

FOUNDATION AND *Alumni* NEWS



MG Trevor J. Bredenkamp became the 54th Commandant of the U.S. Army War College on August 1, 2025 at Carlisle Barracks



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Greetings to all USAWC graduates and friends of the Foundation,

This year and this summer have been particularly eventful, beyond the normal rapid pace of the academic year for the Resident and Distance classes and the Army War College Fellows. We have recently bid farewell to **MG Dave** and **Chris Hill**, the 53rd Commandant, and have welcomed **MG Trevor Bredenkamp**, the 54th Commandant, whose wife (**LTG Michele Bredenkamp, USAWCF '13**) is part of their amazing dual-Army partnership. The Change of Command ceremony took place on August 1, 2025 as featured on the cover of this edition.

MG Hill is just one of two “modern era” Commandants to serve the College for more than four years, the other being the 46th Commandant, **LTG (Ret) David Huntoon, USAWCF '95**. Just as Dave and Margaret Huntoon were able to do, Dave and Chris Hill built programs for the future that have required multi-year strategies and resourcing. Dave Hill was also able to oversee the completion, occupation, and utilization of the new Root Hall, the fruits of the labor of many predecessors before him. It was a nice coincidence that Dave Hill and Dave Huntoon were able to welcome back together the Classes of 2004 and 2005 for the 20-year reunion this June, the week of the Army’s 250th birthday. Dave Huntoon was Commandant for both those classes. You will see Dave Hill’s farewell message on p. 43.



LTG (Ret) David Huntoon (left) and MG David Hill (right)

Our Alumni Hall and Park campaign is progressing successfully with your help as you can see at usawc.org. The U.S. Army has approved our Foundation’s work to design, resource, and build this Hall and Park and we are well on our way to creating the reality that will bring the bronze graduation plaques and the one-of-a-kind stained-glass windows out of storage and into beautiful new settings. Thank you for continuing to support this major effort that is so meaningful to our USAWC graduates, families, and friends.

Each September we transition incoming and outgoing members of our Board of Trustees.

It is never easy to say goodbye to Trustees who have served so selflessly during their terms on our Board, but we are exceptionally grateful to these four departing Trustees for generously contributing of their time, expertise, and resources to our mission. We also want to thank **Wilbur Wolf** for the gift of the beautiful table he donated for the Foundation Office, created from the white oak tree that once stood on the site of the new Root Hall.

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BG (Ret) Wilbur Wolf, RES '06 (left) with LTG (Ret) Schultz

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Please help me welcome six outstanding new Trustees who bring many talents and experiences to help us support the *margin of excellence* at the College.

- Mr. Kevin Bernardo, NSS '24**
Mr. Michael E. Collins, SIS '11
MG (Ret) Walter T. Lord, DDE '05
LTG (Ret) James F. Pasquarette, RES '08
Mr. Charles M. Trippe, Jr., NSS '22
MG (Ret) Jessica L. Wright, USAWCF '97



White oak table donated by BG (Ret) Wilbur Wolf, RES '06 in the Foundation Office.

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To support the U.S. Army War College and its graduates in the preparation of outstanding senior leaders by

ENRICHING the academic environment,
ENHANCING outreach and events, and
ENCOURAGING alumni connections.

Thanks for all you do!

*LTG (Ret) Roger C. Schultz, RES '92
 Chairman of the Board*

As always, thanks to the College's PAO and Photo Lab for their courtesy photos.

WELCOME TO MG TREVOR BREDENKAMP, 54TH COMMANDANT

U.S. ARMY WAR COLLEGE COMMANDANT'S UPDATE

Greetings from Carlisle. It is a privilege to be the 54th Commandant and I look forward to my service at this historic, influential institution. I deeply appreciate the leadership of MG Dave Hill, as he guided USAWC to new levels of excellence. He is an exemplary steward of our profession, and his efforts provide a fitting example for all of us to emulate.

We live in a pivotal era of Army Transformation—an era defined by multidomain operations, artificial intelligence, and the imperative to outpace our adversaries in both capability and adaptability. The Army War College stands at the heart of that transformation and it is here that we cultivate the intellectual overmatch that will define our future force. I look forward to working with the incredible assembly of talent who study and teach here to further our understanding of the changing character of war while remaining well-grounded in its eternal nature.

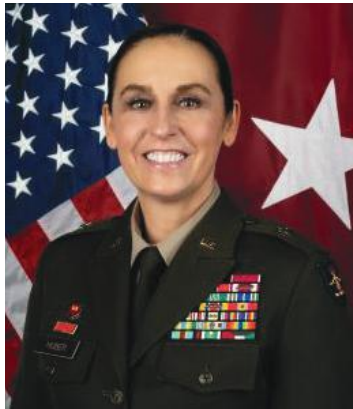
As we look to the future, we respect the traditions of our past. The legacy of this institution is written in the achievements of its graduates—generals, ambassadors, scholars, and statesmen—who have led with strength and wisdom in times of peace and war. We are stewards of that legacy, and we must ensure it endures for generations to come. Our College can take pride in its century-plus service to the Nation; however, it is imperative that this legacy of service remains open-minded to the new opportunities that Army transformation promises. We are uniquely positioned to take on additional responsibilities as part of a new formulation of Army University. I will share more about our role in future editions of this magazine.

I encourage all Alumni to stay connected with our Army War College as we continue the work of becoming the institution of choice.



MG Trevor Bredenkamp
54th Commandant, USAWC

OTHER NEW MEMBERS OF THE USAWC COMMAND GROUP



BG Jackie A. Huber, DDE '16,
Deputy Commandant for
Reserve Affairs

(Replaced BG (now MG) Robin B.
Stilwell, DDE '16)



Mr. Michael A. Barkin,
Senior Diplomatic Advisor



COL Donald C. Santillo, RES '20,
Deputy Commandant

(Replaced COL Jacob J. 'Jake'
Larkowich, USAWCF '19)



COL Michael K. Stinchfield, RES '22,
Chief of Staff

(Replaced COL Fredrick J.
Toti, RES '18)

GRADS PENDING FOUR-STAR POSITIONS



LTG David M. Hodne, USAWCF '13 has been confirmed for appointment to the grade of General and assignment as CG, U.S. Army Transformation and Training Command, Austin, Texas. He currently serves as Deputy CG, Futures and Concepts, U.S. Army Futures Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia.



LTG Thomas M. Carden, Jr., DDE '09 has been nominated for the position of Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau with promotion to General. He is currently the Deputy Commander, U.S. Northern Command, and Vice Commander, U.S. Element, North American Aerospace Defense Command.

MESSAGE FROM THE PROVOST

Colleagues and friends of the U.S. Army War College,

Over the past year, we have witnessed significant and ongoing changes within the national security environment. China is working to expand its influence across the globe, armed conflict continues in Europe and the Middle East, disruptive technology is readily available to those who seek it, and America's adversaries are forging closer ties. One thing has become clear—the mission of the Army War College remains as relevant as ever, and the nation and our international partners greatly value our contributions.

This continual change within the operating environment requires that our educational programs and research efforts constantly evolve. In today's environment, stagnation leads to irrelevance. Agility and adaptability in both individuals and organizations are essential qualities. USAWC staff and faculty recognize this need for agility and are developing innovative approaches to ensure we meet the current and future needs of the Army and Joint Force. Offerings such as the Innovation Champions Course, developed by **Prof. Kris Wheaton**, are gaining attention from senior Army and Joint Staff leaders. Additionally, a team of students recently briefed the Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC) and the Army's Senior Leader Readiness Forum on their research project, which focused on the themes of having an elastic mindset and effectuation. Examples such as these highlight the value proposition of the USAWC.

Speaking of change, we bid farewell to many of our long-serving staff and faculty. These professionals have spent decades educating strategic leaders and producing valued research. Each has made the USAWC a better place. A note of personal thanks and best wishes goes to (and apologies if I miss anyone):

- Prof. Charles D. 'Chuck' Allen, RES '01
- COL Rodriqo I. Arce, IF-Chile, RES '17
- LTC (Ret) Brent Bankus, DDE '04
- Dr. Richard C. 'Craig' Bullis
- Prof. Frank M. Buerger
- Prof. James V. 'Jim' Di Crocco III, DDE '10
- MSG Adam Fisk
- Dr. Stephen J. Gerras, RES '02
- Prof. Stephen F. Gudz, RES '23
- COL John C. Haas, Jr. RES '23
- CDR William J. Harting, USN, RES '20
- COL (Ret) Christopher S. Hart, RES '13
- Dr. Carrie Lee
- Prof. Michael E. Linick, RES '06
- CAPT (Ret) Albert F. Lord, USN, RES '03
- Col Leon J. Perkowski, USAF
- COL (Ret) Daniel A. Pinnell, RES '09
- Ms. Marsha Quesenberry
- LTC Matthew S. Rasmussen, RES '22
- Prof. Christopher J. Sandrolini
- Prof. Stephanie Sellers
- Prof. Grace C. Stettenbauer

Thank you again for all you have done. We will miss you.

Over the past year we began the effort to better align and synchronize the resident and non-resident National Security Seminars (NSS). Both NSS programs now fall under the Assistant Commandant for Outreach for resourcing and planning. This allows us to harmonize funding, speakers, and invitations. For AY25, we invited 238 guests across the two programs, and work continues to better balance the NSS experiences. For all our alumni, staff, students, and faculty, please continue to nominate influential community leaders. NSS is a critical program that contributes to many of our strategic lines of effort.

We were recently informed that, as part of the larger transformation effort, the Army plans to fundamentally reshape Army University. This initiative focuses on updating Army University by placing all the Army's educational institutions (War College, CGSC, Sergeants Major Academy, Warrant Officer Career College, and Army Management Staff College) under a university president—the current War College commandant. Army University headquarters will be located at Carlisle Barracks, with distributed functions at Fort Leavenworth. The University will report to the Combined Arms Center, part of the new four-star Transformation and Training Command (T2COM). We have a lot of work ahead of us on this initiative, with the change in responsibilities tentatively scheduled for March 2026. This does not change the mission of the Army War College, nor will it impact our focus on educating senior leaders and developing knowledge on the application of landpower. This is an exciting opportunity for all involved, and we look forward to the change.

As we begin another academic year, we are reminded of Elihu Root's vision of the Army War College as a place to "study and confer on the great problems of national defense, of military science, and of responsible command." The Army War College is not just an institution; it is a community of lifelong learners, leaders, and innovators. Together, we will continue to adapt, evolve, and excel in preparing strategic leaders for the challenges of tomorrow. Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to excellence. We look forward to another year of growth, collaboration, and achievement.

Warm regards,

Dave Dworak, RES '06
COL (Ret), Ph.D., Provost



Prof. Charles D. 'Chuck' Allen, RES '01



Dr. Richard C. 'Craig' Bullis



Dr. Stephen J. Gerras, RES '02



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NEWS AND EVENTS

2025 CLASS GIFTS

Thanks to the **Resident Class of 2025** for its gift of \$25,000 presented on June 5, 2025 for the restoration of the Alumni Memorial as part of the new Alumni Hall and Park project. The restoration work will involve two aspects: 1) to repair the stone memorial itself that was created in 1970 with the names in bronze of the graduates killed in hostile action; and 2) to add the additional names of graduates who have been approved as qualifying for inclusion. The Foundation will incorporate this generous class gift into the sequencing of work on the Alumni Memorial as part of the Alumni Hall and Park project.



L-R: BG (Ret) Mark O'Donnell, RES '13, COO, AWCF; LTC James 'Jim' Hubbard, RES '25 Class Gift Committee; Lt Col Anne M. Furman, ANG, RES '25 Gift Committee, and MG David C. Hill, Commandant.

On July 24, 2025, the College thanked the **Distance Class of 2025** for its generous gift of the lettering and crest on the new Root Hall sign in front of the new academic building. This was a much-needed addition resulting from the move to the new building almost two years ago, given initial confusion since Collins Hall and Root Hall are now immediately adjacent to one another.



Ms. Jordan Hideriotis, DDE '25 Class Gift VP, and COL Jim Giesen, DDE '25 Class President, presented the DDE '25 class gift of the Root Hall lettering and USAWC insignia on the stone wall in front of the new Root Hall.

RE-DEDICATION OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE MONUMENT

This monument was dedicated originally at Carlisle Barracks on September 17, 1997 with sponsorship of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, and a large number of surviving members attended at that time. Since it was installed on ground that later was selected as the site for the new Root Hall, the monument went into storage until this 80th year of the Battle of the Bulge. It was re-dedicated on April 24, 2025 in what is commonly known as Memorial Grove on the Army Heritage Trail at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center. Also present was **COL (Ret) Tom Vossler, RES '89** former Director, U.S. Army Military History Institute, who was present at the original dedication in 1997.



L-R: Mr. Andy Waskie, Chair, Delaware Valley Chapter of the Battle of the Bulge Association; Battle of the Bulge Veteran Jake Ruser; and Mr. Albert El, Delaware Valley Chapter Member.

