenant Colonel Dave Allen is the focus for Irregular Warfare and sub-threshold competition in the SO1 Stabilization Warfare Branch of the Land Warfare Centre of the British Army, with a wide experience in capacity-building and overseas operations.



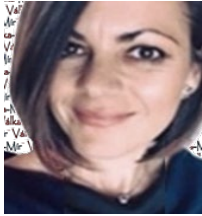
Lieutenant-Colonel Carolyn Lamarre is currently the Commanding Officer of the Influence Activities Task Force Directorate of Land Force Development of the Canadian Army. Originally an Artillery officer who commanded the 7<sup>th</sup> Battery, after deploying to Afghanistan, she specialized in Information Operations, Psychological Operations & Civilian-Military Cooperation, then deployed to the UN mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo as Information Operations Officer. At the Canadian Forces Warfare Centre in Ottawa, she was experiment manager in Joint Targeting. She is a graduate of the Joint Command & Staff Program at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto.



Major Charles Nadeau serves at the Capability Development Cell of the Canadian Army Influence Activities Task Force. After deployment as Operations Officer to the Joint Operations Center of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan, he was an instructor on the UN Military Expert on Mission Course, then at the Psychological Operations Cell of the Canadian Peace Support Training Center. He is a graduate of the Advanced Tactical Psychological Operations Team Course (Germany) and Psychological Operations Analyst Course (Belgium), and has a Master's of Science in geography and in Land Use Planning & Regional Development.



### Panel IV – Civil Affairs Innovation Panel



Dr. Aleksandra Nestic serves as a visiting Senior Social Scientist and Faculty at the US Army's J.F.K. Special Warfare Center and School, where she develops and teaches new courses in the advanced interdisciplinary science of the human domain for deploying CA and PSYOP teams. She is also a Visiting Faculty in the Countering Violent Extremism and Combatting Transregional Terrorism Fellowship Programs at the Joint Special Operations University (USSOCOM), Tampa, FL and a Senior Lecturer at the Foreign Service Institute at the U.S. Department of State. Her latest research focuses on measures to build resilience among traumatized communities vulnerable to state and non-state actor influence, recruitment, mobilization and weaponization.



Brian "Mitch" Mitchell is the Founder and independent producer/director of CrisisCast who has worked with major Hollywood studios and created interactive, filmed and live training events through his role heading up film at MaST International. An entrepreneur and enthusiast who values loyalty and enjoys managing large companies of actors and crew to create confronting, real-world scenarios, he is an affiliate of the Business Continuity Institute.



Francesca Hunt is the co-founder of CrisisCast. An Oxford PPE graduate and Bristol Old Vic and Moscow Arts Theatre trained actor, she also has regular real-world criminal justice experience with enhanced DBS (previously CRB) clearance. Trained in offshore survival and safety for the oil and gas industry, she understands politics on both global and local scales and is a strong debater and fierce defender of human rights. Francesca heads up casting and coordinates the acting teams.

### Civil Affairs Issue Paper Presentations



Brigadier General (Ret.) Bruce Bingham is the Civil Affairs Association Chairman of the Civil Affairs Issue Papers Committee. From 1997-2001, he served as commanding general of the U.S. Army Civil Affairs & Psychological Operations Command (A). Before that he commanded the 358<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Brigade and the 78<sup>th</sup> Training Support Brigade, 78<sup>th</sup> Division (Training). In September 1994, he was activated and served as Civil Affairs Advisor to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command for *Operation Uphold Democracy* in Haiti. He subsequently implemented and led the Ministerial Advisory Team in Haiti. BG (Ret.) Bingham's military education includes the Command & General Staff College and U.S. Army War College. His civilian education includes a Master in Public and Private Management from Yale University.

Next Event: Civil Affairs Roundtable, Washington, D.C. or Carlisle, PA area, Spring 2021.

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