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Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies Monthly Activity Report

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ARSOC establishes baseline knowledge for security minded professionals

We recently held our final session of the Arctic Regional Security Orientation Course for 2023. The five-day virtual course drew in more than 150 people working across five different countries. The purpose of ARSOC is to provide baseline knowledge to personnel without Arctic experience. The course focuses on historical, environmental, commercial, geopolitical, and strategic issues concerning the Arctic region, in order to encourage discussion, intellectual curiosity, and critical thinking among security and defense practitioners. To read the full story or to register for upcoming courses scan the QR code below.

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ACA Recap: TSC contributes expertise from the geophysical to the geostrategic

Last month, the Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies participated in the annual Arctic Circle Assembly in Reykjavik, Iceland. From October 19-21, 2023, the Arctic Circle Assembly convened over 2000 participants from 70 countries across 200 different sessions focused on the Arctic. The Center was honored to coordinate several sessions, making valuable contributions to ACA by providing insights on a range of Arctic security topics across panels, breakout groups, and at our booth.

Associate director for Strategic Engagement, Matt Hickey, chaired the panel “Security and Defense,” featuring U.S. Department of Defense deputy assistant Secretary of Defense for Arctic and Global Resilience, Iris Ferguson, along with Louise Calais, Ambassador

for Arctic Affairs, Sweden; Inga Nyhamar, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway; and Petteri Vuorimaki, Ambassador for Arctic and Antarctic Affairs & Senior Arctic Official of Finland.

TSC research analyst, Kelsey Frazier, organized and moderated the panel “Bridging Horizons: Indigenous Knowledge and the Evolving Landscape of Arctic Science,” which brought together panelists Elizabeth Qaulluq Cravalho and Tanya Parypa to discuss the importance of and developments in groundbreaking environmental research for Arctic security.

The 2023 ACA showcased the diverse expertise of the Ted Stevens Center faculty and staff, from the geophysical to the geostrategic. We look forward to continued participation in ACA as an important venue to convene Arctic leaders from across the region.

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The Ted Stevens Center's booth at the 2023 Alaska Federation of Natives Conference

Ted Stevens Center showcases presence at Alaska Federation of Natives Conference, advocating for Indigenous inclusion in Arctic security

For the second year running, the Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies made a meaningful appearance at the Alaska Federation of Natives Conference, that was held from Oct. 19 through 21 at the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center in Anchorage, Alaska.

The annual convention serves as the principal forum and voice for the Alaska Native community and convenes thousands of official delegates and participants from Alaska Native tribes and organizations across the state.

Over the course of the three-day event delegates discussed strategic

opportunities and challenges, listened to memorable keynote speeches, heard reports from political leaders and presentations from expert panels, and shared stories of resilience, experiences, strengths, knowledge, and hope for the future.

As a congressionally authorized Department of Defense Regional Center TSC's mission is to strengthen security cooperation between Arctic communities to include Indigenous communities in North America and in Europe.

At the event, the TSC showcased its dedication to advocating for the inclusion of Indigenous perspectives in Arctic security, underlining its commitment to the broader cause of fostering collaboration and dialogue on Arctic security matters.

This year's AFN Conference theme, "Our Ways of Life," celebrated Alaska Native traditional culture while reflecting on the fundamental principles of traditional ways of living off the land. For TSC representatives it was an opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and insight on key issues, concerns and find ways to collaborate and connect.

"This year focused on our way of life as Indigenous people and there was a significant emphasis on the forgotten science and understanding of nature within our Indigenous cultures," explained Terrence Shanigan, deputy associate director of Strategic Engagement at the TSC and an Alutiig member of the Kanatak tribe in Alaska. "There were conversations about subsistence living and our way of life and what each of those means highlighting the connection between food security and human security amidst a changing climate."

One of the focuses for TSC is how environmental changes in the Arctic are impacting food and resources in the region. The center offers educational courses and research projects on how those relate to Arctic security and why security practitioners should be informed about subsistence living and Indigenous knowledge.