DEDICATION OF THE MG HAROLD J. 'HARRY' GREENE MEMORIAL BRIDGE

On June 28, 2025, State Rep. Barb Gleim (199th District) held a dedication ceremony to honor the memory of **MG Harry Greene, RES '03** with a bridge on Army Heritage Drive that crosses over Interstate 81 near the entrance of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center. MG Greene was killed on August 5, 2014 in Afghanistan. His son MAJ Matt Greene (*second from left*) spoke on behalf of the family and talked of how Carlisle had shaped their lives. He graduated from Carlisle H.S. and went to West Point with classmates and friends from families who also made Carlisle their long-term homes.



L-R: Mrs. Kasandra Greene and MAJ Matt Greene; Harry's widow, COL (Ret) Sue Myers, RES '03; local friend David Heath who started the petition for the bridge; Rep. Barb Gleim; MG John R. Pippy, DDE '17, Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, and State Sen. Greg Rothman (34th Senate District).

NEWS AND EVENTS CONTINUED

RELOCATION OF GARRISON FLAGPOLE

As part of the preparation for demolition of the old Root Hall, the Garrison flagpole was moved to its new location at the top of the Alumni Memorial on the end of what is now named Mt. Pleasant Field. **Mr. Tom Vinette, Garrison Staff**, led a ceremony at Retreat on December 3rd to lower the flag, and then to raise it at Reveille on the morning of December 4th, 2024.



The Garrison flagpole now overlooks the Alumni Memorial and is in direct line-of-sight with the future Alumni Hall. The top of the Grandstand on Mt. Pleasant Field (formerly Indian Field) is visible in the background of the photo and should orient you to the track, soccer field, and softball fields that are favorite places for students, families, Jim Thorpe Sports Days, and so many other events. It is a beautiful location and you'll enjoy seeing it on your next visit to Carlisle Barracks!

2004 AND 2005 CLASS REUNION, JUNE 12-13, 2025

The Army War College Foundation and the College hosted a combined 20-year reunion for the Classes of 2004 and 2005. The timing of June 12-13, 2025 was selected so that attendees could stay for the opening of the 250th Army Birthday exhibit on June 14th at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center.



Front Row: Dru Cox; John Cummings (RES '04); Karen Cummings; LTG (Ret) David Huntoon (former Cmdt); Margaret Huntoon; Mark Russo (RES '04); Timothy Lake (RES '04); CSM Charles Gregory; Ruth Collins (AWCF); Keira Margolius (AWCF).

2nd Row: Rod Cox (RES '05); Buddy Ray Pinkston (RES '05); Karen LeDoux (RES '05); Buddy Deverell; Carol Deverell (DDE '05); Ariel Nagales (DDE '05); Tereza Townsend; Steve Townsend (DDE '05); Sarah Barge; Shep Barge (DDE '05); Julie Reardon; Jo Spielvogel (RES '05); Ken Spielvogel (RES '05); Bianca Spielvogel.

3rd Row: Katja Pinkson; Chuck Allen (FAC); Frank Dulfer (DDE '05); David Collins (DDE '05); Diane Fagan; Peter Fagan (DDE '05); Steve Joyce (DDE '05); Harry Williams (RES '05); Gordie Rognrud (RES '05); Mark O'Donnell (AWCF).

4th Row: Jawn Sischo (RES '05); Jonathan Warren (RES '05); Nick Anderson (FAC); Jeff Wilson (RES '05); Stella Wilson; Kathy Howe; Christine Friedman; Stephen Spielvogel.

5th Row: Robin Dorff (FAC); Lou Danner; Donna Copes; Sharon Swain; Rick Howe (RES '05); Art Friedman (RES '05); Jen Bower (FAC).

Top Row: Michael Yowell (RES '05); Steve Buteau (FAC); Walt Lord (DDE '05); Mike LeDoux; Brian Copes (DDE '05); Tom Dempsey (FAC); Rick Swain (RES '05); Dave Mead (DDE '05); Larry Strobel (RES '05); Laura Marfut (DDE '05); Paula Watson (DDE '05); Kelly Wolgast (RES '05); Lauren O'Donnell (FAC); Braden Kuhlman (Staff).

Also attending but not in the photo were Joel Hillison (RES '04), Greg and Diane Brockman (RES '05), and Terry and Cathy Sopher (RES '05), along with many other faculty members who attended the reunion icebreaker at the Carlisle Barracks Golf Course.

INDUSTRY DAY 2025

This annual event was held at USAWC on February 25-26, 2025 and brought together more than 30 senior members of industry, representing a broad array of the defense industrial base. Individual industry representatives went into seminars after a morning panel session in Bliss Auditorium to discuss further the complex aspects of Defense resourcing, production, and partnership. The Army War College Foundation appreciates the partnership of the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) in helping support the hosted aspects of the event.



The College's AY25 **National Industrial Base** elective students visited a variety of facilities and experts in key areas of Pennsylvania, to include the Scranton Army Ammunition Plant (*above photo*). They also visited the Letterkenny Army Depot and Letterkenny Munitions Center; Boeing's Vertical Lift Facility in Ridley Park; and the BAE Systems facilities in York. Students in the **Mobilization and Industrial Preparedness** elective had productive tours of facilities, to include the Hanwha Shipyard in Philadelphia and Penn-Mar Casting in Hanover.



In May 2025, the Enterprise Management enrichment specialization and the **Advanced Defense Management** program met with the Army G8 and representatives from the Army's Budget Requirements and Programming Committee, alongside program alumni, providing a crucial opportunity for students to engage directly with senior military finance and programming leaders.

ELIHU ROOT CLASS GIFT IS COMPLETED

The combined class gift of the **Resident Classes of 2022 and 2023** was completed this past spring. These two classes donated generously so that the Elihu Root tribute behind the security desk in the entrance foyer of the new Root Hall would extend a striking welcome to all students, faculty, and guests as they enter the academic building. Thanks to those two classes again for such an inspired project that leaves a lasting legacy.



NEW FACULTY CHAIRS



These eight faculty members were awarded Chairs by the College at the Convocation on August 4, 2025. L-R:

- **Lt Col Kelly R. M. Ihme, Ph.D., ANG**, General Hoyt S. Vandenberg Chair of Aerospace Studies
- **Col (Ret) Michael A. Marra, USAF, RES '04**, Elihu Root Chair of Military Studies
- **Dr. Michele K. Devlin**, General George S. Patton Chair of Operational Research and Analysis
- **Dr. Robert Evan Ellis**, General Douglas MacArthur Chair of Research
- **Dr. Nelly Lahoud**, General Dwight D. Eisenhower Chair of National Security
- **Dr. Andrew A. Hill**, General Brehon Burke Somervell Chair of Management
- **Dr. John A. Nagl**, General John J. Pershing Chair of Military Planning and Operations
- **Dr. Zenel Garcia**, Henry L. Stimson Chair of International and Military Studies



New Department Chair

Dr. Ronald J. Granieri has replaced Dr. Carrie Lee as Chair of the Department of National Security and Strategy.

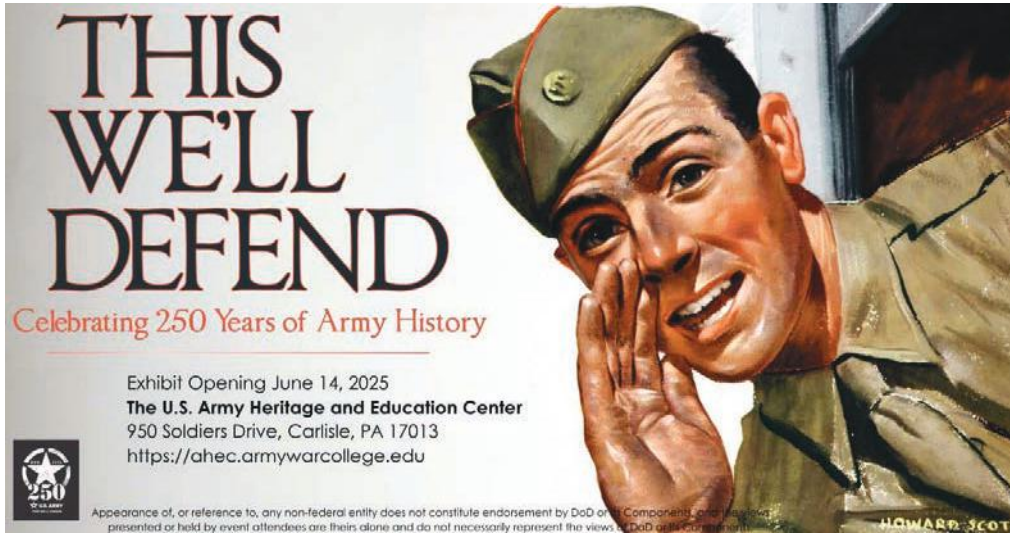
MADIGAN AWARD WINNERS



These six faculty members were recognized at Convocation on August 4, 2025 for excellence in scholarly publication: L-R:

- **Dr. John Deni** for his monograph: *"The Role of America's European Allies in the Russia- Ukraine War, 2022-24"*
- **Dr. de Raismes Combes** for her article: "Assessing Jean Lartéguy's The Centurions for the Past, Present, and Future of Irregular Warfare"
- **Dr. Grant Golub** for his article: "The Eagle and the Lion - Reassessing Anglo-American Strategic Planning and the Foundations of US Grand Strategy for World War II"
- **Dr. (COL, Ret) James 'Jim' Scudieri, RES '04** for his monograph: *"Lieutenant General Robert C. Richardson Jr: Central Pacific Theater Army Commander for Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, 1943-45"*
- **Dr. Charles 'Tony' Pfaff** for his monograph: *"Bargaining for Justice: Ukraine, Gaza, and the Ethics of Conflict Termination"*
- **COL Darrell Driver, USAWCF '15** for his chapter: "Disrupting Alliances: Technological Adaptation in Military Doctrine and Alliance Politics"

U.S. ARMY HERITAGE AND EDUCATION CENTER (USAHEC)



Open to the public, USAHEC is part of the U.S. Army War College and is located at 950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle. It was ranked this year by **Newsweek** as a top 10 “Best Free Museum,” hosting lectures and events throughout the year which are also open to the public. To learn more, visit ahec.armywarcollege.edu.



Celebrating the USAHEC Director's Opening of the Exhibit on June 14, 2025. L-R: Kaleb Dissinger, Museum Curator; Kate Lemay, Ph.D., USAHEC Director; Molly Bompane, Curator and Chief of Exhibitions; and Kennedy Hickman, Education and Exhibits Department Chair.

USAHEC's newest exhibit opened on June 14th celebrating the Army's 250th Birthday. The exhibit begins by immersing its audiences in a replica of an 18th-century tavern. Taverns played a crucial role, even before the creation of the Army. “When people are in immersive environments like this, they start to think about what it was like. At USAHEC, we are recreating the feeling of the resistance in the colonies, and what people were talking about in taverns,” said **Kate Lemay, Ph.D.**, the USAHEC Director. “That's the first point, getting people thinking about that time, and how conflicting and tumultuous it was.”



Enjoying a moment in the 18th-century replica tavern were reenactors. Reenactors were present throughout USAHEC during the Army 250th birthday celebration.

Audiences move through the exhibition into an area crafted with the ambiance of the Assembly Room in Philadelphia's Independence Hall. This room displays a curated exhibition with objects hand-selected by leadership of the Army War College and staff members of the USAHEC. “The two things that really make us special are the collections and the staff, so we decided to do a staff-curated exhibition,” said **Molly Bompane**, the exhibition's chief curator. “We have 93 different vantage points, and what's evolved is this beautiful timeline of Army history.” Each object reflects personal connections to the Army's story and highlights the passion the team brings to preserving history.



CSM Chuck Gregory, Army War College CSM, shows his wife his selection for the staff-curated exhibit. Ninety-three people affiliated with the College selected objects for display.

The opening of this exhibit on the Army's birthday coincided with the Carlisle Barracks 5K run and the Army War College's cake-cutting ceremony, both of which took place on the USAHEC's 54-acre grounds. **MG David C. Hill, USAWC Commandant**, was proud to kick off and participate in these events, surrounded by Garrison and community personnel, families, runners and walkers from central Pennsylvania, and many of the 20-year reunion attendees from the Classes of 2004 and 2005.

*by MAJ Katie L. Glover
Strategic Communications Officer,
USAHEC*



Army 250th Birthday cake-cutting ceremony. Immediately following the Carlisle Barracks 5K, a cake-cutting ceremony was held in the USAHEC's Quonset Hut. The ceremony included the USAWC's youngest and oldest Soldier, a military family, and many of the great period reenactors.

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS HALL OF FAME



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS HALL OF FAME

On April 4, 2025, **LTG C.J. 'Kees' Matthijssen, IF-Netherlands, RES '10** was inducted into the USAWC International Fellows (IF) Hall of Fame as the 87th inductee.

