



## **Roundtable on Military History and Contemporary Strategy – “Colonel John R. Boyd and Contemporary Strategic Thought”**

*Time, Date, Location:* 1600 – 1800, 26 August 2008, Baltic Defence College, Tartu, Estonia

*Format:* Informal roundtable discussion on the influence of John R. Boyd to contemporary military theory and strategic thought.

### **Participants:**

**Mr. William S. Lind:** Graduated magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa from Dartmouth College in 1969 and received a Master's Degree in History from Princeton University in 1971. He served as a legislative aide for armed services for Senator Robert Taft, Jr., of Ohio from 1973 through 1976 and held a similar position with Senator Gary Hart of Colorado from 1977 through 1986. He is the author of the *Maneuver Warfare Handbook*; co-author, with Gary Hart, of *America Can Win: The Case for Military Reform*. Mr. Lind served as the visiting senior mentor for Military Theory for the Baltic Defence College's 2007- 2008 Joint Command and General Staff Course.

**Dr. Grant T. Hammond:** Graduated from Harvard University with a BA in Modern European History and an MA and PhD from John Hopkins University in International Relations. From 1966 to 1977 served as officer in the US Army Reserve. Dr. Hammond served a Director of the Centre for Strategy and Technology and Professor of Strategy and International Security at the US Air Force Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base. He is currently the Dean of the NATO Defence College in Rome, Italy. Dr. Hammond is the author of *The Mind of War: John Boyd and American Security*.

**Colonel (Dr) Frans Osinga:** Is a serving officer in the Royal Netherlands Air Force who began his career as a fighter pilot. He currently lectures at the Royal Netherlands Military Academy, and at the Netherlands War College on strategy, military theory, and airpower history. Colonel Osinga has lectured at various civilian universities as well. His written works have appeared in French, Norwegian and Dutch publications. He is the author of *Science, Strategy and War: The Strategic Theory of John Boyd*. Colonel Osinga is a frequent guest lecturer at the Baltic Defence College.

### **Some Information on the Baltic Defence College**

The origins of the [Baltic Defence College](#) stem from the experiences of its first Commandant, Brigadier General Michael H. Clemmesen (Danish Army). From 1988 to 1994 he served first as Director Joint Operational Studies and then the combined Director of Strategic Studies and of the Joint Senior Staff Course at the Royal Danish Defence College. From mid 1994 until autumn 1997 he served as Defence Attaché of Denmark to Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. He realized that there was an urgent need for Western type general staff officer education. Given the small size of the armed forces of each of the Baltic countries, it made economic sense to develop a common staff college rather separate individual institutions in each country. Furthermore, it was clear that the different foreign staff courses being offered would not be able to develop the necessary common understanding and thinking among the best officers of the three national armed forces who cooperate closely in defence. Under the guidance of Brigadier General Clemmesen, the three Baltic countries established the Baltic Defence College in 1999 as a common project with the active support of NATO nations, Denmark, Norway, Germany, France, Poland, the UK, Romania, the Netherlands and the USA as well as Partnership-for-Peace nations, Finland and Sweden. The Baltic Defence College is located in the Estonian university city of Tartu. Tartu is also site of the University of Tartu, the principal national university of Estonia. University of Tartu was founded by order of Swedish king Gustavus Adolphus in 1632. The Baltic Defence College shares a historic building with the Estonian National Defence College and the Tartu County Home Guard. The building was originally constructed by subscription by common Estonian citizens to serve a headquarters, training and social centre for the Estonian Home Guard.

Within its wing of the Building, the Baltic Defence College currently conducts four courses as well as research activities. Currently the college has

four courses the Army Intermediate Command and Staff Course (captain's course), Joint Command and General Staff Course, the Civil Servants Course and the Higher Command Studies Course (war college course). Since December 2007 Brigadier General Gundars Abols (Latvian Army) has served as commandant of the Baltic Defence College. Students come from the three Baltic countries, other NATO countries and Partnership-for-Peace nations.

### **More Information on Tartu, Estonia**

Located in southern Estonia, the [City of the Tartu](#) is in convenient distance of Tallinn and Riga International Airports and international ferry terminals and is served by domestic and international railway and motor coach connections. The old Hanseatic city has numerous first rate hotels, spas and excellent dining and entertainment facilities.

### **To attend the Roundtable:**

The event is open to active military personnel, reserve and home guard personnel, government officials, academics, researchers and interested individuals. Attendance will be limited by space available priority will be given to military personnel from the Baltic countries. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Baltic Defence College at +372 717 6000 or [info@bdcol.ee](mailto:info@bdcol.ee) .