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Gallucci Simplifies Korean Crisis— Ambassador-at-Large Robert Gallucci Delivers Insightful Remarks at 87th PDM Lecture

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Manhattan, KS— Returning to his academic roots Ambassador-at-Large Robert Gallucci delivered 35 hours of nuclear information in just under 45 minutes during the February 1 PDM Lecture at the Manhattan Country Club.

“It is hard to talk peace without knowing war.” Gallucci said in his remarks which began with a broad history of nuclear arms and concluded with sobering perspectives about the North Korean threat.

Gallucci, the chief US negotiator during the 1994 North Korean Nuclear Crisis and former Dean of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, spoke to an audience eager to hear his views on a complicated topic.

The lecture opened with

an oral history of the nuclear threat and the need for intelligent deterrence.

“Between about 1814 and the late 1940’s it was possible for the United States to defend the land within its borders.” Gallucci explained. “But the German V2 Rocket and the atomic bomb began to alter that ability. When the ballistic missile was mated with the nuclear weapon the ability to ‘defend the land’ became obsolete.”

This marriage, and the resulting weapons of mass destruction it birthed, opened a need for the wise use of deterrence as the best defense against the single weapon ‘city-killers’ which dominated the Cold War arsenals our past.

“Deterrence is the threat of a retaliatory strike far



Gallucci Speaks to the PDM Audience on February 1, 2018

greater than any gains which could be made by an unprovoked attack.” Gallucci told his audience. “The attacker must believe that what he gets back will be more than what can be gained.”

Deterrence has worked for more than seven decades but recent tensions between North Korea- (**cont. pg 2**)

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April PDM Lecture Cancelled— Series Eyes The Future

Manhattan, KS— A late logistical conflict forced the cancellation of April’s scheduled PDM Lecture, Series Host Dr. Art DeGroat announced recently.

“We were very excited to have retired Marine and acclaimed author Colonel Bing West agree to be our featured speaker for April’s event” DeGroat noted “but due to unforeseen conflicts with Colonel West’s schedule and the tight constraints



DeGroat Shares PDM Updates

of time which resulted we made the difficult decision to cancel April’s lecture.”

DeGroat also shared plans for the future of the PDM Lecture Series and

revealed progress with recent funding efforts and the series’ new invitation format.

“Changing the invitation format from the direct-mail RSVP method to the news-letter/invitation practice will allow us to share PDM news, recount past events and expand our audience.” DeGroat said. “The invitation will now be seen in the lower, right- (**cont. pg 3**)

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"Anyone who values your death more than their life is unsusceptible to deterrence."

Ambassador Gallucci on the threats facing current American defense policy

(cont. pg 1) and the United States have elevated the threat of its failure and opened the possibility for preventative first-strike defense.

Deterrence is a successful strategy when applied to similarly minded regimes who wish to maintain both life and power but it becomes far more treacherous when the nature of the adversary is as unpredictable and unknown as Kim Jong Un, the leader of North Korea.

"We know Kim Jong Un is homicidal, he's killed both family and rivals." Gallucci expounded. "But is he suicidal? We don't know that."

One of the greatest fears rising from the Korean Peninsula is what will become of the nuclear weapons the North Koreans are already known to have. If these weapons are delivered to rogue states or worse, terrorists whose suicidal intentions are proven, then deterrence is no longer a practical diplomatic measure.

"Anyone who values your death more than their life is not susceptible to deterrence." Gallucci warned.

Further complicating the matter is the condition of the United States' decaying nuclear arsenal. The 'nuclear triad' of air-deliverable nukes, subma-

rine launch platforms and our own land-based ballistic missiles is in severe need of renovation. Our unwillingness to commit to costly upgrades places the US in a dangerous place.

"You never know when deterrence works but you always know when it fails." Gallucci remarked.

Gallucci closed his lecture by focusing on the North Korean threat and what the world can do to avoid a nuclear showdown.

"North Korea is the 'Land of Bad Options' and force is the worst of them all. I favor containment while reserving the right for preemptive action."