The IF Hall of Fame was established to provide a prestigious and visible means of honoring IF graduates who have attained the highest positions in their nation's armed forces. This not only underscores the talent that the Army War College attracts from across the globe, but it focuses on how the insights of these intelligent and seasoned officers help shape and inform conversations on national security here and throughout the world.



MG David C. Hill, Commandant, congratulated **LTG Matthijssen** on his IF Hall of Fame induction on April 4, 2025.



LTG Matthijssen with long-time friends from the IF Office, **Mr. Kevin Bremer** (left) and **Mr. Emilio Montanez** (right). Emilio retired in 2022 and Kevin Bremer retired in May 2025. Kevin Bremer was the Deputy Director (and often Acting Director) of the IF Office for 20+ years.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPERS

On May 29, 2025, the annual ceremony to commemorate the International Day of UN Peacekeepers was held in the Bliss Auditorium foyer. This date in May marks the anniversary of the creation of the UN Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO) in 1948 to monitor the ceasefire after the 1948 Arab-Israeli War, which was the first ever UN peacekeeping mission. This International Day of UN Peacekeepers is an opportunity to recognize the service and sacrifice of the more than one million personnel who have served under the blue flag since 1948, and to honor the memory of the more than 4,400 peacekeepers who lost their lives. This day was so designated by UN General Assembly Resolution 57/129 on December 11, 2002, after an official request of the Ukrainian Peacekeepers Association and the Government of Ukraine to the UN General Assembly. It was first celebrated in 2003.



2025 International Fellows with UN peacekeeping experience and USAWC personnel commemorated International Day of UN Peacekeepers on May 29, 2025.

ADVANCED REGIONAL STUDIES (ARS) TRAVEL

UNDERSTANDING THE GLOBAL STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT

The Advanced Regional Studies (ARS) program at the USAWC is a cornerstone of experiential strategic education, combining rigorous academic inquiry with immersive global engagement. ARS enables students to develop critical insights into evolving international dynamics through direct exposure to regional actors, adversarial diplomacy, and allied partnerships. AY25 courses and trips focused on Africa, East Asia, and Europe. All courses demonstrated the program's capacity to translate academic preparation into strategic and higher operational understanding, ultimately shaping another group of warfighters and military professionals with broadened strategic vision.

AFRICA

COL Ron Miller, DDE '16 and **Dr. Alex Marino** planned and organized **ARS Africa (AFRICOM AOR)**. An intense series of meetings and engagements in Senegal, Ethiopia, Djibouti, and Zambia provided key strategic insights and firsthand observations from discussions with host nation defense officials, U.S. interagency teams, allied partners, and regional organizations. One highlight was certainly for students to meet with the Chinese mission to the African Union and see how the PRC excels in strategic messaging and visibility through small-scale, high-impact initiatives (e.g. vehicle donations, construction, technology projects) on the African continent. In Zambia, our students learned that the country truly values the U.S. as a trusted and long-term partner but also seeks more visible and consistent engagement—especially in capacity building and economic cooperation.



ARS Africa in Lusaka

ASIA

ARS East Asia (INDOPACOM AOR), organized by **Prof. Matt O'Connor (DOS)** and **COL Joel Buenafior, RES '17**, drew students into the security tensions of the Indo-Pacific, where great power competition is sharpening and strategic alignment remains complex. The trip included high-level engagements in Japan with the U.S. Embassy, U.S. Army Japan, the United Nations Command-Rear, the Japan Self-Defense Force Joint Staff College, the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan, and Tokyo University faculty. The ARS team then conducted high-level engagements in Malaysia with the Malaysian Army and Armed Forces, the National Resilience College, the Institute of Strategic and International Studies Malaysia, and the Malaysian Armed Forces.



ARS East Asia in Tokyo

ADVANCED REGIONAL STUDIES (ARS) TRAVEL CONTINUED

EUROPE

ARS Europe (EUCOM AOR), organized by **Dr. Daniel Krebs** and **Dr. Michael Neiberg**, focused on NATO's eastern flank, deterrence strategy, and transatlantic security. The trip included high-level engagements in Estonia (some in conjunction with students from the National Defense University) at the U.S. Embassy, NATO's Cooperative Cyber Defense Center of Excellence, the Estonian Ministry of Defense, and the Estonian Armed Forces. In Berlin, the team met with the U.S. Embassy, the German Ministry of Defense, varied security organizations, and conducted a staff ride on the Battle of Berlin during World War II. ARS students also met with EUCOM near Stuttgart for operational/strategy-level briefings as well as the U.S. Army Europe and Africa.



ARS Europe in Berlin

We are planning several Advanced Regional Studies courses and trips for AY26, as relevant and complex strategic issues continue to challenge us across the globe.

by Dr. Daniel Krebs, Director, Advanced Regional Studies

MILITARY SPOUSE AND FAMILY STUDIES PROGRAM (MSFP)

In a ceremony on May 8, 2025, the College celebrated the graduation of 39 extraordinary spouses from the AY25 Executive Leader Development Course – Spouse (ELDC-S). **MG Dave** and **Mrs. Chris Hill** presided over the ELDC-S graduation. ELDC-S is an 80-hour, graduate-level course tailored to spouses of USAWC students, faculty, and staff to sharpen their leadership skills for application across their diverse personal and professional pursuits.

The Military Spouse and Family Studies Program (MSFP) extends a heartfelt thanks to the Hills for their exceptional support of USAWC spouses and families, and of the MSFP, and for their example of commitment to family and a Command Team philosophy. Chris Hill's guidance and leadership has been instrumental in the program's growth and success. One ELDC-S graduate captured the Hill's profound

influence on military families in her message, "Thank you both for the incredible example of leadership and sincere care you have consistently shown since the day we arrived. We admire your relationship and the united presence you brought to each ELDC Spouse event. You both created an environment where Soldiers and spouses alike felt completely supported. Your influence gave us space to grow not just as individuals, but as a military family. Carlisle has been our first assignment where I truly understand what it means to be embraced by the "Army Family." That feeling of belonging, of being seen, supported, and encouraged is something we'll carry forward with deep gratitude."

*by Prof. Lauren C. O'Donnell,
Professor of Military Spouse and Family Studies*



MG and Mrs. Dave Hill gave the keynote ELDC graduation speech as a couple in May 2025. It was an emotional and special farewell to the graduating spouses as they readied themselves for their next assignments, and for the Hills as they prepared to retire after 35 years of service together.



Congratulations to the 39 spouses who completed this special leadership course over months of hard work and collaboration.

U.S. ARMY WAR COLLEGE FELLOWS UPDATE



The completion of AY25 saw 83 USAWC Fellows and 3 CSA/SMA Senior Fellows rejoin the Army and wider defense enterprise after a year of unique learning and engagement opportunities.

The AY25 Fellows completed their senior-level education in non-military settings at 44 locations and 52 programs across the U.S. and seven foreign nations. A few highlights from the year include:

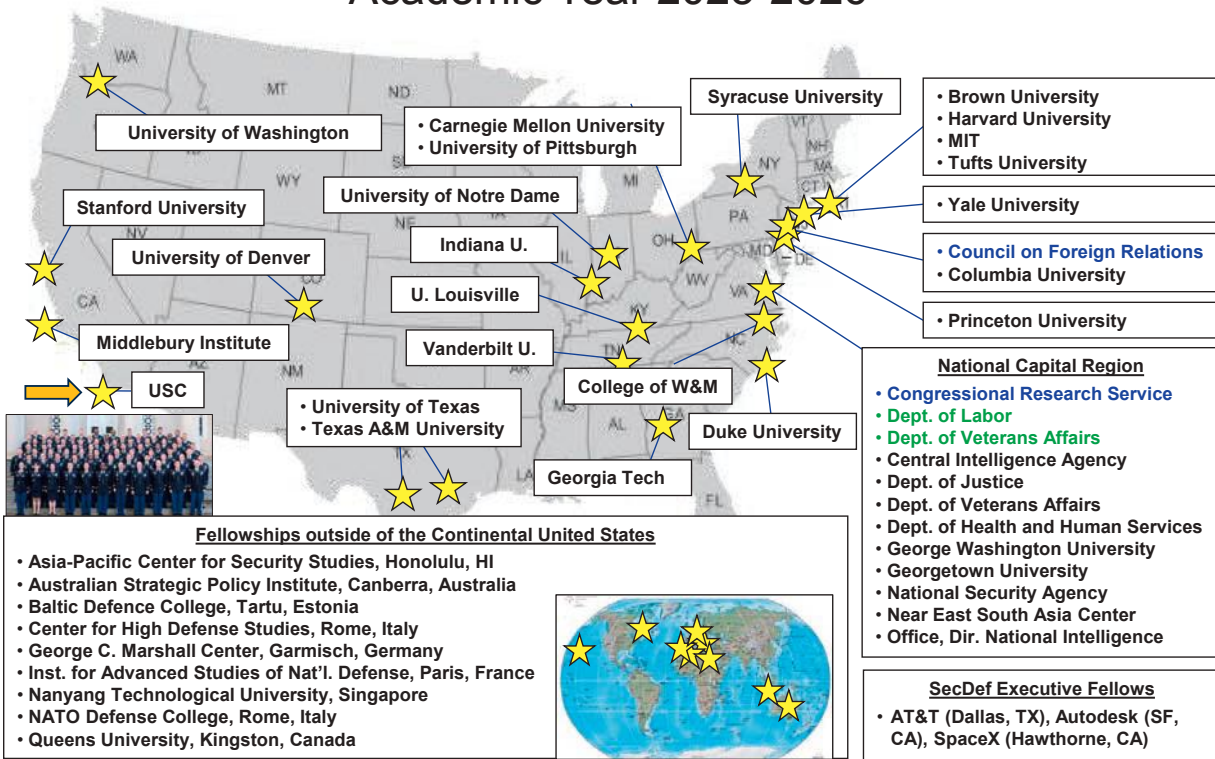
- Successful new Fellowships started at the Baltic Defence College and Vanderbilt University.
- 9 Fellows earned USAWC writing awards and were invited to be recognized at the AY25 Resident graduation ceremony.
- Fellows' papers were published in several venues, to include *Military Review* and through Fellowship hosts.
- Two Fellows taught college courses for credit under the sponsorship of Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of Diplomacy.

- Fellows had access to many Resident program presentations via Teams, and were invited to participate in staff rides at Gettysburg, New York City, and Washington, DC.

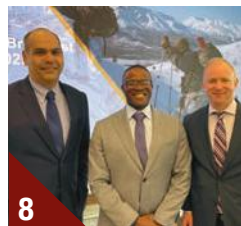
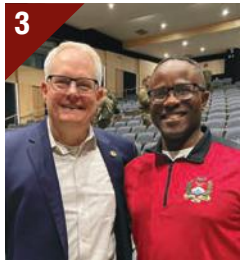
We look forward to a successful AY26 with 78 Fellows and 4 CSA and SMA Fellows. There is one new Fellows Program at the University of Southern California and a new CSA-directed start at the Congressional Research Service.

