



U.S.-China Sanya Initiative

Report from the 6th meeting



U.S. and Chinese delegations meet with Vice Chairman Xu Qiliang of China's Central Military Commission.

The EastWest Institute (EWI), in partnership with the China Association for International Friendly Contact (CAIFC), convened the sixth meeting of the U.S.-China Sanya Initiative from December 4 to 7, 2015. Senior retired flag officers of the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force traveled to Beijing, China to meet with retired flag officers of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) to discuss critical issues in the U.S.-China military-to-military relationship. The delegations spent one-and-a-half days in off-the-record dialogue and also met with sitting members of China's Central Military Commission.

The dialogue sessions covered a range of topics of importance to the United States and China. Discussion focused on Chinese President Xi Jinping's state visit to the United States; measures for building trust between the U.S. and Chinese militaries; maritime issues in the South and East China Seas; and other issues of mutual interest such as U.S.-China relations under the next U.S. presidential administration, North Korea and counterterrorism. Both sides agreed that cultivating communication and mutual understanding between the militaries of the United States and China is essential for fostering the cooperation necessary to address the world's most difficult issues.

Since 2008, the Sanya Initiative has regularly brought together retired American and Chinese generals and admirals in order to build stronger military-to-military ties between the United States and China.

Chinese Delegation



General (Ret.) **Ge Zhenfeng**
Former Deputy Chief of Staff,
People's Liberation Army



General (Ret.) **Li Andong**
Former Deputy Chief,
General Equipment Department,
People's Liberation Army



General (Ret.) **Li Qianyuan**
Former Commander,
Lanzhou Military Area,
People's Liberation Army



General (Ret.) **Zhang Haiyang**
Former Political Commissar,
Second Artillery Force,
People's Liberation Army



General (Ret.) **Zheng Shenxia**
Former Chief,
Academy of Military Science,
People's Liberation Army



Vice Admiral (Ret.) **Ding Yiping**
Former Deputy Commander,
People's Liberation Army Navy

Senior CAIFC representatives included Mr. **Yi Xian** and Mr. **Zhao Bo**.



Gen. Ronald Fogleman speaks during discussions at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse.



Gen. Walter Sharp (left) toasts Gen. Zheng Shenxia (right).



Adm. William Owens reviews soldiers at the 24th Air Force Division.

U.S. Delegation



Admiral (Ret.) **William A. Owens**
Former Vice Chairman,
Joint Chiefs of Staff



General (Ret.) **Ronald R. Fogleman**
Former Chief of Staff,
United States Air Force



Admiral (Ret.) **Jonathan W. Greenert**
Former Chief of Naval Operations,
United States Navy



General (Ret.) **Walter L. Sharp**
Former Commander,
United Nations Command;
Former Commander,
Republic of Korea-United States
Combined Forces Command;
Former Commander,
United States Forces Korea



General (Ret.) **Charles H. Jacoby, Jr.**
Former Commander,
United States Northern Command;
Former Commander,
North American Aerospace
Defense Command

Senior EWI representatives included Ambassador **Cameron Munter**, Mr. **John K. Hurley**, Mr. **David J. Firestein** and Colonel (Ret.) **James L. Creighton**.



Adm. Jonathan Greenert (left) speaks to Vice Adm. Ding Yiping (center).



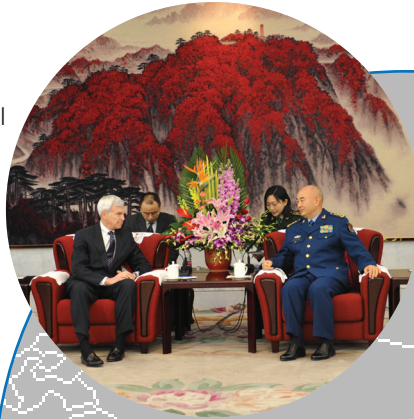
U.S. and Chinese delegations pose together at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse.



Gen. Charles Jacoby (left) speaks to Gen. Zhang Haiyang (right).

U.S. Delegation Activities

Meeting with General **Xu Qiliang**, vice chairman of China's Central Military Commission



Visit to the **24th Air Force Division** of the People's Liberation Army



Beijing



Meeting with Ambassador **Max Baucus**, ambassador of the United States to China

Discussions on the U.S.-China military-to-military relationship, maritime issues in the South and East China Seas, North Korea and counterterrorism at the **Diaoyutai State Guesthouse**



Meeting with and dinner hosted by General **Zhang Yang**, member of China's Central Military Commission and director of the People's Liberation Army General Political Department

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