PDM Lecture Series Notes, News & History

Manhattan, KS- The PDM Lecture Series has been part of the Kansas State University culture of higher learning for more than twenty years and in the future *The Pouch* will utilize this space to promote upcoming lectures and inform our audience about incoming speakers. Due to the late cancellation of April's event the editorial staff of *The Pouch* felt there was a unique opportunity to use this column to share information not generally revealed to our audience.

Meet The Team

The PDM Lecture Series requires the diligent efforts of many people to make our events successful. Some members of the team are well known to our loyal audience members while others are less familiar. Please meet two who make these events possible:

Sha'La Jackson- Ms. Jackson is singularly responsible for streamlining the administrative tasks of the KSU Office of Military Affairs and her exceptional talents have allowed the office to expand its impact in many arenas. She has truly proved

herself invaluable to the mission. Her assistance with the financial elements of the PDM Lectures and ability to manage the fluctuating changes of the guest list allow our audience to experience an enjoyable evening with few obstacles.

Chip Levine- Our audience has benefited from the expertise of Mr. Levine but few are aware of how important his efforts are in making the series the success it is. Levine is the chief talent scout for the PDM Lecture Series and he has brought a wide range of gifted individuals to Manhattan to share their knowledge in the fields of global diplomacy, military expertise and political dynamics. He is a gifted speaker himself as evidenced by his warm introductions of guest speakers.

PDM History

The PDM Lecture Series began in 1996 and has since brought 87 distinguished leaders in the political, diplomatic and military fields to Manhattan to share their perspectives on global events. It was the visionary leadership of Dr. Dale Herspring which in-

spired the series and it flourished under his guidance. When Herspring retired Dr. Art DeGroat and the Office of Military Affairs assumed control but Herspring's legacy is celebrated by the continuation of the series and the high standards he set.

PDM Lectures are traditionally held four times annually and alternate between the KSU Alumni Center and the Manhattan Country Club.

PDM News

In recent years the PDM Lecture Series acquired customized artwork through Robel Graphics and began releasing a quarterly newsletter.

"We are looking towards the future with a goal of making the PDM Lecture Series a permanent and sustainable part of Kansas State University." Series Host Dr. Art DeGroat said. "We're not yet there but we're close."

If you would like to assist the PDM Lecture Series achieve this goal please contact the PDM Office at 785-532-0369.

The Guest Speaks: An Interview with The Ambassador

Kansas State University—*The Pouch* was fortunate to sit with the guest speaker during his visit to Manhattan and have him expand upon his views of nuclear deterrence in the 21st century. His comments are registered below.

The Pouch: “It is a pleasure to have you join us in Manhattan, how has your visit been thus far?”

Amb. Gallucci: “Kansas is not as flat as I was told and the limestone construction of the campus and surrounding area reminds me very much of Jerusalem. It’s quite beautiful and very friendly.”

The Pouch: “It is a friendly community and we are happy to have you. You were the chief US negotiator during the 1994 North Korean Nuclear Crisis and the successful agreement you and your negotiation team brokered prevented North Korea from becoming a nuclear power for several years. Can you tell us what you learned during that period and how it can be applied to

today’s growing threat?”

Amb. Gallucci: “Something I learned was how little we knew, or know, about North Korea. It is such a mysterious place and I really question anyone who says they know what North Korea thinks.”

The Pouch: “That certainly presents its share of challenges.”

Amb. Gallucci: “One thing I’d like to add is countries themselves don’t ‘think’ or ‘say’ anything, people do and yet we are still very unfamiliar with the people who do speak and think for North Korea.”

The Pouch: “That can complicate matters. One element of the current North Korean threat which seems to elevate that confusion is what an armed conflict with North Korea would actually look like. Could you help explain what that risk entails?”

Amb. Gallucci: “There are no easy solutions to the North Korean crisis but the use of force is considered by

many to be the worst of them all. To begin, South Korea is exceptionally vulnerable and the human population, which includes over 100,000 Americans, is threatened by conventional weapons. The capitol of South Korea is vulnerable to artillery fire and the most conservative estimates of a full-scale conventional attack on Seoul could claim more than 100,000 lives in the first few days.

