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Denaro Speaks at DC Area Scholar Assembly

The 2025 DC Area Scholar Assembly was held this week at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA. Scholars and guests were welcomed by Foundation President and CEO, MG (Ret.) Bruce Scott (OSC 79, Freiburg). Following a luncheon, Scott introduced the event's guest speaker, Brig Gen Brian Denaro (OSC 06, Guangzhou).

Brig Gen Denaro currently serves as Director of Plans and Programs in the Office of the Chief Strategy and Resource Officer at Headquarters Space Force. In his remarks, he reflected on a formative lesson from his time as an Olmsted Scholar in Guangzhou—learning to be “comfortable with the uncomfortable.” This mindset helped guide his transition from the US Air Force to the newly established US Space Force.



Brig Gen Brian Denaro offered remarks after lunch for Scholars and guests.



Foundation Chairman of the Board ADM (Ret.) Jamie Foggo, Brig Gen Brian Denaro, and MG (Ret.) Bruce Scott at the DC Area Scholar Assembly.

Denaro discussed the Space Force's mission to ensure space superiority, addressing both

fiscal constraints and emerging threats from adversary nations. He emphasized how his Olmsted experience taught him to think differently about the threat, reinforcing the idea that military leaders need to be educated broadly.

A 2000 graduate of the US Air Force Academy, Brig Gen Denaro also holds an MBA earned while studying in China as an Olmsted Scholar. At the Foundation annual meeting in 2024, he was named as recipient of the Yablonski Esprit Award in recognition of his leadership and service to the Scholar community.

Sadler Nominated to be Maritime Administrator



CAPT (Ret.) Brent Sadler.

CAPT (Ret.) Brent Sadler (OSC 05, Tokyo) has been nominated by President Donald Trump to be the next Maritime Administrator in the Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD). MARAD's mission is to foster, promote and develop the maritime industry of the United States to meet the nation's economic and security needs.

After Sadler's retirement from the US Navy, he joined the Heritage Foundation as a Senior Research Fellow for Naval Warfare and Advanced Technology in the Allison Center for National Security.

Sadler is a 1994 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and earned a Master of Arts degree in Global Studies from Jochi University in Tokyo, Japan.

Chairman's Corner



Springtime greetings to all Olmsted Scholars and their families from the Foundation headquarters in Washington, DC! The cherry blossoms were at peak bloom last month and made for a beautiful backdrop for the national monuments along the Potomac River in the nation's capital. At the same time, the Olmsted Foundation Board of Directors met in March to select our newest group of Scholars in the Class of 2026. We had incredible support from all the Services and selected 18 superb officers to join the long line of Olmsted Scholars dating back to 1960.

Another traditional springtime event for the Foundation has been our annual DC area Assembly of Scholars. This year, a full contingent of local area Scholars and guests gathered on April 30 at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington. In addition to the wonderful luncheon, attendees had the opportunity to catch up with each other, meet some of the newest Scholars selected just last year, and enjoy remarks from this year's guest speaker, Brig Gen Brian Denaro (OSC 06, Guangzhou). For his part, Brian offered some entertaining stories about his time as a Scholar, discussed the impact of the program on his career, and offered valuable insights for current and future Scholars to consider as they pursue their duties locally and all around the world.

We will welcome our newest Scholars at the next annual gathering of the Olmsted Foundation at Anderson House in Washington, DC on the first Saturday in June. I hope to see you and your significant other there. Meanwhile, more senior Olmsted Scholars remain incredibly competitive on statutory and non-statutory selection boards to fill critical billets for all the Services and the Joint Force in combatant commands around the globe.

Whether you are currently studying as an Olmsted Scholar overseas or are on watch somewhere out there with the Joint Force, I wish you and your family well. Stay focused, keep doing great things, and be safe!

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

President's Perspective



The Chairman has already highlighted how truly beautiful it is in our nation's capital at this time of year. Of course, along with the arrival of our beloved cherry blossoms comes the arrival of the thousands of sightseers hoping to catch a glimpse or stroll the Tidal Basin while these gorgeous trees are at peak bloom. Scholars in the area may have noticed how especially busy the streets and parking areas near the Mall become each April. Thankfully, we have an excellent Metro system to fall back on. However those here locally may prefer to travel, I hope many of you were able to see some of this remarkable event.

I am very excited to highlight some of the content in this edition of our quarterly newsletter. First and foremost are the 18 members of the Olmsted Scholar Class of 2026 just selected by our Board. As always, this year's selectees are a truly impressive group of officers. Their names and photos are shown in the two-page layout at the center of the newsletter. We look

forward to introducing them to the wider Olmsted Scholar family in June.

We also highlight the recent trip to Latin America by our Vice President, Col (Ret.) Sean Cosden. Sean's travels took him to four different Scholar families in Mexico, Colombia, and Chile. There, he got to see first hand how they are thriving and hear ideas on how to improve the program in the future. In addition, we take the opportunity in this issue to introduce the two newest Directors who joined our Board in March as the active duty Directors for the Air Force and Marine Corps.

