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November 17, 2010 - Unity of effort in homeland security response; lessons learned from international terrorist events, maritime aspects of homeland defense, and the national preparedness effort are four key lines of discussion for the conference, "Homeland Security: Layered Defense, Ready Response," at the Army War College's Bliss Hall, November 18.

Paul Stockton, assistant secretary of defense for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs will offer insights at the keynote address, not to be streamed live.

The conferencer reflects the expertise of a five-year consortium of organizations dedicated to a common concern for the United States' ability to plan for and respond to manmade and natural disasters. Participants include military, academic, and policy experts.

Each partner in the Consoritum for Homeland Defense and Security in America leads a focus panel discussion -- each to be available live, November 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m -- and, shortly afterward available on www.youtube.com/usarmywarcollege.

The USAWC's Center for Strategic Leadership explores 'Unity of effort in preparation and response: integrating the intergovernmental effort.'

The Center for Strategic and International Studies examines 'Maritime security.'

The Homeland Security Policy Institute focuses on 'International best practices and lessons learned for combating violent extremism.'

The Heritage Foundation sponsors informed discussion on 'Building a national preparedness framework.'

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