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World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (www.wacmb.org)

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Patriots for Profit? America's Experience with Private Military Contractors

**Distinguished Professor Emeritus Dr. Thomas Bruneau
Naval Postgraduate School**

Friday, October 19, 2018

11:30 am: Registration ~11:50 am: Luncheon ~12:45 pm: Program

**Palo Corona Regional Park Headquarters
(formerly Rancho Canada Golf Club)**

For decades now, contracting in American warfare – both on the battlefield (where those involved are sometimes called mercenaries) and in support of those on the battlefield – has been growing. Today's private military industry is a multi-billion dollar business. In Fiscal Year 2017, contracting out by the U.S. Department of Defense alone totalled \$320 billion, more than 50% of the DOD budget. Erik Prince, former owner of Blackwater and possibly the world's best known military contractor, has recently proposed contracting out the war in Afghanistan. As the U.S. increasingly relies on the private sector to wage war, some see this as a strategic liability. Others consider the trend to be efficient and cost effective.

Professor Thomas Bruneau, author of *Patriots for Profit: Contractors and the Military in U.S. National Security* (Stanford University Press, 2011), will discuss the pros and cons of contracting security support. Highlighting the American experience in Iraq and Afghanistan, he will



explore the many dimensions of using private contractors, including effectiveness, cost, accountability, and ethics. The impact of private contractors on regular U.S. troops and relations with host governments are among the issues he will examine.

Dr. Bruneau is Distinguished Professor Emeritus of National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS). During his career at NPS, he served as Chairman of the Department of National Security Affairs (1989-1995) and Director of the Center for Civil-Military Relations (2000-2004). Prior to joining the faculty of NPS, Dr. Bruneau taught in the Department of Political Science at McGill University. In addition to his long academic career and ten years of administrative responsibilities at NPS, Dr. Bruneau is also vice president of Global Academic Professionals, LLC, a contracting firm.

(Please see page 3 for reservation information)

World Affairs Council Discussion Groups

MPC: *Evolving Coalitions: What Does the New Russia/Turkey/Iran Partnership Portend for International Relations?*

Does the recent Russia/Turkey/Iran Summit signal a reordering of the international alignment? What do Russia, Turkey and Iran hope to gain in this new partnership? How should the U.S. reformulate its policy in response?

The MPC Discussion Group will meet on Monday, October 8 at 4:00 pm in the Social Science Building, Room 101, Monterey Peninsula College, 980 Fremont Street, Monterey. Parking is available in Lot D for \$3.00.

OLLI: The topic for October's discussion will be the #MeToo movement and its implications.

The OLLI Discussion Group will meet on Monday, October 15 at 4:00 on the second floor of the CSUMB building at Ryan Ranch, 8 Upper Ragsdale Drive, Monterey. Free parking is available in front of the building.

For maps and more detailed directions, go to <http://olli.csumb.edu/assets/olli/wms/OLLI-Ryan-Ranch-i345.pdf>

Some Facts About the World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area

In 1951, a group of individuals interested in world affairs organized the World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB). At that time, the Board chose WWII U.S. Navy Admiral (Ret.) Raymond Spruance, one of the greatest admirals in American naval history, as its first president.

At its founding, WACMB chose to be an affiliate council of the World Affairs Council of Northern California. This relationship continued successfully for more than 40 years until 1992, when WACMB became a totally independent Public Benefit Corporation as a 501(c)(3).

WACMB is a member of the World Affairs Councils of America (WACA), and participates in the national activities arranged by that organization. It also is a "Cooperating Council" in the Travel Program of the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia, which you may already have read about in these pages.

WACMB is now approaching its seventh decade of providing our members and the residents of Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties with intellectually challenging programs that address significant international issues.

Calendar of Events

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| Thursday, October 4 | 4:30 pm |
| Board Meeting: McCone Building Conference Room, MIIS. Open to members. | |
| Monday, October 8 | 4:00 - 5:30 pm |
| Discussion Group: MPC Social Science Building Room 101. Parking \$3.00 in Lot D. | |
| Monday, October 15 | 4:00 - 5:30 pm |
| OLLI Discussion Group: CSUMB at Ryan Ranch, 8 Upper Ragsdale Dr. | |
| Friday, October 19 | 11:00 - 2:00 pm |
| Luncheon and Presentation: <i>Patriots for Profit?</i> by Thomas Bruneau | |

RESERVATION FORM

Reservations due October 15 for October 19 presentation

Registration 11:00 am

Mail form and check or credit information to:

Members @ \$29 _____

Luncheon 11:50 am

WACMB, PO Box 83, Monterey, CA 93942

Guests @ \$35 _____

Program 12:45 pm

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This year's winners will be introduced at the October 19th luncheon. Please join us as we honor these outstanding young scholars!

Welcome to Our New Members Summer 2018

**Roger Gayman
Seung-Jae Oh
Loretta Patterson
Katharina Harlow
Susan Hinde**

Thomas Rowland and Christine Hallas

LUNCHEON MENU

- House Salad of Mixed Greens
with Ranch Dressing
- Panko-Crusted Chicken with
Sherry Cream Sauce
- Roasted Potatoes
- Steamed Vegetables
- Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter
- Chef's Choice Dessert
- Coffee and Tea

VEGETARIAN OPTION

- Pasta with Marinara Sauce

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