In early May, our Events Coordinator, Mrs. Rae Schafer, will send out the annual email that allows Scholars to sign up for our Annual Meeting, Reunion and Reception at Anderson House, which will take place this year on Saturday, June 7th. Be on the lookout for this email in the coming days, as this popular venue always fills up quickly!

*Bruce K. Scott, MG (Ret.), USA
President & CEO*

Cosden Visits Latin America

Foundation Vice President, Col (Ret.) Sean Cosden, recently returned from a trip to Latin America. The trip was a staff visit to four Scholars studying in Mexico and South America. Cosden was joined by his wife, Elizabeth, for the latter part of the trip.



Sean Cosden and Shakir Robinson (OSC 23, Mexico City) had the opportunity for a mini-Olmsted reunion with Jon and Amy Brandon (OSC 16, Barcelona), where they enjoyed a fantastic meal in the Polanco neighborhood of Mexico City.



In Colombia, Colonel Cosden enjoyed the traditional coastal dish of *Encocado de Mar*, while sharing a meal with Andrew and Fanny Blood (OSC 23, Bogotá) at Restaurant Harry Sasson.



Myles and Katelyn McCarthy (OSC 23, Santiago) hosted an informal dinner reception at their home so that Sean and Elizabeth Cosden could meet and personally thank their friends, so many of whom have helped the McCarthy family during their Olmsted journey.



At the Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaíso, Sean Cosden presented an Olmsted Scholar Register to the Rector, Nelson Vásquez, and the Director of the International Relations Department, Don Raul Allard. Don Allard has instructed seven of the eight Olmsted Scholars who have studied in Valparaíso to date.

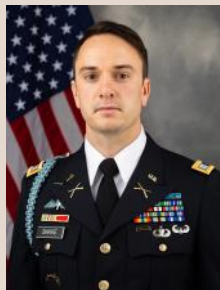


Sean Cosden and Andrew Blood toured the University of the Rosary in Bogotá with Andrew's International Relations Professor, Dr. Juan-Carlos Guerrero-Bernal. The highlight of the visit was the ceremonial room where Andrew will soon celebrate his graduation.



Sean and Elizabeth Cosden, Myles and Katelyn McCarthy, and Pat and Megan McDonnell (OSC 24, Valparaíso) were able to meet in the Casablanca Valley at the Casa Viñamar Winery to learn about Chile's famous winemaking industry and sample some local favorites.

Meet the Olmsted Scholar Class of 2026



CPT Nicholas Bakke, USA

Infantry

Sofia, Bulgaria



LT Peter Bied, USCG

Operations Afloat

Kaohsiung, Taiwan



LT Kyrsten Dallanegra, USN

Submariner

Valparaíso, Chile



LCDR Benjamin Field, USN

Submariner

Almaty, Kazakhstan



Capt Mike Jacobs, USMC

Infantry

Bratislava, Slovakia

LCDR Daniel Becker, USN

Submariner

Gdańsk, Poland



Maj Lonnie Carraway, USMC

Intelligence

Siena, Italy



LCDR Nicholas Daly, USN

EA-18G NFO

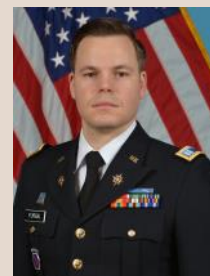
Stockholm, Sweden



CPT Erik Furgal, USA

Military Intelligence

Aix-en-Provence, France





Maj Brandon Klewicki, USMC

Infantry

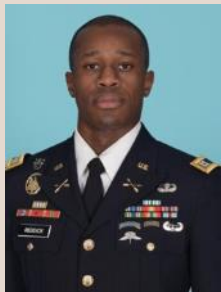
Louvain, Belgium



Capt Tyler Olson, USAF

F-16 Evaluator Pilot

Zagreb, Croatia



CPT Travis Reddick, USA

Special Forces

Montevideo, Uruguay



Capt Stone Shoaf, USAF

Intelligence

Mendoza, Argentina



Capt Austin Stamper, USAF

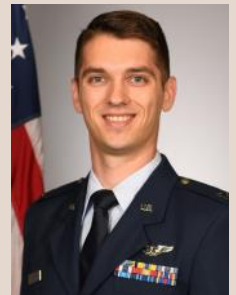
Cyberspace Operations

Kyoto, Japan

Capt Nathaniel Lewis, USAF

MQ-9 Evaluator Pilot

Tartu, Estonia



CPT Aaron Pell, USA

Logistics

Bangkok, Thailand



LT Peter Shelton, USN

MH-60 Pilot

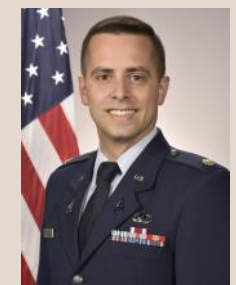
Bucharest, Romania



Maj Jacob Singleton, USSF

Developmental Engineer

Ljubljana, Slovenia



Foundation Board Welcomes New Directors



Lt Col Kira Coffey.

