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## Joint Chiefs Chairman Presents 10th Olmsted Lecture

General Charles Q. Brown, Jr., Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was the guest speaker for the 2024 Olmsted Lecture. The lecture was attended by over 110 Scholars and distinguished guests.

In his remarks, General Brown spoke of the power of partnerships with our allies, stating “Navigating this complex world requires strong relationships and understanding the cognition and culture of other nations.” Speaking of programs such as Olmsted, Brown said “that is the beauty of these programs. You walk in with a different perspective, you look at the world and you ask smarter questions.”

VIPs and members of OSC 2025 were introduced by Foundation Executive Vice President Mark Elfendahl. Chairman of the Board ADM (Ret.) Jamie Foggo offered the introduction of General Brown.



General Charles Q. Brown, Jr., Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, presents the Olmsted lecture at the National Press Club.



Olmsted Foundation Executive Vice President COL (Ret.) Mark Elfendahl shows General Brown the map of where Scholars are presently studying, as Chairman of the Board ADM (Ret.) Jamie Foggo looks on.

The Olmsted Lecture is held each year, usually in October, at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. The lecture is followed by a reception, providing Scholars and guests an opportunity to meet the lecture speaker, as well as enjoy each other’s company.

## Beaurpere Promoted to Major General



MG Guillaume “Will” Beaurpere.

Guillaume “Will” Beaurpere (OSC 04, Ifrane) has been promoted to the rank of Major General by the United States Army. MG Beaurpere is the Chief of Staff at US Special Operations Command at MacDill AFB in Florida. His previous assignment was as the Commanding General of the US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Fort Liberty, NC. Prior to that, he was the Deputy Commanding General for Operations at Army Space and Missile Defense Command. In addition, he commanded Special Operations Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, Kuwait in 2020-2021.

A graduate of Boston College, MG Beaurpere was an Olmsted Scholar in Ifrane, Morocco, where he earned a master’s degree from Al Akhawayn University.

## Chairman's Corner



Greetings to all Olmsted Scholars (past and present) and their families stationed around the globe. Your Foundation remains strong and dedicated to its mission of educating select officers from the Joint Force more broadly. Accordingly, we kicked off our Fall 2024 board meeting with the annual Olmsted lecture at the National Press Club on 15 October, featuring General C.Q. Brown, Jr., USAF, 21<sup>st</sup> Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. General Brown's wife, Sharene, an active supporter of military spouse programs, joined her husband for the evening. General Brown gave an excellent speech highlighting the accomplishments of many of our Olmsted Scholars and the Foundation. He said that Olmsted Scholars are the "connective tissue" that brings our Joint Force together. General Brown fielded many questions from a standing room only crowd at the National Press Club, and both he and Mrs. Brown stayed for the entire post lecture dinner event afterwards.

General Brown told me upon arrival that he came to our event to meet Olmsted Scholars active and retired and to find out what the return on the investment is for the Joint Force. As I was mingling with the crowd, I ran into Lt Col Ryan Fortney, USAF, who just returned from his Olmsted experience in Buenos Aires. I asked him what he was doing now, and he said he had just reported to JCS J-35. How timely! I walked him over to introduce him to General Brown, and they had a great discussion on that "return on investment" and how the Olmsted experience allows a different perspective on the work being done in the corridors of the Pentagon. Win-Win! None of this would have been possible without our phenomenal headquarters staff in Falls Church and I'd like to thank General Scott, Colonels Elfendahl and Cosden, Amy Macdonald and Rae Schafer for their hard work and service. Bravo Zulu!

Our board meeting the following day was filled with the business of the Foundation and selection of our Coast Guard Scholar for the Class of 2026. As you may or may not know, to align with the preferences of the Services, we are now picking our USCG Scholar in the Fall and the rest of the Scholars in the Spring. Kudos to the Coast Guard for the eye watering candidates presented.

Finally, I would like to wish all of you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving and Holiday Season.

*James G. Foggo  
Admiral, US Navy (Ret.)  
Chairman of the Board*

## President's Perspective



The Chairman has already stressed how successful this year's Olmsted Lecture turned out, thanks primarily to the insightful remarks by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. We also took great pride in the fact that General Brown specifically mentioned a number of Scholars who have contributed very recently to the success of American foreign and security policy. Attendance at these lectures is always limited, but we want to make sure Scholars who did not attend can at least see what they missed. In the days to come, we will send to all Scholars a link to the video of General Brown's lecture remarks. We are confident you will find his remarks as informative and inspiring as we did.

