

The New Lines Institute for Strategy and Policy is honored to welcome U.S. Army Col. Myles B. Caggins III as a Nonresident Senior Fellow. He will join the Human Security Unit with a focus on public information warfare, and US drawdowns and post-withdrawal landscapes.

Col. Caggins brings substantial depth and breadth of experience to his work at New Lines Institute. He was the spokesman for the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS in Iraq and Syria, where he led a multinational communications team representing 78 nations. He has served three combat tours in Iraq and later served as Director of Public Affairs for the U.S. Army's III Corps at Fort Hood, Texas. He has earned numerous military awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Star Medals, the Combat Action Badge, and the Presidential Service Badge.

"I've dined in the 'swamp' at the White House Mess as well as southern Iraqi marsh mudhiefs," says Caggins. "I want to help bridge the divide between Washington and the world through cross-cultural communication at The New Lines Institute. With New Lines' burgeoning influence in Washington, I hope to bring greater awareness of critical U.S. policy options in Iraq and Syria as well as sharing my experience on public information warfare, analyzing US military drawdowns, and America's next steps with Iraqi and Kurdish security partners."

Col. Caggins' experience in strategic communications covers America's rebalance to Asia and policy toward North Korea and China; Guantanamo and enemy combatant detention; military human capital and recruiting; and nuclear security. He also has extensive international media experience, particularly on Arabic and Kurdish language networks. His work has appeared in CFR.org, The Root, Richmond Times-Dispatch, and the Armed Forces Journal.

Col. Caggins earned a bachelor's degree in history from Hampton University and a master's in public relations from Georgetown University. He completed Harvard Kennedy School's year-long National Security Fellows program in 2018. His personal network is multidisciplinary, multiethnic, and multinational; he is a Life Member in the Council on Foreign Relations, the Military Officers Association of America, and other professional and social organizations. He will retire from the Army in November 2022.

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