“If North Korea launches a nuclear-armed ballistic missile, something they will be able to do very soon, that places the continental United States under threat. The greatest risk is the escalation from a regional, conventional conflict into a wider, nuclear exchange involving multiple countries. Are we willing to trade Topeka for Taipei if that becomes the scenario?”

The Pouch: “That is a frightening perspective. It seems apparent we should be concerned with not only the first shots fired in anger but far more so the follow-



*Ambassador-at-Large
Robert Gallucci*

ing ones. What can be done to avoid the use of force?”

Amb. Gallucci: “I see four options available: Sanctions, Force, Negotiations and Containment. We’re using sanctions but we’ll need increased assistance from regional powers like Russia and China to fully realize the rewards offered by these peaceful and diplomatic efforts.

“Force has many unknown factors and is, by far, the most costly. The use of force is coupled with **(cont. pg 4)**

DeGroat Shares PDM News

(Cont. pg 1) hand column of the front page. Guests will now be able to email our program administrator, Jed Dunham or call our office and speak directly with the Office of Military Affairs executive assistant, Sha’La Jackson, to make reservations. The traditional method of replying via mail and sending an RSVP to our office remains in place as well.”

The PDM newsletter, *The*

Pouch, will now serve as the formal invitation thus replacing the traditional method used in the past.

“It will take some getting used to,” PDM Lecture Series Program Administrator Jed Dunham admitted “but the ability to share the knowledge delivered by our speakers through the newsletter format for roughly the same cost as the traditional invitation was too tempting to ignore.”

DeGroat was also pleased to announce progress with PDM funding efforts.

“I feel we are very close to making a big announcement,” DeGroat revealed. “The PDM community has been very generous and that is deeply appreciated. This series brings great value to the Flint Hills community and we strongly wish to make this a permanent part of the cultural appeal for Manhattan.”





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"The Wise Fear No Truth"



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Amb. Gallucci: (cont. pg 3) terrible costs, at a minimum the loss of life will be great. The risks of using force are immeasurable and they include a wider war fought with nuclear weapons."

The Pouch: "What about negotiations? Some criticize the process of negotiating with claims that North Korea will not honor their commitments, which they were clearly guilty of following the 1994 agreement."

Amb. Gallucci: "Well, we know North Korea will cheat. That's not an excuse to ignore the effort. It is up to us to work out a deal and then, if they choose not to honor it, to catch them in the act."

The Pouch: "That's a unique way of looking at the

problem. You mentioned containment. What can you say about that?"

Amb. Gallucci: "I favor containment as our best option. By combining efforts with our diplomatic partners and sharing the responsibility of observing North Korea's actions we can create and manage a fragile peace within the region. Adding deterrence to this we are able to construct a more solid, and international, platform to navigate the future."

The Pouch: "That sounds reasonable enough."

Amb. Gallucci: "But let me add, I am also in favor of preemptive action, not preventive but preemptive. If someone is going to hit me I want to hit him first. But for now there is a lack of

evidence showing a North Korean willingness to strike first."

The Pouch: "It seems you favor reason over force."

Amb. Gallucci: "I do but be reminded of the old saying; 'North Korea doesn't respond well to force but without force North Korea won't respond.'"

The Pouch: "It is a very confusing situation."

Amb. Gallucci: "It is but then again, we've lived with deterrence for seventy years, perhaps we can learn to live with a nuclear-armed North Korea like we did with a nuclear-armed Soviet Union. Something else to consider is if North Korea is allowed to exist as a nuclear-armed nation how long will their economy sustain them?"

"Pursue deterrence, build allies, establish our policy and allow North Korea to collapse under its own weight."

The Pouch: "That sounds like a plan we can live with. Thank you, Sir."

Amb. Gallucci: "It has been my pleasure."

Robert "Bob" Gallucci lives in Virginia with his family. He is an avid 'Western Style' horseman.