In addition, I would like to highlight another event

that occurred in October. On Friday, October 25th, the Foundation participated in the annual "Light the Night" walk in Reston, Virginia in support of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. As many of you know, we have had three Olmsted Scholars die far too young from these horrible blood cancers: Bob Yablonski, Chris Murphy, and Tony Smith. So, as a Foundation we have decided to make the fight for a cure a cause to support. This year, our team raised nearly \$25,000, and over the last 16 years we have raised well over \$200,000! I thought I would let ALL Scholars know what your Foundation is doing to help find a cure for this cancer that has so impacted the Olmsted family.

Keep up the great support, everyone – and Happy Thanksgiving to all!

*Bruce K. Scott  
Major General, US Army (Ret.)  
President & CEO*



## Kosinski Retires from the US Air Force



Lt Gen Leo Kosinski with wife, Chika, and their three children at his retirement ceremony.

Lt Gen Leo Kosinski (OSC 00, Tokyo) retired in September after a distinguished, 31 year career in the US Air Force. His retirement ceremony was officiated by Gen Charles Q. Brown, Jr., Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. His most recent assignment was as the Director of Logistics on the Joint Staff.

Kosinski has served in operational assignments flying the KC-135 Stratotanker, C-5 Galaxy, and C-17 Globemaster III. Kosinski also served in major operations including Operations Southern Watch, Allied Force, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and United Relief. He is a graduate of the Air Force Academy and earned an MBA at Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo as an Olmsted Scholar.

## Pepper Assumes Command of USASAC

BG Allen Pepper (OSC 03, Strasbourg) assumed command of the US Army Security Assistance Command at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama in September. USASAC provides security assistance and strengthens US alliances and partnerships, and supports combatant commander engagement strategies.

BG Pepper has served in various overseas assignments. His most recent was as Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché in Iraq, before which he served in the same role in Paris, France.

Pepper is a West Point graduate and earned a master's degree in Political Science at *Universite Robert Schuman* (Strasbourg) as an Olmsted Scholar.



BG Allen Pepper accepts the guidon of the US Army Security Assistance Command. (US Army Photo)

## Hauser Takes Space Force Delta Command



Col Phoenix Hauser assumes command. (US Space Force photo by Keefer Patterson)

Colonel Phoenix Hauser (OSC 08, Beijing) took command in June of Space Delta 7 - Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance during a change of command ceremony at Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado. Col Hauser recently transitioned from the Air Force to the Space Force.

Hauser is a graduate of the University of Michigan and earned an MBA at the University of Beijing.

## Scott Officiates Fortney Promotion



Foundation President and CEO MG (Ret.) Bruce Scott with newly promoted Lt Col Ryan Fortney and his wife, Emily.

Maj Ryan Fortney (OSC 22, Buenos Aires) was recently promoted to Lt Col in the US Air Force. Foundation President and CEO MG (Ret.) Bruce Scott administered the oath of office at the ceremony. Fortney recently returned from Argentina, where he attended the University of Torcuato Di Tella as an Olmsted Scholar. He is currently a JCS/J3 Strategic Planner at the Pentagon.

## Foundation Executive Vice President Visits Undergraduate Schools

Foundation Executive Vice President, COL (Ret.) Mark Elfendahl, recently completed a series of site visits to Service academies, senior military colleges, and other schools with Foundation-sponsored overseas travel programs for cadets and midshipmen. The purpose of these visits was to meet key leaders, review program performance over the last year, and discuss travel plans for 2025. In the first phase, Elfendahl visited Annapolis, West Point, the Coast Guard Academy and Norwich University. He then traveled south to The Citadel, the University of North Georgia, and Georgia State University. Finally, Elfendahl stopped in Virginia at VMI, Virginia Tech, and Norfolk State University. In addition to meeting with school and program leaders, Elfendahl also met with cadets and midshipmen who had traveled on Olmsted grants to hear first-hand from them how the program had helped to make them better future officers and leaders.



COL Elfendahl presented a letter of commendation to Mr. Brent Matthews, M.Ed., West Point's retiring Olmsted program manager, for his many years of faithful support to cadets and the Olmsted Foundation.



Dr. Amy Donahue, Provost at the US Coast Guard Academy, presents an academy coin to COL Elfendahl during his visit to New London, CT.



COL Elfendahl presents LtGen (Ret.) John Broadmeadow, USMC, President of Norwich with an Olmsted Register.



