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Back Row (L to R): LCDR Nicholas Daly (Stockholm), Maj Lonnie Carraway (Siena), Maj Brandon Klewicki (Louvain), Capt Mike Jacobs (Bratislava), CPT Nicholas Bakke (Sofia), CPT Travis Reddick (Montevideo), LCDR Daniel Becker (Gdańsk), LT Peter Shelton (Bucharest), LT Kyrsten Dallanegra (Valparaíso).

Front Row (L to R): MAJ Aaron Pell (Bangkok), Capt Austin Stamper (Kyoto), Capt Nathaniel Lewis (Tartu), Capt Tyler Olsen (Zagreb), Capt Stone Shoaf (Mendoza), LT Peter Bied (Kaohsiung), Maj Jacob Singleton (Ljubljana), CPT Eric Furgal (Aix-en-Provence). Not shown: LCDR Benjamin Field (Almaty).

## Anderson Nominated to Lead US Africa Command



Lt Gen Dagvin Anderson (OSC 00, Brno).

Lt Gen Dagvin Anderson (OSC 00, Brno) was nominated by President Trump to be the next commander of US Africa Command. Lt Gen Anderson is currently the Director for Joint Force Development (J7) on the Joint Staff. Prior to being assigned as the J7, Anderson was the commander of Special Operations Command-Africa. Assuming his nomination is approved by the US Senate, Anderson will be the first US Air Force officer to command US Africa Command.

Lt Gen Anderson is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis and studied at Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic as an Olmsted Scholar. He holds a Master of International Public Policy degree from the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. Anderson is also a command pilot with over 3400 flight hours in a variety of aircraft.

Lt Gen Anderson was the featured speaker at the 2023 DC Area Scholar Assembly.

## Chairman's Corner



As we cruise through a steaming hot summer in most regions of the country and get ready for fall, the United States faces a diverse array of military threats that challenge our national security. Traditional state-based adversaries such as China and Russia continue to develop sophisticated military capabilities, including advanced missile systems, cyber warfare tools, and naval assets, aiming to project power and undermine U.S. interests globally. Additionally, emerging threats from rogue states and non-state actors, such as North Korea, Iran, and various terrorist organizations, pose asymmetric risks through nuclear proliferation, cyber-attacks, and terrorism.

To counter these threats effectively, the United States relies on you—members of the Armed Forces—an integrated team comprising the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and our newest service, the Space Force. Whereas in my day, Olmsted Scholars came from four Services (USA, USN, USAF and USMC), today Scholars are well represented in all six Services, which surely would make MG Olmsted beam with pride if he were alive in 2025. Today, Scholars conduct joint training, intelligence sharing, and operational planning to maintain superiority over adversaries. I am certain that some number of Olmsted Scholars stationed around the globe assisted the recent groundbreaking attacks on Iranian nuclear facilities by our B-2 Bombers and a Navy guided missile submarine (SSGN). BZ to all the unsung heroes out there!

In light of the recent kinetic action in Iran, it remains important as ever for our country to leverage all instruments of national power to maintain and strengthen alliances, foster international cooperation, and create a global environment that discourages conflict and promotes stability. Many active and retired Scholars play a role, including those who support our expeditionary diplomats and diplomatic missions around the globe. I wrote about this earlier this month in the July-August 2025 edition of *The Foreign Service Journal* referenced later in this newsletter.

**Bottom Line:** Keep up the great work, stay engaged and be safe. I look forward to seeing you at the headquarters whether you are in Washington on orders or just for a visit.

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

## President's Perspective



Greetings from the Foundation's headquarters in Falls Church, Virginia, where the weather is almost unbearable with temperatures in the upper 90s and humidity reaching 85%!

We are thrilled to introduce the Class of 2026, whose enthusiasm, intellect, and curiosity embody everything the Olmsted Scholar Program was created to cultivate. Their selection reminds us that America's finest young officers continue to seek out challenge, immersion, and deeper understanding of the world.

We also proudly recognize Lieutenant General Dag Anderson, an Olmsted Scholar whose nomination for a fourth star is both historic and a testament to how global education shapes strategic leadership. The photo of him in the Czech Republic is a powerful reminder of where this journey often begins.

Congratulations to Major Jay Rowley, our 2025 Yablonski Award recipient. His excellence—in language, academics, and cultural immersion—sets the gold standard for what it means to be an Olmsted Scholar.

Our recent annual meeting was not only a wonderful chance to connect, but also a celebration of momentum. Across all Services, our Scholars are being promoted, selected for command, and recognized for their impact. It's clear that Olmsted Scholars are not just thriving in uniform—they are helping shape the future of our military.

As we look ahead, let's continue to champion the values that make this program so special: intellectual curiosity, cultural humility, and the belief that exposure to the world makes better leaders for our nation.

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

## Rowley Presented with 2025 Yablonski Award



MG (Ret.) Bruce Scott presents the Yablonski Award to MAJ Jay Rowley at the 2025 Olmsted Annual Meeting, pictured here with Maddie Rowley and Patty Stratton.

