



The Passport

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Japan's Shifting Defense Policy and the United States

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11:30 am: Registration 12:00 pm: Luncheon 12:50 pm: Program

**** Hilton Garden Inn, 1000 Aguajito Road, Monterey****

Postwar Japan has famously maintained a pacifist constitution and defense-oriented military policy. The Japanese have depended heavily on the US commitment to defend them from external attacks provided by the US-Japan Security Treaty. In return, the US has been free to maintain a massive military presence in the country for the last eight decades, including dozens of military facilities and almost 50,000 troops. In the face of an increasingly complex and dangerous security environment posed by North Korea and China, Japan's new Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has recently announced a dramatic reshaping of Japan's defense policy. It includes a major increase in national defense spending and calls for Japan to have offensive capabilities. Though this is not the first time that the Japanese government has "reinterpreted" its pacifist constitution in order to address regional concerns, the new plan will make Japan the third largest military spender, behind the US and China.



and their significance for the US-Japan relationship, including that large US military presence in Japan. He will draw on his in-process book, *Protest Nation: Anti-Military Base Struggle and the Fight for Peace in Modern Japan* (Stanford University Press, forthcoming).

Dustin Wright is a historian and Associate Professor of Japanese Culture and Language in the School of World Languages and Cultures at CSU Monterey Bay. He is also an Associate Director of the Okinawa Memories Initiative, Director of the newly established Global Base Studies Project, and a research fellow at Rikkyo University's Research Center for Cooperative Civil Studies in Tokyo. He previously taught at UC Santa Cruz (where he completed his doctorate), Connecticut College, Soka University of America, and the University of San Diego. His work has been published in *The Japan Times*, *Critical Asian Studies*, *The Sixties: A Journal of History, Politics, and Culture*, and *Gastronomica: The Journal for Food Studies*.

Professor Dustin Wright will discuss Japan's new policies

**Academic WorldQuest is coming! Watch for further information
in the February *Passport*.**

Great Decisions 2023 is Coming!

WACMB is pleased to present the 2023 *Great Decisions* program. Produced by the Foreign Policy Association of America, *Great Decisions* is this country's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. As usual, WACMB will offer two groups: one solely through WACMB, and one in collaboration with OLLI. Both groups will be moderated by Boyd Haight and Linda Dilger. Each meeting lasts for two hours (with the first 30 minutes a Master Class lecture), and will follow the schedule listed below.

WACMB *Great Decisions* Group: This group meets virtually on Mondays from 4:30-6:30, beginning on February 6, except for February 20. Please register in advance by sending an email to WACMB at info@wacmb.org. Once registered, you will be sent Zoom links for each session.

WACMB/OLLI *Great Decisions* Group: This group meets virtually on Tuesdays from 3:30-5:30, beginning on February 7, except for February 14. Please register in advance online at <https://olli.csumb.edu/courses/>. Registration opens on January 19 at 10:00 am. Once registered, you will be sent Zoom links for each session.

The Foreign Policy Association produces a *Great Decisions* Briefing Booklet. The Booklet costs \$35 plus shipping, or \$25 for the ebook, and is highly recommended for those in the program. It can be ordered online at https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/index.cfm?act=show_material&product_id=16882 or by calling the Foreign Policy Association at 1-800-477-5836.

2023 Great Decisions Topics

Week 1: Energy Geopolitics

Week 2: War Crimes

Week 3: China and the US

Week 4: Economic Warfare

Week 5: Politics in Latin America

Week 6: Global Famine

Week 7: Iran at the Crossroads

Week 8: Climate Migration

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WACMB is further delighted to welcome the Cal Alumni Club of the Monterey Peninsula as a new Affiliated Organization. Go, Bears!

If you are interested in becoming a WACMB Business Sponsor, or Affiliate, please send an inquiry to info@wacmb.org for further information.

Discussion Group

The WACMB monthly Discussion Group will meet virtually at 5:00 pm on Monday, January 9, when it will follow on the discussion at the December luncheon by addressing the topic of "Ethiopia: Understanding the Conflict and Prospects for Peace." All WACMB members are invited to participate. If you have never attended this Discussion Group, email a request to receive log-in information. Background materials for each meeting are posted on the WACMB website at <https://www.wacmb.org/discussion-groups/>

Please use discussiongroup@wacmb.org for any Discussion Group-related email.

Come join the conversation!

RESERVATION FORM

Reservations due January 12. Luncheon is at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Registration: 11:30 am

Mail form and check to:

Members @ \$36 _____

Luncheon: 12:00 pm

WACMB, PO Box 83, Monterey, CA 93942

Guests @ \$41 _____

Program: 12:50 pm

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If you wish to register using a credit card, please do so online.

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Note: No refunds or credit will be given for cancellations received after the due date

In Memoriam: Jerry Sullivan

The World Affairs Council is saddened to announce the passing of Jerry Sullivan after a long illness. Jerry was a board member and the treasurer of WACMB for many years. He mentored numerous new board members with patience and kindness, and served as a deep well of institutional knowledge for our organization.

Born in Madill, OK, in 1934, Jerry joined the Army and served at US Army Europe Headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany. After his honorable discharge, he attended UC Berkeley, graduating in 1959. He obtained his CPA license and went to work for Touche Ross and Co., which would become Deloitte & Touche LLP. During his 38-year career with the company, Jerry spent 25 years working overseas in Germany, Brazil, Singapore and, finally, the Czech Republic, where he was responsible for expanding the organization into Eastern Europe following the fall of the Berlin Wall. Along the way, he gained fluency in German and proficiency in Portuguese.

Jerry and his wife, Otilie, who predeceased him, loved living and traveling throughout the world. His greatest joy was his family: his children Dane Sullivan, Patricia Ansley, and Susie Cummings, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

LUNCHEON MENU

- Spinach Salad with Apples, Walnuts, and Balsamic Vinaigrette
- Bistro-Style Steak with Parmesan Pesto and Scallion Quinoa
 - Seasonal Vegetables
 - Fresh Bread and Butter
- Chocolate Mousse Cake with Seasonal Berries
 - Coffee, Decaf, and Tea

VEGETARIAN OPTION

Caprese Stuffed Portabella Mushroom on a Bed of Lemon Rice Pilaf

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- All those attending WACMB in-person events must show proof of full Covid-19 vaccination, including a booster.
- To prove your vaccination status, you can present either your vaccination card or your State of California QR code.
- You only need to present such proof once. Your documentation will be noted, and that box will be automatically checked for future meetings.
- ***For the time being, no auditors will be permitted to attend any WACMB in-person meetings. This is to ensure that every person in the room has been vaccinated and boosted.***
- Thank you for your cooperation with our efforts to keep our members healthy!

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