

A Message from the Director



The William J. Perry Award for Excellence in Security and Defense Education is named after the former U.S. Secretary of Defense who was responsible for the establishment of the Center, now in its 18th year of existence. The Perry Center is located on Ft. McNair and is academically affiliated with National Defense University. Recipients are chosen for having contributed in tangible ways to enhancing capacity in security and defense, building mutually beneficial relationships, and increasing democratic security in the Americas. We look forward to your nominations for the 2015 award.

Respectfully,

Mr. Mark S. Wilkins
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WILLIAM J. PERRY CENTER
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at the National Defense University



William J. Perry Award for
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Call for Nominations





2015 William J. Perry Award
Every year the Perry Center selects individuals and/or institutions to receive the William J. Perry Award for Excellence in Security and Defense Education. The awards recognize significant contributions in the fields of security and defense education that reflect the Center's

mission: Conducting educational activities for civilians and the military in the Western Hemisphere to build capacity and to foster trust, mutual understanding, and regional cooperation.

Eligibility: Academic or policy candidates include any individual (in academia) or an institution that has made or sustained a significant contribution related to the security and defense sectors. They may be educators and/or institutions of defense and security from throughout the Hemisphere, or from outside the region.

Nomination Process: Send nominations to the Perry Center selection committee via award coordinator Mike Mann (see address below) and include the name of the individual or organization and nominator and contact information for both, a justification for the nomination, and strong supportive material. The total package should not exceed 3,000 words.

Selection Process: The Perry Center selection committee will review the nominations and recommend a recipient or recipients to the Perry Center Director, who will review and select the awardees.

Presentation: The William J. Perry Award will be presented to the individual or representative of the institution selected at a ceremony held the third week of September 2015, coinciding with the anniversary of the Center's founding.

Submissions:

Submit all nominations by June 15, 2015, to Michael Mann.

Send electronic submissions to mannm@ndu.edu and paper submissions to:

Perry Center Award Committee
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About Dr. William J. Perry

As the countries of the Western Hemisphere confront a panorama of challenges in the formative years of the 21st century, the example of Dr. William J. Perry offers a model for both vision and problem-solving in the security and defense areas. Having earned a Ph.D. in mathematics from Pennsylvania State University, Perry entered into service as

Secretary of Defense with broad national security experience, both in industry and government. He also had a keen understanding of the challenges that needed to be addressed and was well versed in both the Department of Defense's internal operations and in international security issues.

When the Clinton Administration hosted the first Summit of the Americas in 1994, then-Secretary Perry recognized an opportunity to promote hemispheric security and convened the first Defense Ministerial in Williamsburg, VA, the following year.

In response to discussions with his regional colleagues, at the second Defense Ministerial held in Bariloche, Argentina, in 1996, Dr. Perry proposed the creation of a regional education center tailored to the unique requirements of countries that wished to strengthen civilian defense and security leadership in revitalized democracies. Secretary Perry's vision became reality with the establishment of the Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies.

He is credited with numerous accomplishments from his time in office, such as instituting needed acquisition reforms, managing the post-Cold War military drawdown, improving relationships with the military services, ensuring the effective deployment of U.S. military assets in Haiti, Bosnia, Korea, and the Persian Gulf, forging strong relationships with his defense counterparts overseas, and advancing the Partnership for Peace within NATO.

At his retirement ceremony in January 1997, General John M. Shalikashvili, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, spoke of the relationship the civilian secretary had forged with the troops: "Surely, Bill Perry has been the GI's Secretary of Defense. When asked his greatest accomplishment as secretary, Bill Perry didn't name an operation or a weapons system. He said that his greatest accomplishment was his very strong bond with our men and women in uniform."

The Perry Center is proud to be part of the Perry legacy, having become the premier regional forum offering strategic -level defense and security education, research, and dialogue. It is for this reason that the Center offers the annual William J. Perry Award for Excellence in Security and Defense Education.



The National Defense Authorization Act of 2013 redesignated CHDS as the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies. The official renaming ceremony, with Dr. Perry in attendance, was held on April 2, 2013.

Previous Winners of the William J. Perry Award

The William J. Perry Award was first presented in 2007 as part of the Center's 10th anniversary celebration. At that time, the Center's senior leadership determined that it should be awarded to the creators and director of Peru's "Strategic Leadership for Defense and Crisis Management Course" (known by the Spanish acronym CEDEYAC), who modeled their course on the Perry Center's academic content and instructional methodology, adapted to the Peruvian reality. Subsequent winners have been:

- 2008. Then-Colombian President Alvaro Uribe Vélez (individual) and the Chilean National Academy for Political and Strategic Studies (institutional)
- 2009. Strategic Superior Studies College (CAEE) of El Salvador (institutional)
- 2010. Former Uruguayan Defense Minister Dr. José Bayardi and U.S. General John Galvin (individual) and the Mexican Center for Superior Naval Studies (CESNAV) (institutional)
- 2011. Former Minister of Defense of Brazil Nelson Jobim (individual) and the U.S. National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program, (institutional)
- 2012. Then-Canadian Defense Minister, the Honorable Peter MacKay (individual) and former Mexican President Felipe Calderón and the Regional Security System and the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (institutional)
- 2013. Former Paraguayan Minister of Defense Maria Liz Garcia de Arnold (individual) and the Colombian National War College (ESDEGUE) (institutional).
- 2014: Dr. Richard Millett (individual) and the Inter American Defense College (IADC) and Center of Advanced Studies of National Defense (CESEDEN)