*by COL (Ret) Phil Evans,
Fellows Director for Academics and Engagement*

78 USAWC Fellows, 2 CSA Senior Fellows, 2 SMA Fellows Academic Year 2025-2026



U.S. ARMY WAR COLLEGE FELLOWS UPDATE CONTINUED



1. Marking their AY25 farewell to the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, COLs **Matt Kelley** (left) and **Matt Dawson** (right) presented a memento to Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies Director **Dr. Page Fortna**. The photo is of Dwight Eisenhower in 1936, just eight years after he graduated from the Army War College. Eisenhower eventually became the President of Columbia and founded the Saltzman Institute, a great connection.
2. COL **Chad Pallai** (Queen's University '22) was awarded the Legion of Merit after three years as the Chief of Plans for U.S. Army Europe-Africa by USAREUR-AF CG and AY13 Harvard Fellow **GEN Chris Donahue**. Chad's mission included supporting U.S. European Command, U.S. Africa Command, Security Assistance Group-Ukraine, NATO LANDCOM, NATO Joint Force Command-Brunssum, NATO SHAPE, and HQDA.
3. Brookings Institution CSA Senior Fellows **LTG (Ret) John Evans** (AY15) and **COL Jabari Miller** (AY25) met at Carlisle Barracks during the Homeland Defense Symposium held in February 2025. LTG Evans recently retired from command of USARNORTH and Jabari currently serves as DCO-M for 1st Infantry Division.
4. **MG Matt Van Wagenen** (Marshall Center '14, left), Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations at SHAPE, and **GEN Chris Cavoli** (Marshall Center '09, center), Supreme Allied Commander Europe, on the occasion of a German contingent reception at SHAPE marking the close of Cavoli's time as SACEUR.
5. **LTC(P) Kevin Ryan**, '25 (right), first Fellow at the Baltic Defence College, graduated from the Higher Command Studies Course and received the "Commandant's Award" as the top graduate of the course on June 19, 2025.
6. **COL John Kirchgessner** (George C. Marshall Center for Security Studies AY24, left), assumed command of the 11th "Imperial" ADA Brigade Forward in the Middle East on July 9, 2025.
7. Accompanying their civilian teammates from Tufts University's Fletcher School and the University of Texas' Clements Center in the USAWC Strategy Competition involving 24 teams in late April were L-R: **LTC Mike Hultquist** (Tufts AY25), **LTC Leland Pearson** (UT AY25), and **COL Nate Scott** (Tufts AY25).
8. The three AY25 CSA Senior Fellows met in April 2025 to share their respective and varying experiences for the year. L-R: **COL Nathan Colvin** (Council on Foreign Relations), **COL Jabari Miller** (The Brookings Institution), and **COL Scott Pence** (Center for Strategic and International Studies).
9. Reuniting at Carlisle Barracks during the Strategic Landpower Symposium May 6-8, 2025: Joint Staff J5 **LTG J.P. McGee** (Stanford '11) and V Corps CG **LTG Charles Costanza** (Texas A&M '12).
10. **LTG D.A. Sims**, Director of the Joint Staff (MIT Security Studies '12), met with the AY25 joint **Secretary of Defense Executive Corporate Fellows Program** on May 14, 2025. The three Army Fellows in the program were **COL Jeff Brizek** (Biogen, far center), **LTC Brandon Grooms**, (CACI Intern't'l, far left) and **LTC Kenny Reed** (CVS, near left).
11. **NCR-based Senior and USAWC Fellows** met at AUSA HQ on April 2, 2025 for a presentation from **VCSA GEN Jim Mingus**, RES '10. At far left is host AUSA President **GEN (Ret) Bob Brown**.
12. AY25 USAWC Writing Award Winners assembled before the June 6th Resident graduation ceremony. L-R: **LTC Jason Lingk** (Tufts University), **COL Jeff Brizek** (Biogen), **LTC Dallas Clements** (Texas A&M), and Fellows Program Manager **COL (Ret) Don Myers**, RES '10.
13. L-R: After the AY25 USAWC Resident graduation ceremony **MG Dave Hill**, Cmdt, visited with **COL Louis 'Trip' Magyar** (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services), and his parents, **Louis** and **Momilani**. Louis senior is retired from the USCG.

U.S. ARMY WAR COLLEGE FELLOWS UPDATE CONTINUED

14. AY25 University of Texas Fellows assisted Texas A&M's Student Council on National Security Affairs (SCONA) during their CSL-administered International Strategic Crisis Negotiation Exercise in mid-February 2025. L-R: COL Neil Hollenbeck, LTC Leland Pearson, and COL John Leitner.



15. COL Frank Pera (College of William & Mary '22) visited the USAWC in May 2025. As the Baltimore Commander and District Engineer, Frank has adeptly contended with a full plate in the past year, including the continuing bridge strike work in Baltimore, recovering aircraft from the Potomac River, and road sufficiency for the 250th Army Birthday parade.

16. Mr. Phil Evans (Fellows Program) and 1st Army CG LTG Mark Landes (Yale '14) at the Strategic Landpower Symposium on May 8, 2025.

17. MG Fred Crist (MIT '15), at Carlisle Barracks as a student for the Army Strategic Education Program's Advanced Course, visited with the Fellows Program. MG Crist is triple-hatted as logistics lead at Combined Forces Command, United Nations Command, and United States Forces Korea.

18. COL Chris Stutz (then LTC, University of Washington '25) and COL Joe Paladino (MIT '21) visited with Fellows Program Chair COL Lauren Miller (Institute of Higher National Defence Studies, Paris '21) while participating in a CSL-facilitated wargame at Carlisle Barracks.

19. Former Fellows met at a ceremony at Carlisle Barracks. L-R: COL (Ret) Shawn Creamer (MIT '17), COL Mike Shekleton (Institute for Advanced Defense Studies, Italy '19), COL (Ret) Chris Rizzo (CIA '20), and COL Jake Larkowitz (Syracuse '19).

20. AY25 Fellow LTC Dallas Clements guest lectures on the role of the U.S. military in disaster response and recovery at the Texas A&M undergraduate Introduction to Emergency Management Course.

21. GEN Jim Rainey, CG, Army Futures Command (University of Denver '12, center), and MG Richard Johnson, DCG-ARNG, FORSCOM (Harvard '12, right), visited with AY25 Harvard and local Boston area Army War College Fellows in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

22. AY25 Fellow LTC Tyler Espinoza met with "The Zombie Empire" author Dr. Mira Milosevic at the George C. Marshall European Center for Strategic Studies Seminar on Russia.

23. AY25 Stanford University Fellows COL Nate Garner and COL Melinda Acuna visited the Stanford Linear Accelerator Complex during the winter/spring term.

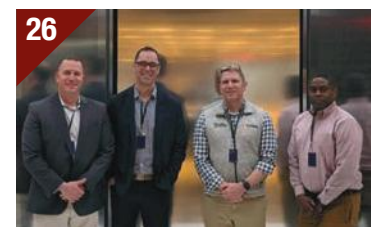
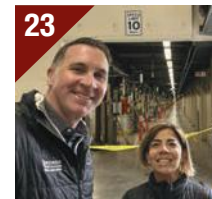
24. AY25 Fellow COL Jared Koelling presented "20 Years of Leadership Lessons in the U.S. Army" as part of the Watson Institute's Global Security Speaker Series at Brown University.

25. MIT Center for Transportation & Logistics AY25 Fellow LTC Joshua Koncar (left) with MG Jake Kwon, DDE '17 (right), Director of Strategic Operations, HQDA G-3/5/7, after MG Kwon delivered a military leadership lecture for MIT's Supply Chain Management faculty at the school's Center for Transportation & Logistics.

26. Boston-area AY25 Fellows visited the IBM Watson research facility. L-R: COL Nicholas Talbot (MIT), LTC Noah Genger (Harvard), LTC Ryan Kroells (Tufts), and LTC Wangson Sylvien (MIT).

27. University of Washington AY25 Fellow COL Tad Tsuneyoshi held his own during physical training with 2nd Regiment cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

28. Former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates (right) and AY25 Texas A&M University Fellow LTC John Wanja (left) give a thumbs up to the Army War College Fellows Program during Gates' visit to College Station.



U.S. ARMY WAR COLLEGE FELLOWS UPDATE CONTINUED



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29. AY25 Duke University Fellows met with GEN (Ret) **Martin Dempsey** (*center right*) when he served as a guest lecturer for the American Civil-Military Relations class at Duke University. L-R: **COL Chris Countouriotis** (*far left*), **COL Tim Leone** (*third from left*), and **COL Ken Wainwright** and **CH (COL) Tim Maracle** (*both far right*).

30. Vanderbilt University AY25 Fellow **LTC Zachary Dadisman** represented the Army by throwing the first pitch for the Vanderbilt University Salute to Service game. He is shown meeting Vandy head baseball coach **Tim Corbin** on the diamond.



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31. AY25 George C. Marshall Center for Security Studies Fellow **COL Crystal Ernst** (*left*) was promoted at a local Bavarian gasthaus in Garmisch, Germany.

32. The Tufts University Fletcher International Security Studies Program student team, coached by Tufts University Fellows **LTC Michael Hultquist** and **LTC Nate Scott**, above the 'F' and 'R' respectively, placed fourth in the Army War College's 4th Annual Strategy Competition.



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33. Fellows Director **COL Lauren Miller** (*center*) visited the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. L-R: Military Dean **COL Matt Kent**; Deputy Center Director **COL (Ret) Russ Bailey**; AY25 Fellow **COL Tim Peterman**; **Miller**; Center Director **MG (Ret) Suzanne Vares-Lum, DDE '11**; and AY25 Fellow **LTC Kevin Ryan**.

34. Secretary of Defense Executive Program AY25 Fellow **COL Kenny Reed** (*left*) moderated a leadership panel with two CVS Health Chief Executive Officers during a CVS Health Company Day event in Woonsocket, Rhode Island.



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35. AY25 Baltic Defence College Fellow **LTC(P) Kevin Ryan** (*left*) moderated a student panel presentation at the Annual Conference on Russia with key technological and logistics lessons learned from the Russo-Ukrainian War.

36. AY25 Syracuse University Fellow **LTC Ben Schneller** (*left*) met with photographer **Marcus Albercerque** (*center*) and **Judge James Baker**, former Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (*right*), who spoke at a Model United Nations event hosted by Syracuse University.



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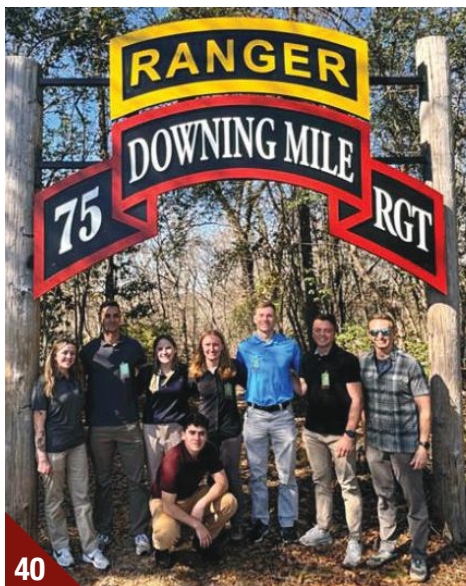
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37. Taking time off from teaching a course to undergraduates in the winter/spring term, Georgetown University AY25 Fellow **LTC Joshua Wiles** earned first place in both the Gi and No Gi Purple Belt Divisions in the International Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Federation (IBJJF) Virginia Open.

38. AY25 Harvard Fellow **LTC(P) Rich Farnell** (*right*) met with international officers during the Air War College International Fellows' visit to Harvard and the Fellowship's Common Defense lecture seminar.

39. AY25 U.S. Department of Justice Office of Legal Policy Fellow **COL C.J. Chielens** (*left*) and AY25 College of William & Mary Fellow **LTC Christy Licklider** (*right*) met to plan Fellows events.

40. **COL Ben Hopper** (Georgia Institute of Technology '25, *right*) took Georgia Tech ROTC cadets on an in-depth tour of the Ranger Regiment, introducing them to current Ranger senior and platoon leaders for hands-on training and discussions on what it takes to make a winning organizational culture.



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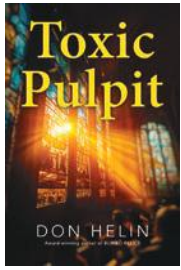


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41. AY25 Secretary of Defense Executive Fellow **LTC Brandon Grooms** attended the Google Public Sector (GPS) Company Day, a relatively new arm of Google designed to leverage Google technologies to support government missions.

42. AY25 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Fellow **COL Hee Kim** completed the Interagency Institute for Federal Health Leaders Course, designed to encourage federal healthcare system leaders to develop strategic solutions to problem sets based on operational, political, and geopolitical environments. He is receiving his graduation certificate from former Surgeon General of the Army and former Army War College Foundation Trustee, **LTG (Ret) Ron Blanck, RES '86** (*left*).

BOOKS BY GRADS AND FACULTY

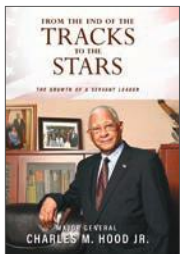


Toxic Pulpit

by COL (Ret) Donald D. Helin, RES '81.

This latest thriller by Helin begins with the kidnapping of a college professor during a lecture attended by Lt. Col. Rene Garcia and her father.

Twenty-four hours later, the professor's mutilated body is discovered hanging from a cross. Meanwhile, 100 miles to the South, Homicide Lt. Pamela Scott investigates the suspicious deaths of four ministers. Garcia discovers her computers and phones are being hacked by people threatening to kill her father, and these events appear to be related and a product of domestic terrorism. Can Garcia's team infiltrate the shadowy group in time to avoid a possible mass casualty event? Could Atlantis be real? Scientists have discovered deposits of nanodiamonds, microspheres, and high-temperature glass, findings which point toward a comet exploding in Canada around 12,800 years ago, bringing a golden period on our planet to an end. Have recent discoveries by scientists inflamed Christian zealots by shifting popular focus from traditional creation beliefs such as humankind's origin in the Garden of Eden? A story within the story.



From the End of the Tracks to the Stars: The Growth of a Servant Leader

by MG (Ret) Charles M. Hood, Jr., RES '83.

This is Hood's memoir and description of his ascension from segregated

Richmond, Virginia, to Commanding General of the U.S. Virgin Islands, National Guard. Hood shares his story of family, education, hard work, determination, and drive through 35 years of military service and leadership. He progressed from earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics from Hampton Institute (now University) to starting his career in the Army as a 2nd Lieutenant. This was followed by various leadership command and staff positions in the U.S., Vietnam, and Germany, culminating with his last military position as Adjutant General of the National Guard and Executive Director of Emergency Management for the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

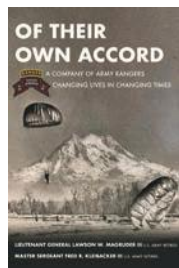


Drug Abuse in Vietnam: The Heroin Epidemic,

by LTG (Ret) Ronald R. Blanck, D.O., RES '86,

and the late COL Norman W. Ream, M.D.

