

# THE IRREGULAR WARFARE CENTER

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Dr. Dennis Walters, IWC Director, provided opening remarks during the Center's IW Medical Resiliency Workgroup Conference, Feb. 22-24, 2023, in Bethesda, Md.



Derek Jones and Madi Urban of the IWC brief event attendees on the breakout session topics during the Center's IW Medical Resiliency Workgroup Conference, Feb. 22-24, 2023, in Bethesda, Md.

## IWC Releases IW Medical Resiliency Workgroup Conference Report

The newly established Irregular Warfare Center recently released its IW Medical Resiliency Workgroup Report from the Center's first hosted event, the IW Medical Resiliency Workgroup Conference, which took place Feb. 22-24, 2023, in Bethesda, Md.

The IWC, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, and the Center for Global Health Engagement from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences jointly hosted the event.

This event was the Center's initial working group for Irregular Warfare Medicine curriculum development. The event brought together U.S. and allied and partner nation surgeons to discuss medical capabilities in contested or non-permissive environments.

Medical leaders from U.S. Special Operations Command, the theater special operations commands, Department of Defense medical security cooperation entities, the Department of State, the Department of Health and Human Services and several allied nations discussed the use of medical security cooperation as an integral part of medical support to IW. The conference was attended by medical professionals from E6 to O9 (not solely U.S. Special Operations) from across the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), the U.S. interagency, partners, allies, academia,



Derek Jones of the IWC discusses IW medical-related topics during a breakout session at the Center's IW Medical Resiliency Workgroup Conference, Feb. 22-24, 2023, in Bethesda, Md.



and nonprofits.

The 3-day event included a variety of guest speakers and irregular warfare SME's, various briefs on Irregular Warfare Medicine topics, as well as break-out sessions to identify capabilities, gaps and share findings to support the IWC's medical security cooperation efforts.

This is the first of a series of working groups focused on medical resiliency in IW specifically focused on medical operations in austere, contested, and denied environments.

The report includes a medic/practitioner summary, executive summary, working group findings, working group recommendations as well as participant takeaways and summaries.

To request a copy of the report, please send an email to [reports@irregularwarfarecenter.org](mailto:reports@irregularwarfarecenter.org) with your full name, title, name of organization and phone number.

Aside from its inaugural event, the IWC recently hosted several informative and educational irregular warfare-themed events including IWC International IW Week (March 2023), IWC IW Seminar at Georgetown University (March 2023), University Days (April 2023) and PME Day (April 2023).

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Through these LOEs, the Irregular Warfare Center addresses current and emerging security concerns and challenges with world-class research, rigorous analysis, top-tier strategic education and training for U.S. and international partners.

## IWC Director's Corner



Dr. Dennis Walters,  
IWC Director



The month of May was full of activity at the Center as we wrapped up our University Day and PME Day events and continue to accomplish our mission of improving how the Nation finds irregular solutions to irregular problems.

Recently, the IWC team successfully completed a complex translation project involving a Pro-Russian Civil Resistance Handbook. The unattributed translated handbook provides insights into potential pro-Russian stay-behind civil resistance measures in areas recovered by Ukrainian forces as part of their ongoing operations to regain territorial integrity. IWC shares these translations as part of our mandate to inform research efforts aimed at illuminating and addressing irregular threats and threat trends.

As the IWC continues to expand and evolve, the importance of fluent communication and external outreach remains ever so important. We are pleased to announce the Center recently reached a 1K follower milestone on LinkedIn. We would like to say thank you to all of our connections and followers who help spread the important message of the IWC and our mission!

We are excited to continue to expand and grow our collaborations and partnerships as we recently met with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Deputy Senior Advisor to the DOD and senior staff of the International Operations Division to discuss current international partnership efforts with the Bureau and develop interagency options to address global security concerns. Center leadership also met recently with representatives of the National Counterintelligence Task Force and MITRE's Center for Narrative Power to discuss future collaboration efforts.

Stay tuned for more exciting news as we prepare for our upcoming Irregular Warfare Colloquium in July. The Center is committed to enhancing irregular warfare knowledge through academic partnerships to facilitate research on IW and strategic competition and continues to engage with U.S. and international universities.

Stay tuned for more great things!

*Dennis Walters*

## Staff Member of the Month



Andrew Liflyandchick,  
IWC Analyst



Describe your role and responsibilities at IWC?

- ◇ I serve as the primary Russia analyst at the IWC and am currently heading a research project of ours on Russian occupation strategy in Ukraine. I also lead the IWC's translation initiative, helping practitioners understand how Russia views IW by translating primary source IW documents from Russian to English.

What do you enjoy most about working at IWC?

- ◇ Working at the IWC has been an incredible experience in a large part due to the excellent team and organizational culture. Everyone I have worked with shares a passion for the subject matter, a wealth of experience, and an ambition to improve our understanding of IW. The leadership has also been greatly receptive to suggestions for new ideas and projects from analysts.

## Upcoming Events

- ◇ The Irregular Warfare Center has released a call for universities to nominate graduate students and postdocs to contribute to our Irregular Warfare Colloquium, which is scheduled for July 27-28, 2023. The Colloquium will bring together nominees from a wide range of excellent colleges and universities to share their ongoing work on irregular warfare concepts and help them develop their projects into impactful peer-reviewed publications. Deadline for submissions is Thursday, June 15!

