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COLONEL CHRISTIAN F. WORTMAN

COMMANDING OFFICER AT THE BASIC SCHOOL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Wednesday, April 13, 2016
12:15-1:30pm

Stiteler Hall B21
(208 S. 37th St)

Join the Browne Center for International Politics, Perry World House, and the Robert A. Fox Leadership Program for a special lunchtime discussion.

Colonel Christian F. Wortman is the Commanding Officer for The Basic School for the United States Marine Corps. As a company grade officer, he served in a variety of command and staff assignments in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Marine Divisions, as a rifle platoon commander, rifle and weapons company executive officer, rifle company commander, Battalion Landing Team assistant operations officer, and Light Armored Reconnaissance weapons company commander. While in these assignments, Colonel Wortman participated in numerous contingency and security force assistance missions in the Caribbean and Mediterranean Sea regions. Additionally, as a captain, he served as a writer in the Commandant's Staff Group in support of the 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps and as a history instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy.

As a field grade officer, Colonel Wortman served as Operations Officer, 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion; Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines and 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines; Commanding Officer, Recruiting Station Indianapolis; Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines; Plans Officer, 1st Marine Division; Senior Aide to the Commandant of the Marine Corps; Senior Marine Representative for Force Development, Office of Secretary of Defense – Policy; and Senior Advisor to the Afghan General Staff Chief of Plans, Afghan Assistant Minister for Strategy and Policy, and Afghan Chief of General Staff. While assigned as Executive Officer of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, he participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom. While assigned as the Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines and Battalion Landing Team 2/4, he deployed with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit and his unit conducted security force assistance missions throughout Southeast Asia and supported Operation Enduring Freedom - Philippines.

Colonel Wortman graduated with distinction from the Naval Academy with a bachelor of science in history. While a midshipman at the Naval Academy, he served as the brigade commander, the senior leadership position among the 4500 midshipmen. He was the honor graduate from his TBS Basic Officers Course class and received the Infantry Officer Course Wheeler Award for Infantry and Leadership Excellence. Colonel Wortman holds a Master of Arts in history from the University of Maryland, Master of Operational Studies from the Marine Corps University School of Advanced Warfighting, and Master of Strategic Studies from the National War College. He was a distinguished graduate from the National War College. Colonel Wortman was a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations from 1999 – 2004.

*Interested in attending? Please pre-register here: <http://goo.gl/forms/TXJM0HB54M>.
Walk-ins are also welcome.*