MAJ Jay Rowley (OSC 20, Jerusalem) is this year's recipient of the Robert Yablonski Esprit Award. Established in 2010, the Robert Yablonski Esprit Award is presented each year at the annual meeting to the Olmsted Scholar who best exemplifies enthusiasm for the ideals embodied in the Olmsted Scholar Program and dedication to the Olmsted Foundation.

The award citation reads in part: "Jay was hand-selected to serve as Operations Officer for a Central Command Joint Task Force stood up in response to the Hamas attack on Israel in October 2023. His insights and leadership, shaped by his time as a Scholar, were instrumental to the task force's success and led to the Jewish Institute for National Security of America naming Jay as a recipient of the 2024 Major

General Sidney Shachnow Grateful Nation Award." The full award citation can be read on the Foundation website.

MAJ Rowley is a 2011 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, and he studied Islam and the Middle East at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem as an Olmsted Scholar.

## Anderson Speaks in the Czech Republic

Lt Gen Dagvin Anderson (OSC 00, Brno) was invited to speak along with Czech President Petr Pavel and King Philip of Belgium at the ceremony remembering the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Plzen by General George Patton's Third Army in May 1945. Anderson shared some of his thoughts about the experience with the Foundation.

According to Anderson, event organizers invited the last surviving veteran of Patton's Third Army, Pvt Harry Humason, who returned to Europe for the first time since WW II for the ceremony at the age of 99. "It was one of the highlights of my career to be able to go back to the Czech Republic and participate in this ceremony," said Anderson.

He added, "Just giving the speech in Czech was very well received but they really appreciated the fact that I had lived and studied there as well. It really highlighted the importance of what the Olmsted brings years later in unexpected ways that open doors and provide opportunities."



Lt Gen Dagvin Anderson offers remarks in the Czech Republic.

## An Airborne Olmsted Experience



Capt Tyler Olson (OSC 26, Zagreb) had the unique opportunity to fly Capt Stone Shoaf (OSC 26, Mendoza) in the backseat of the F-16 for a student mission at Holloman AFB, New Mexico.

## 2025 Annual Meeting, Reunion and Reception



OSC 2026 is welcomed by Foundation staff, directors and distinguished guests at a reception held in the Olmsted Gallery on the second floor of Anderson House.



Executive Vice President COL (Ret.) Mark Elfendahl shares with guests some of the history of the Society of the Cincinnati and Anderson House.



Olmsted Scholars and guests enjoy cocktails and mingle with old and new friends by the Anderson House reflecting pool.



It was a beautiful evening to gather on the Anderson House lawn prior to the annual meeting and dinner.



The annual meeting begins with the presentation of colors accompanied by the US Army's Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps.



President and CEO MG (Ret.) Bruce Scott welcomes guests to the annual meeting and provides an update on major Foundation events.

## Wainwright Takes Command of 5th Special Forces Group



COL Kenneth Wainwright accepts the guidon of the 5th Special Forces Group from MG Lawrence G. Ferguson.

COL Kenneth Wainwright (OSC 12, Jerusalem) assumed command of the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky in July. The 5th Group is a highly-trained unit of Army special operators focused on operations in the Middle East. MG Lawrence G. (Gil) Ferguson, USA, Commanding General of 1st Special Forces Command (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, NC, was the presiding officer.

COL Wainwright is a 2002 West Point graduate and holds Masters degrees from Oxford University and Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Olmsted Foundation Executive Vice President COL (Ret.) Mark Elfendahl attended the change of command.



COL Wainwright and COL Elfendahl at the post change of command reception.

## Musa Assumes 436th Airlift Wing Command



At his change of command, Col Jamil Musa accepts the wing guidon from Maj Gen Charles Bolton, Eighteenth Air Force commander.

(USAF photo by Roland Balik).

In May, Col Jamil Musa (OSC 11, Rabat) became the 38th commander of the 436th Airlift Wing at Dover AFB, Delaware. Known as "Eagle Wing, 436 AW owns, maintains and operates C-5M Super Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III aircraft with a mission to provide rapid global airlift.

Col Musa is a 2003 Air Force Academy graduate with Masters degrees from Norwich University and Mohammad V University in Rabat.

Olmsted Foundation Vice President Col (Ret.) Sean Cosden was in attendance at the change of command.



Col Jamil Musa salutes the wing at his change of command.

(USAF photo by SrA Trenten Walters).

## Boswell Takes Squadron Command



Lt Col John Boswell offers remarks after his change of command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Lt Col John Boswell (OSC 17, Lima) has assumed command of the National Air and Space Center's Information Exploitation Squadron at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. The Information Exploitation Squadron envisioned and built the Open Source Portal, leveraging human-machine teaming to conquer big data challenges with precision search and discovery.

Lt Col Boswell is a 2006 graduate of Baylor University and holds three Masters degrees including an MA in History from the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, where he studied as an Olmsted Scholar.

Executive Vice President COL (Ret.) Mark Elfendahl attended the change of command.

