



# The Passport

World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area ([www.wacmb.org](http://www.wacmb.org))

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## Germany's Response to the Challenges Posed by the War in Ukraine

**Colonel (GS) Peter Frank, German Army**  
**National Security Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School**

**Tuesday, February 14, 2023**

***11:15 am: Registration 11:45 am: Luncheon 12:30 pm: Program***  
***\*\* Presidio Room, Hilton Garden Inn, 1000 Aguajito Road, Monterey\*\****

The German Chancellor Olaf Scholz wrote recently in *Foreign Affairs* that the world is facing a *Zeitenwende*, meaning an epochal tectonic shift. He used the same word to describe the Russian invasion of Ukraine, suggesting that it was a historic turning point for German security policy, and promising a special additional investment fund of €100bn in the armed forces. Our February speaker, Colonel Peter Frank, will explain how Germany's security and defense policies have changed in response to the war, and what lay behind the controversy about whether to supply Ukraine with Germany's Leopard tanks. He will describe the consequences of the war for Germany and its position in NATO and the EU. Finally, he will address possible options for ending the war and mitigating the challenges of growing insecurity in the world.

Peter Frank is a Colonel (GS) in the German Army. He received an MA in Business and Administration from the Bundeswehr University Munich in 1990, and an MA in



National Security Affairs from NPS in 2003. He graduated from the German Armed Forces General Staff (GS) Course - Hamburg in 2000. He has been a lecturer at the Federal Armed Forces Command and Staff College in Hamburg, a senior instructor in the German General Staff Course, and the Deputy Dean of the George C. Marshall Center for European Security Studies. He is currently a military professor in his second tour at NPS.

In addition to his teaching and research, Colonel Frank was assigned to the Office of the High Representative in Sarajevo as Chief of Cabinet in 2021. He was deployed in NATO operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2002, and in Kosovo in 2014. He served as Assistant Branch Chief at the German Ministry of Defense (MoD) in Berlin, and as a Battalion Commander from 2006 to 2008. From 2010 on, he was a Military Assistant for the Under Secretary of Defense in the MoD, where he was involved in the most senior level of decision-making.

**There will be some changes in the location and timing of the February luncheon. Please see page 3 for further information.**

## ***Great Decisions 2023***

*Great Decisions*, the country's largest discussion program, is produced by the Foreign Policy Association of America. WACMB offers two *Great Decisions* groups: one solely through WACMB, which meets Mondays from 4:30-6:30, and one in collaboration with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at CSUMB, which meets Tuesdays from 3:30-5:30. Both groups meet online via Zoom. Each session begins with a thirty-minute Master Class lecture, followed by a moderated group discussion. Moderators for both groups are Boyd Haight and Linda Dilger.

### **WACMB Schedule Mondays, 4:30-6:30**

February 6: Energy Geopolitics  
February 13: War Crimes  
February 20: No meeting  
February 27: China and the US  
March 6: Economic Warfare  
March 13: Politics in Latin America  
March 20: Global Famine  
March 27: Iran at the Crossroads  
April 3: Climate Migration

### **WACMB/OLLI Schedule Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30**

February 7: Energy Geopolitics  
February 14: No meeting  
February 21: War Crimes  
February 28: China and the US  
March 7: Economic Warfare  
March 14: Politics in Latin America  
March 21: Global Famine  
March 28: Iran at the Crossroads  
April 4: Climate Migration

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## **Academic WorldQuest**

WACMB is delighted to announce that the first annual Monterey County Academic WorldQuest (AWQ) competition will take place on Saturday, February 11! What *is* AWQ? It's a program of the World Affairs Councils of America, which describe it this way:

"America's ability to face economic and security challenges and seize new opportunities depends on an informed citizenry and a well-educated workforce. Academic WorldQuest™ is a unique, competitive educational program that exposes youth to the world outside our borders and prepares them for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st Century. Founded in 2003, Academic WorldQuest™ is a team game testing high school students' knowledge of international affairs. In the game, four-person teams compete by answering questions divided into ten unique and engaging thematic categories. The winner is the team with the most correct answers."

Three high schools have fielded teams for this inaugural Monterey County AWQ competition: Monterey, Seaside, and Stevenson. The winning team will receive an all-expenses paid trip to the national AWQ competition in April in Washington, DC, where they will compete against students from all across the country.

Many thanks to the members of the WACMB AWQ committee, who spent many hours organizing the Monterey County competition: Linda Dilger, chair; Peter Albano, Elizabeth Bone, Judith Glickman, Boyd Haight, Maria Morgan, Lori Sanders, and Suzanne Zadeh. Further thanks go to those who supported AWQ by donating to WACMB through the MCGives! program.

We look forward to hosting the Monterey County AWQ champions at a WACMB event later this year!

## RESERVATION FORM

***Reservations due February 11. Luncheon is at the Hilton Garden Inn.***

Registration: 11:15 am

Mail form and check to:

Members @ \$36 \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon: 11:45 am

WACMB, PO Box 83, Monterey, CA 93942

Guests @ \$41 \_\_\_\_\_

Program: 12:30 pm

or register online at [www.wacmb.org](http://www.wacmb.org)

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*If you wish to register using a credit card, please do so online.*

## Germany's Response to the War in Ukraine

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Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Vegetarian Entrees \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: No refunds or credit will be given for cancellations received after the due date*

### ***Notes About February's Luncheon***

February's luncheon will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn. However, due to renovations at the hotel that began in January, **the luncheon will be held in the Presidio Room, which is located on the second floor of the lobby building, and not in the Big Sur Room where we usually meet.** There will be signs at the Hilton Garden Inn directing you to this new location; look for them when you arrive.

The times for this luncheon have been tweaked a bit in order to avoid construction noise during the lecture portion of the event. Please note these changes: **Registration will open at 11:15 am, the luncheon will begin at 11:45 am, and the program will begin at 12:30 pm.**

Finally, since the Presidio Room has a capacity of 80 people, we regret that we will be unable to accommodate any auditors for this luncheon.

## LUNCHEON MENU

- Spinach Salad Dressed with Champagne Vinaigrette
- Grilled Salmon Topped with Tomato Bruschetta Salsa and Served on an Orzo Pilaf
- Blistered Green Beans
- Fresh Bread and Butter
- Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting
- Coffee, Tea, and Lemonade

## VEGETARIAN OPTION

Penne Pasta Primavera with Grilled Vegetables and Pine Nuts

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**\* Student rates are for full-time students at accredited colleges, universities, or graduate schools, as well as for enlisted military personnel in Grades E1 to E4.**

## Vaccination Requirements

- All those attending WACMB in-person events must show proof of full Covid-19 vaccination, including a booster.
- To prove your vaccination status, you can present either your vaccination card or your State QR code. You only need to present such proof once. Your documentation will be noted, and that box will be automatically checked for future meetings.
- Thank you for your cooperation with our efforts to keep our members healthy!

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