This is the third in a series looking at the impacts of the Vietnam War from the historical textbooks of military medicine at the Borden Institute, an agency of the U.S. Army TRADOC, Medical Center of Excellence. Blanck served as a battalion surgeon during the Vietnam War and later as the 39th Surgeon General of the Army, 1996 to 2000. He commanded at the Walter Reed Medical Center, the Berlin Army Hospital, the Frankfurt Regional Army Medical Center, and was the first commander of the North Atlantic Region Medical Command. This publication delves into the details of the measures taken by the military to address the heroin epidemic during Vietnam, and particularly the response of the Army Medical Department. The book provides in-depth observations and data collected from heroin users during the war, along with a discussion of follow-up studies conducted in the U.S. on individuals identified as heroin users. DoD personnel can request a complimentary copy by completing an order form at: <https://www.medcoe.army.mil/borden>. In addition to the print version, this publication is also available in PDF format on the institute's website.



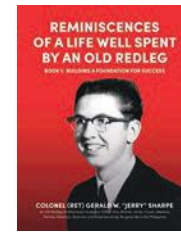
Of Their Own Accord: A Company of Army Rangers Changing Lives in Changing Times

by LTG (Ret) Lawson W. Magruder, RES '86 and MSG Fred Kleibacker.

This book is by soldiers about a group of soldiers who in the difficult days following the end of the Vietnam War volunteered to be a part of an experiment to rebuild the Army and restore the high standards of discipline and training that had become frayed after 10 years in Vietnam. The vision of then Chief of Staff of the Army Creighton Abrams was to create a unit that could become a model for the rest of the Army to emulate, and to have the veterans of that unit populate throughout the Army to pass along the best of what they learned from their experiences. To that end, the project has been a

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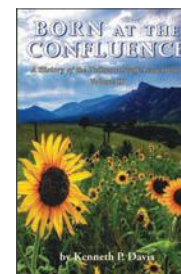
tremendous success as evidenced by the alumni of that unit who have gone on to serve in senior positions, both officer and enlisted, throughout the Army, and later as proud citizens of our nation.



Reminiscences of a Life Well Spent by an Old Redleg, Book I: Building a Foundation for Success

by COL (Ret) Gerald W. 'Jerry' Sharpe, RES '86.

In this first of three volumes, Sharpe describes his childhood, living in five states by age four, then Chicago for five years, and Oakland for four before his parents were reassigned to their church's western headquarters in Westminster, Colorado. He attended two years of college before joining the Army "to get as far away from home as possible," serving as an enlisted man in Friedburg, Germany, rising to the rank of sergeant in two years. Accepted into OCS at Fort Sill, graduating as a 2nd lieutenant of Artillery in April 1964, he served in two assignments before returning to OCS to produce lieutenants for the Vietnam War. He was sent to Turkey, back to his advanced course, and then to Vietnam where he served with distinction. He concludes this volume with civil schooling at Oklahoma University with his wife and four children. Coming soon is Volume 2, *Striving for Excellence*, which will cover the remainder of his military career with his retirement in 1989 as a full colonel.



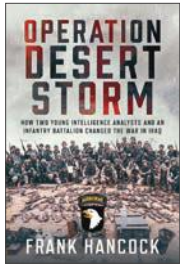
Born at the Confluence Volume II: A History of the Philmont Staff Association

by COL (Ret) Kenneth P. Davis, Ph.D., DCS '93.

A "confluence" -- while it is certainly a place, and a very special place where the Rayado and Agua Fria creeks come together -- is also more than just a place. It is a coming together of many kinds. This is the story of how people can come together to have significance and impact, but it is also, in microcosm, a glimpse into what makes Philmont, the Boy Scouts, and America itself great. This edition of *Born at the Confluence* brings the history of the Philmont Staff Association up to date with its 50th anniversary.

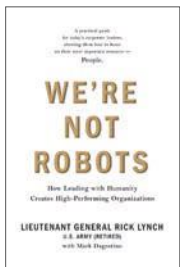
If you are a USAWC grad, faculty member, NSS or CNSP alum, and you published a new book, send us details at: info@usawc.org.

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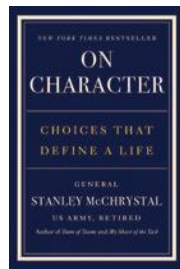
Operation Desert Storm: How Two Young Intelligence Analysts and an Infantry Battalion Changed the War in Iraq by COL (Ret) Frank R. Hancock, RES '93.

This book describes how two young soldiers from the intelligence section of 1-327 Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, CPT Jose Delgado and SGT Jesus Gonzalez, unlocked an intelligence puzzle none of their higher headquarters recognized. This pivotal discovery occurred after the finalization of the 101st Airborne's plans for attacking into Iraq and altered the direction of Desert Storm. 1-327 Infantry was also the lead unit of the unique Army division with 300+ helicopters in its arsenal, but the plan stretched the division's capabilities and demonstrated its strengths and weaknesses. Delgado and Gonzalez discovered the enemy battalion's bunker-trench complex in 1-327 Infantry's lead company's landing zone. Their discovery, 48 hours before the air assault, caused the division's plan to be altered, a significant challenge. In writing the book, Hancock, the battalion commander, asked soldiers from across the battalion to provide their recollections. The book also details the process of how the Army learned from its experiences in Vietnam, made changes, and became a different, structured, and more lethal army in the post-Vietnam era.



We're Not Robots: How Leading with Humanity Creates High-Performing Organizations by LTG (Ret) Rick Lynch, RES '96.

During his 35-year career in the Army, Lynch led 25,000 of our country's best in "The Surge" in Iraq. He came home to take command of Fort Hood, Texas, the largest Army installation in America. He led Installation Command, leading 120,000 mostly civilian employees through the restructuring of a \$20-billion budget, under unimaginable pressure from the Pentagon. But for the last 12 years, he has put his experience and expertise on the line for an equally important mission: To develop strong leaders, right here at home, while teaching adaptive leadership principles across Corporate America. This is Lynch's practical guide for today's corporate leaders, detailing how paying attention to our most important resource—our people—turns companies into high-performing organizations. Filled with actionable takeaways, historical perspective, and candid insights from his years as a sought-after



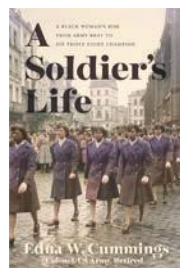
On Character: Choices that Define a Life by GEN (Ret) Stanley A. McChrystal, USAWCF '97.

After a career of service, McChrystal had much to contemplate, pondering his successes and failures, his beliefs and aspirations, and asking himself many questions about measuring a life, realizing that the reality of who we are cannot be recorded in dates or accomplishments. He believes it is found in our character—the most accurate, and last full measure of who we choose to be -- character not being a trait inherited at birth, nor automatically gained through education, position, or experience. Character, instead, comes down to a succession of choices, most mundane, several momentous, that reveal the deep truth of our capacity for virtue. He offers his blueprint for living with purpose and integrity, challenging us to examine not just our deeds but who we become through them. Drawing from a lifetime of experience, he distills profound insights on setting and meeting standards, aligning actions with beliefs, and offering practical advice on overcoming obstacles and pursuing self-improvement.



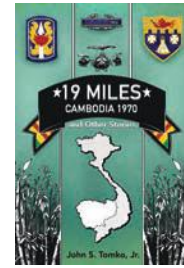
Mustered for War: A Memoir by COL (Ret) Len D. Shartzter, DDE '00.

Mobilized for Operation Enduring Freedom after 9/11, Shartzter, U.S. Army Reserve, was ordered to leave his civilian job and family at the age of 48 for a combat deployment in Afghanistan. He became engaged in the international effort to transform ethnically diverse tribes into a country loyal to a central government. When he finally returned home, he was faced with fighting yet another grueling war. Shartzter takes the reader through the most difficult eight years of his life, and shares his journey of war, caregiving, loss and hope.



A Soldier's Life: A Black Woman's Rise from Army Brat to Six Triple Eight Champion by COL (Ret) Edna W. Cummings, DDE '01. Looking back on her career, Cummings could justly say that "the

odds ain't good, but good stuff happens." Her story is as inspiring as it is improbable, but her memoir is about much more than herself. She chronicles her path to leadership roles in the Army and afterward, and tells the story of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, known as the Six Triple Eight—a trailblazing African American World War II Women's Army Corps unit now the subject of a Netflix film and a Broadway-bound musical—and the grassroots campaign she led to honor them. In 2022, due in large part to her efforts, the Six Triple Eight was awarded the nation's highest civilian honor—the Congressional Gold Medal. Among the fewer than 200 recipients, including the crew of Apollo 11 and the Navajo Code Talkers, the Six Triple Eight is the only women's unit to receive this prestigious decoration. Cummings' advocacy against incredible odds on behalf of those who had come before her is a source of justifiable pride.



19 Miles: Cambodia 1970 and other Stories by John S. Tomko, Jr. RES '02.

As the American withdrawal from South Vietnam proceeded, increasing concern arose over the enemy's strength in the sanctuaries inside of nominally neutral Cambodia.

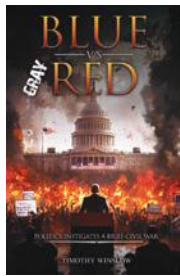
Officially called the Sanctuary Offensive, eight major U.S. Army and South Vietnamese operations took place in Cambodia between May 1 and June 30, 1970, intending to cut enemy lines of communication, seizing the sanctuary areas, and capturing the shadowy COSVN (Central Office of South Vietnam). This book is a short history of that campaign and a memoir of an officer who participated.



The Patriot Pitcher by LTC (Ret) Robert P. Chappell, Jr., DDE '07.

Ace Preston was a boy who fell in love with baseball at an early age, and his favorite position on the field was on the pitcher's mound. Ace was faced with a dilemma of career choices. Due to his inquisitive nature and patriotic upbringing, he followed law enforcement and the military reserve component. From early Little League baseball to his career assignments, mystic clues are found along his journey that help Ace put together the puzzle of his life's choices. Time is but a dimension that is meant to be traveled. Join Ace Preston on this intriguing adventure of an attempt to reconcile with his lost dream of being a professional baseball player.

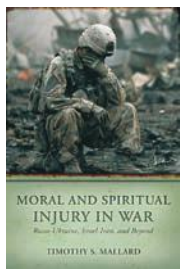
BOOKS BY GRADS AND FACULTY CONTINUED



Blue vs Red: Politics Instigates a Brief Civil War by MG (Ret) Timothy J. Winslow, RES '13.

In this fictional thriller, a nation is divided by politics and tensions ignite into conflict. When an unexpected military

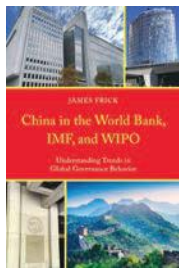
engagement occurs between U.S. forces, President Simpson must navigate a crisis that threatens to tear the country apart. As accusations fly and alliances shift, both military leaders and politicians grapple with the consequences of their decisions. Follow Lieutenant Rob Sasser, a fiercely driven Army officer whose unyielding training methods lead to an incident that sets off a chain reaction of violence. Across the country, citizens are forced to choose sides in a clash that tests their loyalty, values, and beliefs. From the halls of Congress to the battlefield, Blue Versus Red delivers a gripping exploration of power, politics, and the human cost of division. Will the nation find a path to reconciliation, or has it passed the point of no return? Discover a story that feels more relevant than ever—where the battle lines are drawn, but hope still lingers.



Moral and Spiritual Injury in War: Russo-Ukraine, Israel-Iran, and Beyond by CH (COL, Ret) Timothy S. Mallard, RES '14.

Moral and spiritual injuries are internal wounds of war that impact not only warriors but also their families,

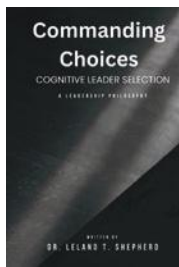
communities, forces, and nations. The ongoing theater wars resulting from Russia's invasion of Ukraine and Iran's proxy-led war with Israel bear this out, particularly as the threat of even larger future wars looms on the horizon of an unstable world. However, moral and spiritual injury—either for a person or for a nation—are not unsolvable; rather, their effects can be limited by an ethical renewal of values, principles, and beliefs, both for individuals and communities. Bringing more than 35 years of experience as a U.S. Army chaplain and Christian ethicist, Mallard analyzes these problems in a fresh way, demonstrating that even such suffering is not irredeemable but can be a catalyst for newfound strength, resilience and growth. Mallard deployed to combat as a Battalion, Brigade, and Division Chaplain in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and Iraq, held strategic postings at both U.S. Army Europe and Africa and the Pentagon, and has a Ph.D. in Theological Ethics.



China in the World Bank, IMF, and WIPO: Understanding Trends in Global Governance Behavior by COL (Ret) James A. 'Buddy' Frick, DDE '15.

