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CSBA Welcomes New Team Members

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The heart of CSBA is our team of uniquely qualified defense experts and operations professionals. We are thrilled to introduce staff who have joined our team in 2024 and those who have recently stepped into new roles within our organization.

RESEARCH STAFF

Greg Malandrino, Senior Fellow (<https://csbaonline.org/about/people/staff/greg-malandrino>)

Greg Malandrino is a senior fellow whose work focuses on future warfare, competitive strategies, and informationized warfare. He is a retired fighter pilot with over 25 years of naval service. His last job on active duty was in the Office of the Secretary of Defense's Office of Net Assessment, where he served as the Senior Military Advisor to the Director, producing strategic-level insights for senior defense officials.

Casey Nicastro, Analyst (<https://csbaonline.org/about/people/staff/casey-nicastro>)

Casey Nicastro is an analyst whose work focuses on the defense budget, future warfare, and great power competition. He also manages CSBA's Strategic Choices Tool. Prior to becoming an analyst at CSBA, he served as a CSBA intern, working on issues related to U.S. and allied defense spending and force structure.

Thomas P. Mahnken, Research Assistant (<https://csbaonline.org/about/people/staff/thomas-p-mahnken>)

Thomas P. Mahnken is a research assistant whose work focuses on military history and innovation. Prior to joining CSBA, he served as an intern in the Security Cooperation Directorate (J55) of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

Ava Manaker, Intern (<https://csbaonline.org/about/people/staff/ava-manaker>)

Ava Manaker is an intern whose work focuses on Russian force structure and European security. Prior to joining CSBA, Ava was an analyst at the Department of Defense. She is also the recipient of a State Department scholarship to study critical languages.

OPERATIONS STAFF

Charlyne Ivory, Office Manager (<https://csbaonline.org/about/people/staff/charlyne-ivory>)

Charlyne Ivory is a highly experienced office manager with a financial management, IT, and human resources background. With nearly 20 years of experience in management and administrative roles, she has worked in hospitality, real estate, and nonprofit organizations. Ms. Ivory also serves as a Notary Public in Maryland and the District of Columbia.