## Olmsted Scholar Promotions and Selections

**Selected for promotion to the rank of Colonel by the US Army:**

- ♦ LTC Michael Anderson (OSC 13, Belgrade)
- ♦ LTC Ronald Garberson (OSC 13, Chiang Mai)
- ♦ LTC Michael Kendall (OSC 13, Hangzhou)
- ♦ LTC Matthew Bryant (OSC 15, Florence)

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

- ♦ Lt Col Daniel Wynn (OSC 15, Guilin)
- ♦ Lt Col Kira Coffey (OSC 16, Guangzhou)
- ♦ Lt Col Edward Francis (OSC 16, Bucharest)

**Selected for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel by the US Army:**

- ♦ MAJ Michael McCaughey (OSC 18, Lisbon)
- ♦ MAJ Richard Pazdzierski (OSC 18, Osaka)
- ♦ MAJ Brittany Clark (OSC 19, Bologna)
- ♦ MAJ Daniel Liebetreu (OSC 19, Valparaíso)

**Selected for promotion to the rank of Commander by the US Navy:**

- ♦ LCDR Sean Fitzmaurice (OSC 17, Tartu)
- ♦ LCDR Fred Hendricks (OSC 17, Kyoto)
- ♦ LCDR Andy Kramer (OSC 17, Ljubljana)
- ♦ LCDR Chris Familetti (OSC 19, Leipzig)
- ♦ LCDR Matthew Murphy (OSC 25, Lyon)

**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.**

**The October 2025 Olmsted Lecture has been cancelled due to schedule conflicts with prospective speakers.**

## Clisset Assumes 8th Fighter Squadron Command



Lt Col Ryan Clisset accepts the guidon from Col Samuel Stitt III, 54th Fighter Group Commander, as he assumes command of the 8th Fighter Squadron.

This past May, Lt Col Ryan Clisset (OSC 20, Poznań) assumed command of the 8th Fighter Squadron, known as the Black Sheep. The unit is part of the 54th Fighter Group at Holloman AFB, New Mexico.

Lt Col Clisset is a 2009 graduate of the Air Force Academy and has an MBA from American Military University. As an Olmsted Scholar, he studied at Adam Mickiewicz University.

## McClure Visits Salzburg Scholar



On a recent trip to Europe, COL (Ret.) Bob McClure (OSC 83, Mainz) enjoyed lunch and an Altstadt stroll in Salzburg, Austria with Maj Steven Roshong (OSC 24, Salzburg) and his wife, Hailee.

## Boyce Presents Research at University of Oxford

by CDR Matthew Boyce (OSC 19, Belgrade)



CDR Boyce with Dr. Rob Johnson, Director of the Changing Character of War .

CDR Matthew Boyce was the 2024-25 US Navy Hudson Fellow at the University of Oxford, where he researched the European Defense Technological and Industrial Base. In April, CDR Boyce participated in a wargame organized by Oxford University with former senior politicians from the Government of the United Kingdom. The same month, he presented a paper and fielded questions about his research at All Souls College Old Library. Following operational aviation command of Fleet Logistics Multi-Mission Squadron 40 (VRM-40), CDR Boyce and his family moved to Oxfordshire for a year-long broadening experience. He joined a cohort of international fellows at St. Antony's College and the Changing Character of War Centre, Pembroke College. This summer, he reports to the Joint Staff J5 Security Cooperation Strategy Division.

The Wargame podcast: <https://news.sky.com/story/the-wargame-new-sky-news-and-tortoise-media-podcast-series-simulates-a-russian-attack-on-uk-13371462>.

## Norwich University Students Visit the Baltics

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. This past May, a group of Norwich University cadets toured Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia.

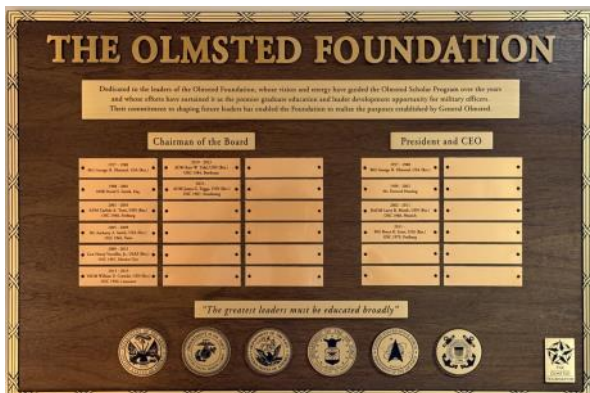


The Norwich team toured historical sites in Old Town Vilnius, Lithuania. They also visited the Miracle Stone, made famous during the fall of the Iron Curtain in 1989.



While in Tartu, Estonia, the team was hosted by the Estonian Military Academy, met with Estonian Defense Forces cadets and toured the campus and a nearby base.

## Foundation Dedicates Perpetual Plaque



The Olmsted Foundation recently dedicated a new perpetual plaque honoring all those who have served since 1957 as Chairman of the Board or President of the Foundation. The plaque recognizes those whose vision and energy have made the Olmsted Scholar Program the premier graduate education and leader development opportunity available to active military officers. The plaque is now on display in the Olmsted Library at the headquarters in Falls Church, Virginia.

Scholars and others in the DC area are strongly encouraged to drop by the Foundation to see this new addition.

## Scholars in the News

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