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30th Anniversary (1993-2023)



The U.S. Army recurrently stands at the precipice of change, either as a proponent for or unwitting participant in dynamic shifts to our way of war, national strategies, and cultural norms. As 2023 came to an end, the U.S. Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI) celebrated 30 years of service to our Army, Joint Force, and the Nation. Born of necessity but matured as an agent of change, PKSOI continues to drive advancements in peacekeeping and stability operations, expand thought, and seek out opportunities for lasting contributions to the global good.

Established in 1993, on the heels of the Cold War, spurred on by the humanitarian crisis in Somalia and the Balkans, the Peacekeeping Institute (PKI) served as a response to the evolution of conflict, the necessity for “military operations other than war,” and the need for doctrine to help deliver a better peace. Even though the nation had become acutely aware of the far-reaching socio-economic impacts of instability and conflict around the world, leaders remained apprehensive to employ the military in such irregular means. This left the day’s demand insufficiently studied and rebuffed, until General Gordon Sullivan’s foresight delivered an organization oriented on the expanding threats of the 21st century.

The Peacekeeping Institute was positioned within the Center for Strategic Leadership at the U.S. Army War College to respond to this new post-Cold War demand, addressing strategic and operational peacekeeping issues for the Army to achieve national objectives. Following the terror attacks of 9-11, General Peter Schumacher expanded the institutes mission, adding proponentcy for stabilization in 2005 and renaming it the Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute.

PKSOI centralized expertise, developed doctrine, facilitated strategic after-action reviews, educated leaders, and fostered interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational relationships. The Institute charged into turbulent waters of the unknown with sound purpose – to continually prepare for and deliver balanced analysis, actionable guidance, and practical resources for military practitioners engaged in complex peace and stability operations.

The U.S. Army’s Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute develops, integrates, and assesses joint, intergovernmental, and multinational peace and stability capabilities to achieve national objectives across the competition continuum.

As the international security environment has evolved, so has the Institute. PKSOI now serves as the U.S. Joint Proponent for stabilization and peace operations, a NATO Partnership Training and Education Center (PTEC), and the U.S. Army's office of primary responsibility to implement DoD's Women Peace and Security program. Additionally, working closely with the State Department and OSD-Policy, PKSOI is the only DoD organization focused on improving the United Nations' peacekeeping enterprise through development of UN doctrine, standards, and training materials. We now produce strategic and conceptual frameworks, develop Joint and Allied doctrine, deliver multi-modal education, and provide expansive exercise support to Combatant Commanders - all to ensure a common framework and comprehensive understanding of these critical operations.



Currently organized under the U.S. Army's Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Combined Arms Center (CAC), our analysts realize that they must continue to evolve their operational acumen, and most importantly their thinking, to make meaningful investments across



the competition continuum. PKSOI forever stays responsive to the needs of the U.S. Army and Joint force, continually improving programs, incorporating lessons learned and adapting to changing global dynamics (as evidenced in Ukraine, Taiwan, and Gaza) to help secure a better and more resilient peace for generations to come.

As PKSOI celebrates its 30th anniversary, we are ever cognizant of our original charter and the continued exponential growth in contemporary challenges; we remain an economy of force effort in an era of strategic competition, dedicated and agile, ready to meet the intensifying necessity and complexity of worldwide peace and stability. PKSOI is a resource for practitioners, and we are ready and willing make the investments today to secure a lasting peace tomorrow.



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