Previously one of the least connected states in the world, China is

taking on a considerable role as a leading global power. It has participated and benefited from international organizations (IOs) while also influencing their institutional behavior, but it has also demonstrated limited compliance at times. China's behavior has shifted from following the rules to a desire to make and set the rules. This book explores 40 years of China's participation within these organizations, drawing on in-depth interviews and analysis of annual reports, meeting minutes, consultations, and transcripts obtained from archived records to argue how China views that its behavior can achieve its desired interests. Frick illustrates that in the context of relative shifts in power, variation in China's IO behaviors is predicated by the extent to which IOs conform to China's national interests. This rational behavior approach (RBA) outlines four strategies: rule-taking, rule-breaking, rule-changing, and rule-making. As China's relative power increases over time, so does its bargaining power, leading to a more assertive rule-changing behavior as it attempts to adapt the organization to allow its ascendancy as a rule-maker.



Commanding Choices: Cognitive Leader Selection by BG (Ret) Leland T. Shepherd, Ph.D., DDE '17.

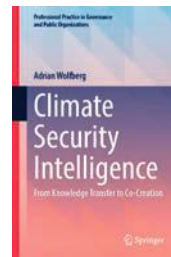
This book is a short research thesis that is based on the author's goal of informing readers about executive leadership selection in the

National Guard, including for positions at the General Officer level to include The Adjutant General. The book takes a qualitative research approach through the narrative inquiry process. His goals were clearly stated as personal, practical, and intellectual, and to explore why executive leaders are selected abundantly from combat arms branches more than others. He looked at several leadership theories and how they could inform better or different outcomes. He also introduces Mélange Theory (M-Theory), a thesis he created while completing his doctoral studies, contributing to the effort of executive leadership selection.



Paper Dreams: A History of Play-by-Mail Gaming by COL David K. Spencer, RES '21. Spencer presents the fascinating history of this gaming niche that brought together players from around the world in an age when email

was aspirational and the web had yet to be spun. Through feuds and friendships, bonds formed and community developed. Hundreds of games were available, many of them lasting for years. Players attended conventions; some got married; a few went to jail; then it all fell apart. For tens of thousands of people, it was the only multi-player gaming experience in town. This history of play-by-mail (PBM) games covers their origins to their commercialization in 1970, their rise in the 1980s and 1990s, to the 21st century where many classic PBM games are still available for play today, in different formats. It also covers the unusual and controversial aspects of PBM gaming, all set within the gaming context of the period (and, of course, there's a cameo mention of Clausewitz).

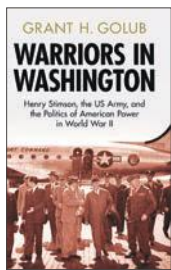


Climate Security Intelligence by Dr. Adrian Wolfberg, former FAC.

Climate security intelligence is the capacity to warn national and sub-national security organizations of the physical effects of climate

change that can have a negative societal effect on nations, governments, and their populations. This book discusses the uniqueness of climate security intelligence, the maturity of its development as a knowledge domain, and its possible future. Written by an intelligence analyst with over forty years of experience, this book centers on the challenges that organizations may face when analysts, their managers, and their organizations are given the task of warning policymakers and decision-makers about threats to climate security. Taking a necessarily transdisciplinary approach, this book will be of interest to a wide audience of students, researchers, practitioners, and policy-makers concerned with how the impacts of climate change affect the social, cultural, political, and economic stability of national interests.

BOOKS BY GRADS AND FACULTY CONTINUED



Warriors in Washington: Henry Stimson, the US Army, and the Politics of American Power in World War II by **Dr. Grant H. Golub, FAC**. How did the U.S. Army emerge as one of the most powerful political organizations in the United

States following World War II? In this book, Golub asserts that this remarkable shift was the result of the Army's political masters consciously transforming the organization into an active political player throughout the war. Led by Henry Stimson, the Secretary of War and one of the most experienced American statesmen of the era, the Army energetically worked to shape the contours of American power throughout the war, influencing the scope and direction

of U.S. foreign policy as the Allies fought the Axis powers. The result saw the Army, and the military more broadly, gain unprecedented levels of influence over U.S. foreign relations. As World War II gave way to the Cold War, the military helped set the direction of policy toward the Soviet Union and aided the decades of confrontation between the two superpowers.



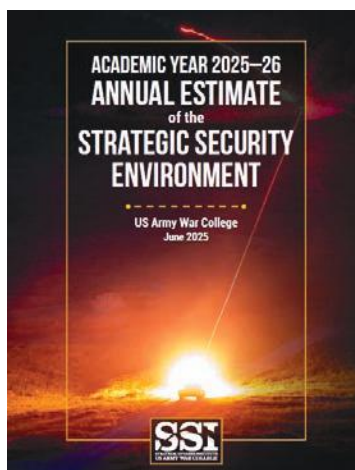
Professionals Talk Logistics: Sustaining Strategy and Operations by **COL (Ret) Jonathan Klug, FAC**, and Steve Leonard. "Professionals talk logistics," is an adage offered around many a military conference room, a time-honored piece of wisdom that serves as a

cautionary reminder that logistics both enables and constrains military strategy and to ignore one imperils the other. Few book-length works have been written specifically on logistics, often overlooked by historians who instead focus on the great captains of battle. While exceptions exist, those rare volumes tend to focus on the past, tracing the echoes of history while ignoring the implications of those echoes on future conflict. Military strategy is most assuredly informed by logistics, and contemporary operations reveal that leaders require more professional and nuanced discussion of military strategy and logistics. Drawing on a wealth of experienced and insightful strategists and logisticians, this work explores that relationship from antiquity into the contemporary context and concludes with a cautionary and provocative view through a directed lens of future conflict.

STRATEGIC STUDIES INSTITUTE (SSI)

The Strategic Studies Institute (SSI) continues to play a critical role in advancing research, strategic engagement, and timely publications that inform both national security policymakers and military practitioners. SSI's diverse contributions, including the publication of the fourth annual Strategic Estimate, expert support to combatant commands and senior defense officials, and a robust publishing agenda spans emergent security issues. With faculty engaged across the globe—from educating leaders, supporting regional partners, and adding to the Army's expert knowledge—the SSI team remains at the forefront of addressing today's most pressing strategic challenges.

The Strategic Research and Analysis team continues to seek out priority research to help answer questions and inform senior leader decisions. Led by **MAJ Brennan Deveraux**, the *Academic Year 2025–2026 Annual Estimate of the Strategic Security Environment* has been published. This year's estimate now includes the Strategic Question Research List (SQRL), which replaced the Key Strategic Issue List (KSIL), with 43 organizations contributing 100 priority questions to focus student and faculty research energy.



On the Integrated Research Project (IRP) front, SSI contributed to two of the College's six projects. **Dr. Tony Echevarria**, DDE '02, **MAJ Brennan Deveraux**, and **Dr. Larry Goodson** (DNSS) led ten students in exploring great-power war for the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army. **LTC Paul Milas** and **Dr. Alex Marino** (DNSS) led half a dozen students in examining great power competition in Africa for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs.



LTC Paul Milas

Dr. Jacob Stoil had a busy spring as leaders on the Joint Staff and in U.S. Central Command, U.S. European Command, and Army Central Command leveraged his expertise to help inform their view of a volatile and rapidly evolving Middle East. **Dr. Evan Ellis** testified in front of a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on the advance of China in Latin America and the evolution of Latin American support for Taiwan. **Dr. John Deni** rolled out the *Assessing the Zeitenwende* ("historic turning point"), a multi-author study co-sponsored by the American-German Institute, which looked at the German decision to rapidly boost defense spending in the wake of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russia.



Dr. Jacob Stoil presenting at RUSI Land Warfare Conference 2025.



Dr. Ellis with Patricia Bullrich, Minister of National Security of Argentina at an OAS Conference.



In May, Dr. Tony Pfaff continued his work with Iraqi national security officials, assisting them with their security sector reform (SSR) planning in Oman.

The SSI China Landpower Studies Center (CLSC) continues to provide outstanding support to research Chinese security strategy and military capabilities, while educating the force to prepare leaders

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for competition. The CLSC staff carried out its third iteration of the China Strategic Competition Course at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, in April. Army foreign area officers and strategists gained invaluable China-focused knowledge to help them prepare for future attaché and security cooperation positions in the Indo-Pacific and other key competition regions. The team also completed the first iteration of the new elective, Chinese Military Strategy and Campaigning, as they instructed U.S. and international students on the history of the Chinese Communist Party's military campaigns and their influence on modern-day strategy.

In addition to instruction, the CLSC team remains focused on publishing high-impact research for U.S. policymakers and warfighters. The edited volume for the 2024 Carlisle Conference on the People's Liberation Army (PLA) nears publication while CLSC researchers concurrently contributed papers to the Naval War College's China Maritime Studies Institute PLA Conference. **Joshua Arostegui** also co-authored a USAWC Press monograph with **MAJ Brennan Deveraux** that compares U.S. and Chinese application of landpower in the Indo-Pacific, and **Rick Gunnell** co-authored a publication for the National Bureau of Asian Research with CLSC affiliate **Dennis Blasko** that assesses the PLA's strengths and weaknesses for achieving the PRC's goals.



Rick Gunnell



COL (Ret) Rich Butler, RES '16

The CLSC team wishes the best of luck to their inaugural director, **COL (Ret) Rich Butler, RES '16** after 30 years of service. COL Butler's leadership and guidance was pivotal in developing the foundation for the CLSC's research and first Carlisle Conference on the PLA. **COL Mike Long (FA59)** assumed the director position in August following a successful tour as the Eighth Army G5, immediately jumping in to support USAWC and SSI efforts to educate the force on the nation's pacing threat. The CLSC also

welcomed its first senior FA48P (East Asia) foreign area officer to the team. **COL Kyle Marcum, RES '22**, joined the center after completing an impactful and high-profile tour in the Indo-Pacific. The CLSC is very fortunate to have experienced leaders as they keep the Center at the forefront of the Army's China-focused research and education.

Dr. Chris Mason finished 11 years at SSI. However, he will not be a stranger as he will serve as an adjunct faculty member, helping to teach his electives on the Vietnam War and Insurgency and Counterinsurgency. **Dr. Jim Scudieri, RES '04**, the senior historian, returned to the Army Heritage and Education Center after serving at SSI for nearly four years.



Dr. Chris Mason



Dr. Jim Scudieri, RES '04

The top two recently-downloaded publications of the USAWC Press Digital Commons website are: 1) **Gustavo Ferreira** and **Jamie Critelli**, "China's Global Monopoly on Rare-Earth Elements," *Parameters* 52, no. 1 (Spring 2022); and 2) **Eric A. Heinze**, "International Law, Self-Defense, and the Israel-Hamas Conflict," *Parameters* 54, no. 1 (Spring 2024).



Dr. Antulio J. Echevarria II, DDE '02 (right)

Ten books will be published in the third quarter of 2025: *A Long, Hard Year: Russia-Ukraine War Lessons Learned 2023*, a faculty-student research project led by **Dr. John A. Nagl (DMSPO)** and **Michael T. Hackett, RES '24** (U.S. State Department); *Integrating AI and Machine Learning Technologies into Army Common Operating Picture and Course of Action Development*, a faculty-student research project led by **Dr. Tony Pfaff (SSI)** and **Dr. Christopher Hickey, RES '15** (DMSPO); *Weaponizing Risk: Recalibrating Western Deterrence* by **Dr. Antulio J. Echevarria II (SSI)**; *Economic Warfare: Past, Present, Future* edited by **Dr. Antulio J. Echevarria II (SSI)** and **Dr. Greg Kennedy** (King's College London); *It's More Than a Numbers Game: Comparing US and Chinese Landpower in the Pacific Requires Context* by **Joshua Arostegui (SSI/CLSC)** and **MAJ Brennan Deveraux (SSI)**; *A Human-Centric Framework: Employment Principles for Lethal Autonomous Weapons* by **MAJ Brennan Deveraux (SSI)**; *Protracted War against the PRC: 2024 Annual Carlisle Conference on the PLA* edited by **Joshua Arostegui (SSI/CLSC)**; *Understanding, Detering, and Preparing for a Great-Power War in the Twenty-First Century*, a faculty-student research project led by **Dr. Antulio J. Echevarria II (SSI)**, **Dr. Larry Goodson (DNSS)**, and **MAJ Brennan Deveraux (SSI)**; *The Battle for Today's Youth*, a faculty-student research project led by **COL Neil Snyder IV (DNSS)**; and *Winning the Long War: How to Prepare Fight and Win a Protracted War with the PLA in the Indo-Pacific, 2025-35*, a faculty-student research project led by **Dr. Jerad Harper, RES '15 (DMSPO)**.

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by **Dr. C. Anthony Pfaff**,
Director, Strategic Studies Institute

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

Greetings to all!