At its March meeting, the Foundation Board of Directors selected two new active duty directors. The new Active Duty Director for the Air Force is Lt Col Kira Coffey (OSC 16, Guangzhou). Lt Col Coffey replaces Col Michal Polidor (OSC 16, Kaohsiung). Coffey is presently a National Defense Fellow at Harvard University. Prior to that assignment, she commanded the 36th Airlift Squadron at Yokota AB, Japan. Coffey is a 2006 graduate of the University of Missouri and holds an MBA from Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou, China.



LtCol Jim Armstrong.

LtCol Jim Armstrong (OSC 14, Podgorica) is joining the board as the Active Duty Director for the US Marine Corps, replacing Col Eddy Holton (OSC 13, Bologna). LtCol Armstrong recently relinquished command of 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. This coming year, he will attend the College of International Security Affairs (CISA). Armstrong is a 2006 graduate of the United States Naval Academy.

Olmsted Scholar Promotions and Selections

Selected for promotion to the rank of Captain by the US Navy:

- ◆ CDR Matt Myers (OSC 09, New Delhi)
- ◆ CDR Haywood Foard (OSC 13, Leipzig)
- ◆ CDR Warren Fogler (OSC 16, Freiburg)
- ◆ CDR Matthew Boyce (OSC 19, Belgrade)

Selected as a Navy Federal Executive Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies

- ◆ CDR Jared Wilhelm (OSC 14, Mendoza)

Selected for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel by the US Air Force:

- ◆ Maj Adam Cribb (OSC 22, Malaga)
- ◆ Maj Robert Lenzen (OSC 22, Bratislava)

Selected for promotion to the rank of Major by the US Air Force:

- ◆ Capt Tyler Olson (OSC 26, Zagreb)
- ◆ Capt Stone Shoaf (OSC 26, Mendoza)

Moyseowicz Participates in Major Coast Guard Operation

LCDR Mike Moyseowicz (OSC 19, Chengdu) is the Operations Officer aboard Coast Guard Cutter JAMES (WMSL 754), a National Security Cutter based out of Charleston, SC. The cutter recently intercepted drug smugglers off the coast of Ecuador. The raid resulted in the seizure of over \$510 million in narcotics.

Moyseowicz is a 2009 graduate of the US Coast Guard Academy. When he returned from his Olmsted Scholar experience in China in 2021, he was assigned to US Coast Guard Headquarters as a member of the Commandant's Advisory Group.

Moyseowicz can be heard on this video describing the raid: <https://x.com/USCGSoutheast/status/1910081372569350373>.

You can read more about this operation at these links: [AP News](#) or [Yahoo News](#).



The flight deck of US Coast Guard Cutter JAMES (WMSL 754) prior to offloading the seized contraband.

Olmsted Undergraduate Program Spring Trips

The Olmsted Foundation's Undergraduate Program offers overseas travel and cultural immersion opportunities to service academy cadets, midshipmen, and ROTC students attending or associated with Title 10 senior military colleges. Over spring break, The Citadel and Virginia Military Institute sent cadets to Cyprus and Greece, respectively, on their Foundation sponsored trips.



VMI cadets in front of the White Tower in Thessaloniki, Greece.



Cadets from VMI also visited the Archaeological Museum of Olympia.



Several VMI cadets took the opportunity to race at the site of the original Olympics.



Citadel cadets in Cyprus attended a training session on mediation and negotiation, hosted by the Cypriot National Guard.



Citadel cadets also visited the United States Embassy where they received briefings from US officials.



The Citadel cadets in front of the main court house in the Turkish administered portion of Cyprus.

Scott Visits US Air Force Academy



MG (Ret.) Bruce Scott joined six cadets for dinner in Mitchell Hall at the Air Force Academy.

Last month, MG (Ret.) Bruce Scott, President and CEO of the Olmsted Foundation, visited the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. During his visit, he engaged in a series of meetings with academy leadership, including Superintendent Lt Gen Tony D. Bauernfeind. He also met with the Dean of the Faculty, faculty leaders from the Political Science and Foreign Language Departments, the head of development, and leaders from the USAFA Association of Graduates.

The highlight of his visit was a dinner with six cadets who had taken part in Foundation funded undergraduate travel. These cadets shared their experiences from trips to Eastern Europe, South Korea, Malaysia, and the NATO School in Oberammergau, Germany.

Scholars in the News

Col (Ret.) Sean Cosden (OSC 06, Sofia), USAF, Visit of the Vice President of the Olmsted Foundation to the PUCV, Pontifical Catholic University website, <https://www.cealpucv.cl/visita-del-vicepresidente-de-la-fundacion-olmsted-a-la-pucv/>

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