## Media Highlights

- ◇ [Simple Sabotage 2.0: The Threat of Pro-Russian Civil Resistance in Ukraine by Dr. Sandor Fabian, IWC Chair, Engagements, Dr. Kevin Stringer, IWC Chair, Education and Andrew Liflyandchick, IWC Analyst](#)
- ◇ [Opinion Essay: Building a Bigger Tent: Women and Irregular Conflict by Dr. Kathryn Newton, IWC Curriculum Developer, and Dr. Dennis Walters, IWC Acting Director](#)
- ◇ [Perspectives #7: Rethinking Russian Hybrid Warfare by Matej Kandrik](#)

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## Call for Nominations: Upcoming Irregular Warfare Colloquium

The Irregular Warfare Center (IWC) is committed to enhancing irregular warfare (IW) knowledge through academic partnerships to facilitate research on IW and strategic competition and continue to engage with U.S. and international universities. The IWC is pleased to invite nominations for participation in the inaugural Irregular Warfare Colloquium, to be held in the Washington, DC on July 27-28, 2023.

Themes of particular interest to the Center for this colloquium include cyber operations; information and influence operations; resistance movements and occupation; proxy warfare; strategic competition below the threshold of war; and women, peace, and security. Nominees should propose topics that explore one or more of these themes and explain how their research might enhance the ability of the United States, its allies, and its partners, to address the challenges posed by irregular warfare.

Nominees accepted for participation in the colloquium will be placed in small groups with nominees from other academic institutions who share similar research interests and complementary capabilities. Attendees will be expected to give a brief presentation on their ongoing work to serve as the basis for peer discussions and planning for further research. These presentations can draw on the participants' research in any stage of its development and can be based on preliminary prospectuses, case studies, theses and dissertations, working papers, or other unpublished work.

While we are particularly interested in participation from graduate students and postdocs, promising undergraduates and interested faculty will also be considered. Students should be nominated by faculty members, while faculty may self-nominate. Participation is open to students and faculty from both U.S. and international colleges and universities.

The IWC will reimburse the costs of transportation, hotels, meals, and incidentals. Attendees who then publish their research in a peer-reviewed journal or a major online forum will receive an honorarium.

Nominations for each proposed participant must include the following: name, CV, and a description (no more than 250 words) describing the nominee's research and how it contributes to our understanding of contemporary irregular warfare challenges. Nominations received by June 15th, 2023 will receive full consideration, with decisions to be announced shortly after the deadline. Nominations should be submitted to [jhastey@irregularwarfarecenter.org](mailto:jhastey@irregularwarfarecenter.org).

### PROCESS AND TIMELINE:

- ◇ Now—Submit nominations: Deadline is Thursday, June 15!
- ◇ Nominate a graduate student or postdoc to contribute to one of the above listed categories: Cyber Operations; Information and Influence

Operations; Resistance Movements and Occupation; Proxy Warfare; Strategic Competition Below the Threshold of War; and Women, Peace, And Security.

- ◇ Deliver a proposal (size of proposal includes the 250-word description).
- ◇ July—Participate in Colloquium
- ◇ Come prepared to present your work, whether completed in progress, or preliminary.
- ◇ Discuss your proposals, give and receive feedback, and interact with subject matter experts and practitioners.

### POST-COLLOQUIUM—STAY IN TOUCH!

Work singly or in teams to produce a peer reviewed publishable paper to be accepted for publication during 2024.

Authors who publish papers resulting from the colloquium in peer-reviewed outlets will be awarded with an honorarium.

Publication resulting from the colloquium may be promoted on the IWC website and social media.

Please address specific questions to: [atorres@irregularwarfarecenter.org](mailto:atorres@irregularwarfarecenter.org)

## IWC Leadership To Participate in CIWAG Symposium



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A leadership team of IW subject matter experts representing the Irregular Warfare Center is scheduled to attend the Center for Irregular Warfare and Armed Groups (CIWAG) Symposium at the Wyndham Newport Hotel in Middletown, R.I. from June 27-28, 2023.

The Center on Irregular Warfare and

Armed Groups' 2023 Maritime symposium, Exploring Our Maritime Strategies, is scheduled to host five panels moderated by experts in their fields, along with professionals ranging from the United States Coast Guard to the Center for Naval Analyses.

CIWAG events bring together top academics and leaders of the special operations

community to discuss emerging trends in irregular warfare and armed groups to bridge the gap between strategy, academics, and operations. These events are opportunities to expand upon the joint knowledge base of the community and foster interoperability between the military and institutions.

Established by a team of professors, CIWAG's goal is to promote and support research, while pursuing the study of contemporary irregular warfare and non-state actors.

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The IWC also serves as the only global DOD center which works in close collaboration to amplify regional centers' IW efforts.

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For questions and to receive further updates on the 2023 CIWAG Symposium, please contact [ciwag@usnwc.edu](mailto:ciwag@usnwc.edu)

### Photo of the Month



The Irregular Warfare Center is collaborating with the National Defense University's College of International Security Affairs (CISA) in a subject-matter-expert interview project highlighting the college and its IW studies. IWC Public Affairs and Strategic Communications Manager, David Wycaver, documents an interview with a current Joint Special Operations Master of Arts Program (JSOMA) student at the CISA-Ft. Liberty studio on May 31.

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