As you would expect, our Foundation staff and our Board of Trustees are keenly focused on the important tasks associated with building the Alumni Hall and Park. By mid-September, the design will be 100% completed and we will be moving to the bidding process for selection of the construction companies that will build this for us, as the Army has approved. At that time, we will have raised 50% of our total project costs of \$10M, thanks to all of you who are helping us accomplish this, in addition to continuing to support the great programs of the College. We will have lots more info in our annual appeal coming to you this fall, but please continue to monitor our progress and support the Alumni Hall and Park through the many ways available to you. See our website at www.usawc.org.



ALUMNI HALL AND PARK GIVING BY CLASS

(as of August 8, 2025)

Since we first presented the vision for this project in the fall of 2021, through August 8, 2025, **1,420** of you have contributed to the project. *Thank you!*

Below are the classes represented by the first 1,420 donors for this project. The majority of these donors are graduates of the Resident, Distance, and Fellows Programs in their appropriate year of graduation, but these numbers include family members and friends without their own class affiliation who donated for the project IMO or IHO their loved one *by class*. NSS and CNSP alums are also included with the year's class they attended. Faculty members who are not graduates are shown separately as "FAC" and there are a few donors listed as "Other" who do not clearly fall in a class or faculty category. An asterisk and a note indicates an additional class gift to this project. We will continue to update this as we go forward.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO CONTINUED

DID YOU KNOW?

That **Mr. Doug LaViolette**, NSS '10 from Green Bay, Wisconsin helped us design and create the bronze medallions that are part of our Alumni Hall and Park Campaign. Doug is an innovative and dedicated professional with a heart for our Foundation and the College and he has helped us produce incredible products for our Gift Shop and for our Campaign. **Thank you, Doug! And thanks also to our sponsor of the medallions, Mr. Rob Andy and Audia Group from Washington, Pennsylvania.**

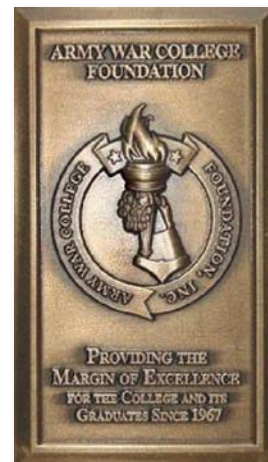


Mr. Doug LaViolette,
NSS '10

Each donor of \$1,000 or more to the Alumni Hall and Park project during this campaign will receive a beautifully crafted, double-sided, solid bronze medallion, inspired by the shape of the USAWC bronze class graduation plaques.



Front



Back

Medallion size 1.85"x 3.2" | *Made in the U.S.A.*

We have an initiative we would like to highlight for you that is very meaningful to us as USAWC grads. Two of our fellow graduates were honored with their names on Army installations, **LTG (Ret) Arthur Gregg, RES '68** and **GEN (Ret) Richard Cavazos, RES '69, MoH**. Since those installations have since been re-named again, we would like to designate a bench in our Alumni Hall and Park for each of them. The legacy of these two outstanding officers is simply astounding and we could not be prouder of them. If you would like to contribute to this honor for them as part of the Alumni Hall and Park, please simply write "IMO Gregg and Cavazos" or one or the other in the "In Memory of" space on the envelope provided in the middle of this magazine. We will notify their families appropriately of the honor, as well. Call or email me if you have questions about this (717-243-1756 or ruth.collins@usawc.org).



LTG (Ret) Arthur
Gregg, RES '68



GEN (Ret) Richard
Cavazos, RES '69, MoH

FOUNDATION STAFF

Due to the normal course of military moves, we had to say goodbye to **Ms. Sarah Fletcher**, one of our great Gift Shop staff members. Sarah moved with her husband and military family to Georgia for their next USAF adventure and we will miss her. We had the good fortune, however, of hiring **Ms. Joni Starling**, spouse of another military officer assigned to the College. As did Sarah, Joni brings her multi-functional experience and background to help us support our USAWC community and we are thrilled to welcome her.



Ms. Sarah Fletcher



Ms. Joni Starling

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The Foundation is planning a 20-year reunion for the Class of 2006. Our website will have more details as the schedule develops. Send us an email at info@usawc.org to update your mailing address, email, or phone.

Thank you for helping us make a difference every day! Ruth

NEW AWCF LIFE MEMBERS

CLASS CODES

RES – Resident
 DCS – Department of Corresponding Studies
 DDE – Department of Distance Education (DCS renamed 1998)
 USAWCF – U.S. Army War College Fellow
 SRCOC – Senior Reserve Component Officers Course
 FAC – Faculty
 SIS – Strategy Implementation Seminar
 CNSP – Commandant's National Security Program (SIS renamed 2012)
 NSS – National Security Seminar
 NSS-R – National Security Seminar-Resident (NSS renamed 2024)
 NSS-D – National Security Seminar-Distance (CNSP renamed 2024)
 DSC – Defense Strategy Course

Our Army War College Foundation is blessed with graduates, faculty and staff members, NSS and CNSP alums, and friends of the Foundation who are willing to do their part to make it possible for us to provide support to the College. Thank you to the following individuals who became Life Members of the Foundation from February 1, 2025 through August 8, 2025. Memberships **and** donations are both tax deductible to the full extent of the law based on our 501(c)(3) status, and they truly make a difference.

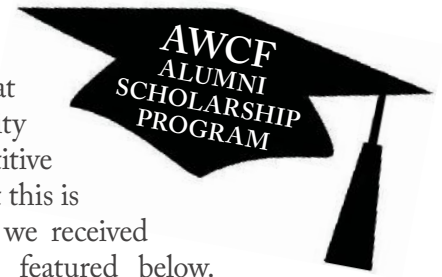
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Mr. Taji S. Muttalib.	DDE '25	Lt Col Melissa A. Sawyer, USSF.	DDE '26	LtCol Christopher Witbracht, USMCR.	DDE '25
COL Mundubile Mwamba, IF-Zambia	DDE '26	COL Timothy A. Schlotterback	RES '25	COL Aaron T. Workman.	RES '25
LTC Mark E. Myers	DDE '25	LTC Kyle M. Scifert.	RES '25	MG (Ret) Jessica L. Wright.	USAWCF '97
LtCol Robert J Neman, Jr., USMC	DDE '25	LTC Nathan D. Scott	USAWCF '25	LTC Jacanna F. Wyatt	DDE '26
Lt Col Brian F. Nicholas, USAF	DDE '25	LTC Trentonia M. Scott	DDE '25	Mr. Terence A. Wynne.	RES '25
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2025 Alumni Scholarship Awards



One of the great benefits of being a Life Member of the Army War College Foundation is that eligible children can compete for our annual scholarships. The “four-year window” of eligibility opens during the High School Senior year and ends with the College Junior year. It is a competitive process, so every applicant does not receive an award and an applicant can only win once, but this is a great program and we are proud of your sons and daughters who apply. This year, we received 126 applications and we awarded a total of \$30,500 to the 44 winners you see featured below. *Congratulations to all of them*, and thanks to our volunteer committee members who reviewed all the submitted applications. Please note that the 2026 application window opens on January 2, 2026 and closes on March 2, 2026. More information is available on our website: www.usawc.org.

CLASS GIFT SCHOLARSHIPS



\$1,500

Josie E. Lampe
University of Iowa

Daughter of
BG Charles H. Lampe, DDE '22

Josie is the eighth recipient of the DDE '17 scholarship.



\$1,500

Alisa L. Gonzalez
California State University

Daughter of
Lt Col Cesar Gonzalez, USAF, DDE '19

Alisa is the seventh recipient of the DDE '18 scholarship, dedicated to the memory of classmate and friend **COL Matthew Y. Pollard**.



\$1,500

Miles L. Schwab
Moanalua H.S., HI

Son of
COL (Ret) William P. Schwab, DDE '14

Miles is the sixth recipient of the DDE '19 scholarship.

\$1,500

Remy T. Stempel
Circle H.S., MT

Daughter of
COL (Ret) Alan Stempel, DDE '10

Remy is the fourth recipient of the DDE '21 scholarship.



OTHER SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS



\$1,500

Madelyne G. Metcalf
Carlisle H.S., PA

Daughter of
COL Chase G. Metcalf, USAWCF '20

*This scholarship is awarded in memory of **SGT Patrick C. Hawkins**, son of **COL (Ret) and Mrs. Roy Hawkins**, **RES '99 & former FAC**.*



'Greater love hath no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friends.'

John 15:13

Patrick, age 25, was killed on October 6, 2013 while conducting combat operations during his fourth Afghanistan deployment. He was going to the aid of a fellow wounded Ranger when he was killed. Patrick graduated from Carlisle H.S. in 2007. He studied Culinary Arts and achieved an Associate's Degree in 2010, the same year he decided to join the Army. He excelled as a Soldier, completing Airborne and Ranger Schools, and earning a Fire Team Leader position in B Company, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. Throughout his life, Patrick was fiercely loyal and would readily go to the aid of his friends. He had John 15:13 tattooed on this left forearm. Patrick was tough and aggressive, balanced with compassion and sensitivity, and he lived life to the fullest. **Thank you to Roy and Sheila Hawkins for establishing this scholarship and to Bob and Maria Hammaker for supporting the scholarship this year.**



The 2026 online scholarship application will be available at USAWC.org from January 2 through March 2, 2026.

2025 Alumni Scholarship Awards CONTINUED

These two scholarships are sponsored in honor of *Gulf War Veterans* by **BG (Ret) Roger W. Scarce, RES '90**.

\$1,000

Alyssa M. Hughes

West Springfield H.S., VA

Daughter of

LTC Angela L. Hughes, RES '24



\$1,000

Makenna T. Jacobson

South Dakota State University

Daughter of

COL Joseph V. Jacobson, RES '19



\$1,000

Taylor R. Perkins

Prairie View A&M University

Daughter of

COL Curtis S. Perkins, RES '22

This scholarship is awarded in memory of COL (Ret) J. Tom Nettling, RES '85 & former FAC.



Tom, age 70, died August 29, 2013 at home in Green Valley, Arizona from cancer caused by the effects of Agent Orange. While in high school, guidance counselors steered him along a "vo-tech track," but he wanted to go to college and did, graduating from Shippensburg University in 1964 and the Univ. of Southern California in 1973. He entered the Army as a private and retired as a Colonel. He was a combat veteran of Vietnam, having served in the 11th Light Infantry Brigade and later the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry. After his USAWC graduation, Tom served as USAWC Deputy Chief of Staff and held many post-Army positions. Tom was actively involved in supporting military causes and helping wounded service members and their families, to include scholarships. **Thank you to Tom's widow, Linda, for establishing this scholarship.**



\$1,000

Andrew T. Hockran

Edgren H.S., Japan

Son of

CAPT Paul A. Hockran, USN, RES '15

This scholarship is awarded in memory of COL Hugh D. Shoults, RES '13.



Tragically, Hugh was killed in a vehicle accident on August 27, 2016. A native of Spokane, he began his career with the Washington Army National Guard. He was a proud graduate of Gonzaga University in 1989, and was commissioned as a Chemical Officer in the Regular Army. His command assignments included the I Corps Special Troops Battalion, Ft. Lewis, which deployed to Iraq, HQs Support Troops, U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground, and A Company, 1st Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment, Ft. Leonard Wood. Hugh was a devoted and loving husband and father of two children. He was always supportive of his family's interests and endeavors, especially his children's education. Hugh lived life to its fullest and cared deeply about his fellow Soldiers. **Thank you to Hugh's widow, Jennifer Stepetic, and his seminar-mates for establishing this scholarship.**



\$1,000

Samuel T. Benson

Lejeune H.S., NC

Son of

Col Garrett L. Benson, USMC, RES '18

This scholarship is awarded in memory of BG (Ret) Frank Laudano, DDE '06.



Prior to his untimely death from a heart attack in December 2016, BG (Ret) Francis 'Frank' S. Laudano III had served for 32 years in the U.S. Army and the Florida Army National Guard. His final military assignment was as the Commander, 164th Air Defense Brigade in Orlando, Florida. After retirement, General Laudano was the Commandant and Chief Financial Officer of the Sarasota Military Academy, a charter school founded in 2002. **Thank you to his friend and Florida Army National Guard colleague COL (Ret) Kip O. Lassner, DDE '16 for establishing this scholarship.**

2025 Alumni Scholarship Awards CONTINUED



\$1,000

Brandon D. Burrows

Lejeune H.S., NC

Son of

Col Damon K. Burrows, USMC, RES '18



This scholarship is awarded in memory of COL (Ret) Arseny Melnick, DCS '73.

COL Melnick

This scholarship honors COL (Ret) Arseny A. Melnick, a graduate of the Distance Class of 1973. Melnick entered military service in 1944 and rose from private to Tech Sergeant in WWII, earning two Bronze Stars in the Battle of the Rhineland. He served for many years as a liaison officer for recruiting on behalf of the United States Military Academy. In addition to his military service, as a graduate of Youngstown State University and Law School, Colonel Melnick was a practicing attorney in Ohio for nearly 50 years. **Thank you to the Melnick family for establishing this scholarship.**



\$1,000

Lauren M. Blanton

Carthage Central H.S., NY

Daughter of

COL Jesse A. Blanton, RES '24



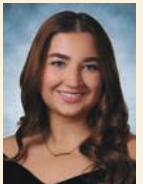
This scholarship is awarded in memory of MG (Ret) and Mrs. Charles R. 'Peter' Sniffin, RES '64.