COL Elfendahl poses with LtGen (Ret.) John Broadmeadow, USMC, President of Norwich, Prof. Travis Morris, PhD, Director, Peace and War Center, Cadet Sophia Righthouse, Norwich Cadet Regimental Commander, and Cadet Wil Bazant, Olmsted Overseas Trip Operations Officer at the conclusion of the visit.



At Norfolk State University, COL Elfendahl met with LTC Dustin Dumbravo, MAJ Blair Eastman, and overseas travelers Cadets Denzel Leggett and Cadet Jaden Faison.





COL Elfendahl meets with Gen (Ret.) Glenn Walters, USMC, President of The Citadel, to discuss the school's Foundation-sponsored overseas travel program.



LTG (Ret.) James Terry, Senior Vice President and Superintendent of the UNG Cadet Leadership Academy, receives a Register of Scholars from COL Elfendahl during their visit.



VMI cadets listen as COL Elfendahl discusses the purpose of the Olmsted Scholar Program.



COL Elfendahl briefs interested cadets from the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets on the personal and career benefits of the Olmsted Scholar Program.

## Foundation Opens Olmsted Scholar Library



Books and memorabilia are displayed on the shelves of the new Olmsted Library.

The Olmsted Foundation staff recently opened a library room dedicated to General George Olmsted and all Scholars at the Foundation headquarters in Falls Church, VA. The library contains memorabilia from General Olmsted and early days of the Foundation, as well as books written by Olmsted Scholars, including several signed editions.

The library also has a desk for visiting Scholars, as well as a comfortable reading area. A laptop is also available for use.

All Scholars are welcome to visit the new library. Those planning on visiting the office are asked to call or email in advance to ensure the office is open and a staff member is available to welcome them.



## Foundation Director Nadja West Attends SCUSA



LTG (Ret.) Nadja West and a representative from the United States Military Academy class of 1971 cut the celebratory cake at the SCUSA dinner.

LTG (Ret.) Nadja West, an Olmsted Foundation Director since 2021, represented the Foundation at the recent Student Conference on US Affairs held at West Point. SCUSA is held annually and welcomes students from over 200 institutions worldwide, offering them the opportunity to work with scholars and practitioners to develop proposals that address important topics in US foreign policy.

Begun in 1949, SCUSA has been held at the US Military Academy for 75 years. The Olmsted Foundation has been one of the sponsors of the annual conference on foreign affairs since 2001.

## Foundation Participates in Light the Night



For the sixteenth consecutive year, the Olmsted Foundation participated in the annual Light the Night walk in Reston, Virginia sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The Olmsted team walks to honor the memories of Colonel Bob Yablonski (OSC 80, Lyon), Captain Steve Murphy (OSC 96, Kyiv) and Brigadier General Tony Smith (OSC 62, Paris). The Olmsted team raised nearly \$25,000 this year and is currently the top fundraising corporate team.

Over the last 16 years, Olmsted Foundation teams have raised a total of more than \$216,000 to support the fight against blood cancers. The Foundation would like to express its appreciation to all the Scholars and family members who supported or donated to this year's event.

More information about the Light the Night walk can be found at: [https://](https://pages.ils.org/ltn/nca/NorthVA24/thegeorgecarololmstedfoundation)

Pictured left to right: Sean Cosden, Gabby and Louis Beto, Chris Maloney, John Peabody, Ryan Fortney and son, Benjamin, Tom Keithly, Amy and Dave Macdonald, Robyn and Jared Wilhelm and son, Matias, and Kieran Cosden.

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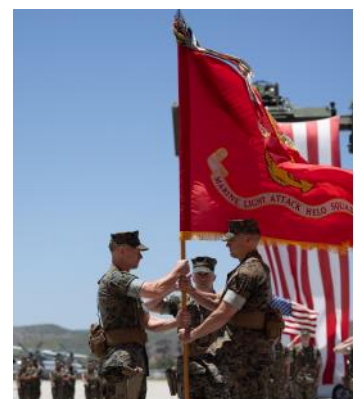
## Hart Assumes Command



LtCol Chris Hart and wife, Amanda, with Maj Chris Smith.

LtCol Christopher Hart (OSC 19, Ljubljana) took command of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 (HMLA-369) at Camp Pendleton, CA in June. LtCol Hart is a graduate of Miami University (Ohio) and earned a Masters of Arts degree in Geography while studying at the University of Ljubljana as an Olmsted Scholar. Olmsted Scholar Maj Christopher Smith (OSC 18, Berlin) attended the change of command.

HMLA-369 is known as “the Gunfighters.” It provides attack and utility helicopters in support of Marine Air-Ground Task Force.



LtCol Chris Hart accepts the guidon at his change of command.