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TSC visits Icelandic Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Leaders from the TCS were honored to visit with Snorri Mattiasson at the Icelandic Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Reykjavik to discuss and to advance collaboration on efforts in Arctic Security areas of practitioner education, engagement and outreach as well as studies and analysis. The challenges and opportunities in the Arctic cannot be solved by national governments alone. By working together with our Arctic partners and allies we continue to encourage and harness innovative ideas to tackle these challenges and opportunities together.



House Armed Services Committee staff delegation visits TSC

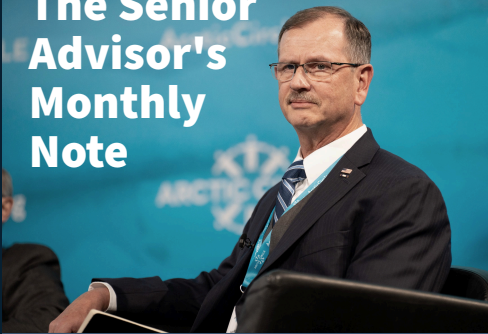
TSC was honored to welcome staff members of the Representatives on the House Armed Services Committee James Mismash, Military Legislative assistant for Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI); Sean Falvey, Military Legislative assistant for Rep. Joe Courtney (D-CT); Jim Robertson, deputy chief of staff for Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY); Caroline Jones, National Security advisor for Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA); and Ashley Satterfield, Military Legislative assistant for Rep. Dale Strong (R-AL). During the visit we discussed the unique operational and security challenges in the Arctic region, and how building strong networks of leaders will advance expertise and cooperation in the Arctic. By working together, we will undertake a whole-of-government approach to realize a peaceful, stable, prosperous, and cooperative Arctic.



TSC welcomes U.S. Army 11th Airborne Division commanding general

TSC welcomed U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Brian Eifler, commanding general of the 11th Airborne Division. Eifler visited the center and met with TSC leaders to learn more about our mission. Leaders discussed the unique operational and strategic challenges in the Arctic region, and how our organizations can work together to advance Arctic security. Through educational courses and collaborative engagement programs, TSC and the 11th Airborne Division will help strengthen interoperability in the Arctic.

The Senior Advisor's Monthly Note



Distinguished Colleagues,

Greetings from the Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

This last month, the center continued to advance Arctic security at two of the largest regional forums: the Alaska Federation of Natives in Anchorage, Alaska and Arctic Circle Assembly in Reyjavik, Iceland. The team was “all-hands-on-deck” to contribute valuable insights, perspectives, and presence across the Arctic region.

The center has a busy month ahead, engaging with the Arctic community in Finland, Norway, Belgium, Canada, and here in the US. We look forward to engaging with many of you on the road as we continue to build our network of likeminded practitioners.

Our sincerest thanks for your continued interest in and support to our new and growing regional center.

Very best wishes and respectfully,
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2nd Annual Security Cooperation Conference

Last month the TSC joined four other Regional Centers at the 2nd Annual Security Cooperation Conference at the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University in Washington D.C. As the newest Regional Center, TSC remains immensely grateful to our sister centers for their continued collaboration and support.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND COURSES

Colorado Arctic Education Week

Colorado Springs, Colorado, Dec. 5-8

Arctic Multi-Domain Law Course (AMLC) 24-01

Virtual, Dec. 12-14

North Atlantic/Arctic Crisis Response Workshop

New Hampshire University

Durham, New Hampshire, Dec. 12-13

Arctic Communications Research Workshop

New Hampshire University

Durham, New Hampshire, Dec. 14-15

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Journal of Arctic and Climate Security Studies (JACSS) Volume 1, Edition 2 Call for Submissions

The Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies announces an abstract deadline of **15 December 2023** for contributions to JACSS Vol. 1, Ed. 2.

Potential authors are invited to focus on Arctic security issues ranging from geophysical to geostrategic such as:

- Arctic domain awareness
- Integrated deterrence in the Arctic
- Emerging technologies related to Arctic operations
- Climate security within the Arctic region
- Arctic maritime risks and threats
- Arctic governance
- Arctic Indigenous Peoples security studies
- Women, peace, and security in the Arctic
- Arctic health security

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