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There is a continual need for landforces and its sustained presence is integral to the success of joint forces in the pacific, the commanding general of U.S. Army Pacific outlined in an address followed by a question and answer session with faculty, students, and International Fellows of the School of Strategic Landpower here, Feb. 7.

Gen. Vincent K. Brooks used a combination of historical analogies and present-day examples to explain why

land forces are vital in any power projection calculus as well as the growing importance of the Asia-Pacific region.

Brooks described how the situations in Cuba and the Philippines during the



Spanish American War were an example of why at the time both sea and land power was and continues to be necessary for decisive success. Then as now a balanced joint force is necessary. "You are going to get it wrong if you don't think you need landforces in the future," said Brooks.

Brooks, who peppered his presentation with tips and challenges for the emerging strategic leaders in the student body, is a veteran of tours in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Kosovo with extensive experience in worldwide joint operations.

Humanitarian assistance and disaster response also play a vital role for stability in the pacific as a poor response can ultimately result in national security issues, he said.

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