## Promotions and Selections

### Promoted to the rank of Major General by the US Army:

- ◆ BG Guillaume (Will) Beurpere (OSC 04, Ifrane)

### Promoted to the rank of Brigadier General by the US Army:

- ◆ COL Allen Pepper (OSC 03, Strasbourg)
- ◆ COL David Elsen (OSC 06, Beijing)

### Selected by the US Marine Corps to command the 2d Marine Regiment:

- ◆ Col Edward Holton (OSC 13, Bologna)

### Selected for Wing Command by the US Air Force:

- ◆ Col Jamil Musa (OSC 11, Rabat)
- ◆ Col Joseph Wall (OSC 12, Freiburg)

### Selected for Deputy Wing Command by the US Air Force:

- ◆ Col Shane Hughes (OSC 14, Bangkok)
- ◆ Col Melissa Dombrock (OSC 15, Rabat)

### Selected for Senior Service College by the US Army:

- ◆ COL Ronald Hudak (OSC 13, Lyon)
- ◆ LTC Ronald Garberson (OSC 13, Chiang Mai)
- ◆ LTC Michael Kendall (OSC 13, Hangzhou)
- ◆ LTC Raissa Sanchez (OSC 14, Lisbon)
- ◆ LTC Jonathan Nielsen (OSC 15, Buenos Aires)

### Selected by the US Air Force for Senior Developmental Education:

- ◆ Lt Col Daniel Wynn (OSC 15, Guilin)
- ◆ Lt Col Edward Francis (OSC 16, Bucharest)
- ◆ Lt Col Steven Christopher (OSC 18, Singapore)
- ◆ Lt Col Brad Fisher (OSC 18, Kyiv)
- ◆ Lt Col Adam Gray (OSC 19, Kyoto)

### Selected by the US Air force for Senior Developmental Education (Alternate):

- ◆ Lt Col John Gerlach (OSC 18, Lyon)
- ◆ Lt Col Hunter Grunden (OSC 19, Aix-en-Provence)

### Promoted to the rank of Colonel by the US Marine Corps:

- ◆ LtCol Edward Holton (OSC 13, Bologna)

### Selected for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel by the US Marine Corps:

- ◆ Maj Richard Marshall (OSC 15, Zagreb)
- ◆ Maj Christopher Smith (OSC 18, Berlin)
- ◆ Maj Jenner Yuhas (OSC 24, Mendoza)

### Selected for promotion to the rank of Commander by the US Coast Guard:

- ◆ LCDR Melissa Martinelli (OSC 18, Buenos Aires)
- ◆ LCDR Michael Moyseowicz (OSC 19, Chengdu)
- ◆ LCDR Rory Yoder (OSC 21, Zagreb)

### Selected by the US Air Force for Intermediate Developmental Education:

- ◆ Maj Karen Miller (OSC 25, Seoul)

### Selected by the US Air Force for Intermediate Developmental Education (Alternate):

- ◆ Maj Cody Adkins (OSC 25, Vilnius)
- ◆ Maj Ernesto Guerrero (OSC 25, Tbilisi)
- ◆ Maj Nitin Prashar (OSC 23, Seville)

### Selected for promotion to Lieutenant Commander by the US Navy:

- ◆ LT Daniel Gregory (OSC 25, Florianopolis)
- ◆ LT Nathalie Pauwels (OSC 25, Tokyo)
- ◆ LT Patricia Schleisman (OSC 25, Hanoi)

### Selected for promotion to Major by the US Marine Corps:

- ◆ Capt Shakir Robinson (OSC 23, Mexico City)

**Please help the Foundation keep your record current. All Olmsted Scholars are encouraged to go to the Foundation website and update their Scholar profiles. You can access Scholar profiles by going to the Foundation website at <https://olmstedfoundation.org/> and clicking login on the top right corner.**



## Scholars in the News

**COL (Ret.) Mark Elfendahl** (OSC 99, Jena), USA, “COL Mark Elfendahl, Executive Vice President of the Olmsted Foundation, visits Norwich University,” *Norwich University Newsroom*, <https://www.norwich.edu/news/col-mark-elfendahl-executive-vice-president-olmsted-foundation-visits-norwich-university>

**CPT Louis Beto** (OSC 25, Istanbul), USA, “The Special Forces Scholar,” *West Point*, Summer 24, <https://www.westpointaog.org/news/west-point-magazine/past-issues/summer-2024/>



OSC 25 Scholars and their families studying at DLI East gather on the banks of the Potomac River during the recent Great Scott BBQ.



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