MG & Mrs. Sniffin

MG Sniffin graduated from OCS in 1943 at age 18. Assignments included the 88th Inf Div; the 349th Inf Reg in North Africa and Italy; the 24th Inf Div and the 1st Bn, 21st Inf in Korea; the 4th Inf Div in Vietnam; Chief of Staff, XXIV Corps in Vietnam; ADC of the 8th Inf Div in Germany; Army Staff; Joint Chiefs' Rep to the Mutual & Balanced Force Reduction talks with the Warsaw Pact in Austria; DCG, Sixth U.S. Army; and CG, U.S. Army Readiness Region IX. He and his wife Jean were in their 70th year of marriage when Peter passed away in May 2018. Jean was born into an Army family, served as a volunteer nurse's aide in an Army hospital in WWII, married into the Army, and gave two sons to the Army as officers. She passed away in February 2019 having never had a second of her life without a connection to the U.S. Army. **Thank you to the Sniffin family and friends for establishing this scholarship.**

MORE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

**\$500
College
Awards**



Payton N. Booth, University of Kansas, son of Lt Col M. Craig Booth, USAF, RES '25; **Cameron C.S. Hertzendorf**, University of New Haven, son of COL (Ret) Michael J. Hertzendorf, RES '14; **Isabel K. Lewis**, James Madison University, daughter COL (Ret) Roger L. Lewis, DDE '21; **Caitlin N. Magennis**, Florida State University, daughter of COL Stephen P. Magennis, USAWCF '22; **Joseph J. Malizia**, University of Rhode Island, son of COL Joseph J. Malizia, Jr., RES '17; **Alexi Martinez**, Colorado State University, daughter of COL Isaac B. Martinez, DDE '17; **Sofia C. Martinez**, University of Alabama, daughter of COL Lisa C. Martinez, DDE '21.

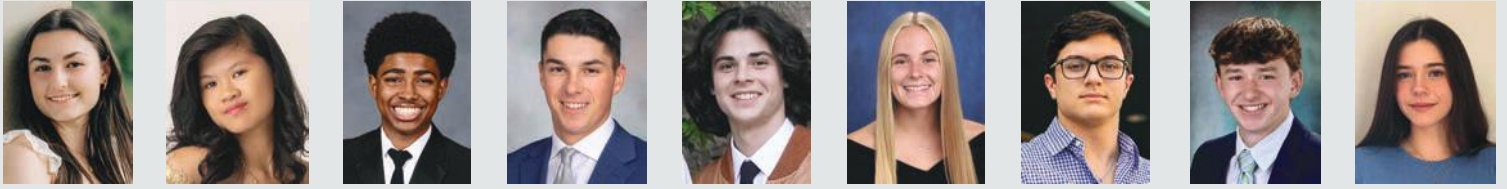


**\$500
High
School
Awards**



Nicholas L. Moffatt, University of Texas at Austin, son of COL (Ret) Thomas J. Moffatt, Faculty; **Callaghan T. Norton-Hrabal**, University of Oregon, daughter of COL (Ret) Thomas W. Hrabal, RES '18; **Logan M. Pearson**, East Carolina University, daughter of LTC Leland G. Pearson, USAWCF '25; **Christa A. Reilly**, Christendom College, daughter of COL Christopher P. Reilly, RES '25; **Cauley E. Spahr**, University of Delaware, daughter of COL (Ret) Thomas W. Spahr, RES '19; **Ammie A. Spellings**, Freed-Hardeman University, daughter of LTC Jeromy R. Spellings, DDE '24; **Fionn G. Bailey**, Ramstein H.S., Germany, son of COL (Ret) Thomas M. Bailey, RES '01.

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Samantha L. Barth, Pope John Paul Catholic H.S., LA, daughter of COL Jesse L. Barth, DDE '20; **Natalie D. Baty**, Antonian College Prep H.S., TX, daughter of COL (Ret) Steven A. Baty, DDE '19; **Aaron J. Braxton**, Robert G. Cole H.S., TX, son of COL (Ret) Aaron J. Braxton II, DDE '22; **Sean A. Connolly**, Salisbury School, CT, son of COL Sean M. Connolly, DDE '17; **Tyler I. Jones**, Ramstein H.S., Germany, son of COL Mark C. Jones, DDE '25; **Abigail G. Keith**, Lake Braddock Secondary School, VA, daughter of Col Eric J. Keith, USMC, RES '21; **Austin K. Morgan**, St. Andrew's Episcopal School, MS, son of COL William R. Morgan, Jr., DDE '14; **Aidan F. Neary**, Bishop Feehan H.S., MA, son of COL (Ret) Christian M. Neary, DDE '17; **Amaya C. Norton-Scherer**, TASIS [The American School in Switzerland], daughter of COL Matthew R. Scherer, DDE '24.



Nkechinyere L. Okpokwasili, James Madison H.S., VA, daughter of COL Nkemakonam I. Okpokwasili, DDE '22; **Sienna Perera**, UWC Atlantic, United Kingdom, daughter of Ms. Christine I. Dal Bello, DDE '24; **Addison M. Rice**, Harrison H.S., GA, daughter of COL Lucas B. Rice, DDE '20; **John A. Seats**, Brookland H.S., AR, son of COL (Ret) Corey L. Seats, RES '17; **Grace M. Shipley**, James I. O'Neill H.S., NY, daughter of COL Robert J. Shipley, DDE '25; **Luella T. Sikorski**, Fort Knox H.S., KY, daughter of COL Timothy A. Sikorski, RES '22; **Jordan T. Simmers**, Vicenza H.S., Italy, son of COL Jordan R. Simmers, DDE '24; **Elizabeth Stewart**, MacArthur H.S., OK, daughter of COL Michael P. Stewart, RES '20; **William S. Tate**, Robinson H.S., FL, son of LTC Ryan G. Tate, RES '22.



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CHAIR UPDATES

Chair of War Studies

Dr. Mike Neiberg continues to contribute and innovate along three main lines of effort. First, he remains a sought-after speaker on the uses of history to provide perspective on contemporary events. He has spoken recently at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, the Chalke Valley History Festival in the U.K., the Duquesne Club in Pittsburgh, and to high school teachers through the Gilder-Lehrman Institute.



Dr. Mike Neiberg with Sir Michael Palin at the Chalke Valley History Festival in April 2025. Palin is a popular author, TV icon, and Monty Python star who has been on the stage and screen for over 50 years with his travels, insights, and sense of humor.

Second, Dr. Neiberg remains deeply connected to the educational mission of USAWC, especially through the Advanced Regional Studies Program. In April, he and Dr. Daniel Krebs took students to the NATO Cyber Center of Excellence in Estonia, EUCOM, and USAREUR, and to meet with alliance partners in Berlin and Tallinn. He was a proud member of Seminar 12 this last year.



ARS Europe in front of the HQ of the Estonia Armed Forces.

Third, Dr. Neiberg continues to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) and data literacy into the curriculum. He is now working with British and Estonian partners to make AI a part of their senior level PME curriculum. Next year he will lead an AI Integrated Research Project sponsored by EUCOM to help USAWC students learn about the risks and rewards of using AI to help solve complex strategic questions. He is planning to co-lead a NATO AI for Military Decision-Making workshop in London.



Dr. Neiberg (center) in Berlin with COL (Ret) Pat Jernigan, RES '84 and her husband David, and Mrs. Kathy Cain, NSS '23 and her husband Gordon.

De Serio Chair of Theater and Strategic Intelligence

Dr. Tom Spahr, RES '19 hosted GEN (Ret) Paul M. Nakasone, RES '07, former Director of the National Security Agency and U.S. Cyber Command, for the annual De Serio Strategic Intelligence Lecture on March 24, 2025. GEN Nakasone delivered a fascinating lecture titled “Evolving Intelligence Operations: Adapting to Modern Threats.” He also met with the College’s intelligence and cyber students and faculty and recorded a *War Room* Podcast with Dr. Spahr.



GEN (Ret) Paul Nakasone delivering the De Serio Lecture in March 2025.

The majority of Dr. Spahr’s time was spent on the Army War College’s most important mission, teaching students. He taught Military Strategy and Campaigning II, the China Integrated Course (CIC), and two intelligence electives – one Unclassified and one Classified. He led a team of five seminars testing an AI-assisted Wargame called “Pacific Strategy” during the China Integrated Course. Highlights from the Intelligence Electives included hosting LTG (Ret) Robert Ashley, RES '05, the former Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency; running a World War II intelligence wargame; and a visit to the International Spy Museum with his students.



USAWC’s Intelligence Faculty Team with LTG (Ret) Robert Ashley. L-R: Dr. Spahr; LTG (Ret) Ashley, Prof. Stephanie Sellers, and COL Veronica Carroll, RES '22.



Dr. Spahr and Ms. Julie Kaplan at the Spy Museum in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Spahr has continued his role as a podcast host on *War Room* and recently hosted GEN Xavier Brunson, RES '14, U.S. Forces Korea Commander, COL Sean Shields, RES '24, 20th Engineers Commander (involved in the Sandhills Project focused on mobility challenges in Ukraine) and LTC Paul Lushenko, former FAC from the U.S. Joint Counter Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Office (JCO).

Dr. Spahr has a busy fall ahead, with visits planned to the Army Intelligence Center of Excellence (ICOE) to speak to the Military Intelligence pre-command course and to discuss research for USAWC students with the ICOE commander. He will also visit U.S. Army INDOPACOM to assist with the CSL-run Theater Army Staff Course, as well as to meet with the USARPAC G2 and INDOPACOM J2. Dr. Spahr has an article pending publication with *War Room* on the Pacific Strategy wargame and two book reviews with *Parameters* on recent Intelligence publications.

Chair of Executive and Strategic Leadership

Dr. Celestino ‘Tino’ Perez, RES ’15 continues his focus on innovation as both the Chair of Strategic Leadership and the Director of the Carlisle Scholars Program. He places practitioner-students in difficult problem-solving situations as often as possible and applies rigor with which students and practitioners “do” strategic assessment. These two aims seek to dampen two perennial problems stemming from military interventions overseas, the difficulty in aligning national-security interests, policy aims, and military objectives and the difficulty that civilian and military professionals face in understanding the sociopolitical factors that—when combined with lethal military operations—create unexpected problems for a fighting force.

Along with his teaching partners, **Dr. Tom Galvin, RES ’06**, and **Dr. Chris Hickey, RES ’15**, Dr. Perez’ Leader Immersion Labs (LIL) allow for professors and practitioner-students to experiment and innovate with respect to teaching, learning, and problem-solving in the realms of national security and military affairs. It is one thing for leaders to call for innovation; it is quite another to underwrite innovation, which is always a bit messy and uncomfortable. From AY15 to the present, USAWC leaders have supported the LIL, and in turn, the program has created partnerships among disparate and growing communities throughout the Army, Joint Force, OSD, the interagency, and overseas.



Dr. Galvin, Dr. Perez, and Dr. Hickey

Dr. Perez speaks about these innovative ideas and connections, in collaboration with his students, in such places as the Australian War College, Ecole de Guerre, George Washington University-Elliott School, and Columbia University-School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA). The work that his students do for external organizations such as NATO, Space Force, and TRADOC is possible because they have the skills, mentorship, and support to do high-quality, impactful work. This year, they also did an AI/strategy study to identify the practical challenges and requirements when applying artificial intelligence to the practices of policymaking and strategy formulation.



Carlisle Scholars Program students with Dr. Perez (center front) after his evening presentation to the War, Peace, and Justice Project in Carlisle, PA.

In March 2025, five students from the program participated in the Paris Defence and Strategy Forum, whose opening and closing presentations were given by the President of France and the Chief of Defence, respectively. Apart from networking with various European experts and practitioners and participating in a series of formal national-security

conversations, the USAWC and French students culminated several days of study and planning with a 90-minute debate, in mixed French-American teams and in front of an overflowing conference room. The French military leaders valued the event so much that they have extended the offer for a March 2026 visit.



Dr. Perez speaking on a panel about bioethics and the military at the Paris Defence and Strategy Forum.



COL Nikki Jepsen, RES '25, speaking on national security priorities at the Paris debates with Ecole de Guerre.

Finally, the Fourth Annual Strategy Competition held in April 2025 continued to host and challenge greater numbers of teams. This year’s final featured an Army War College team from the National Security Policy Program and a team from Columbia University-SIPA, shown below.



Strategy Competition 1st Place Winner, NSPP Team



Strategy Competition 2nd Place Winner, Columbia University (SIPA)

CENTER FOR STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP (CSL) UPDATE

Environmental Security Scholars Program

The Environmental Security Scholars Program (ESSP) and the “Polar Bears” at the USAWC specialize in preparing graduates for the unique operational and strategic challenges associated with isolated, contained, and extreme (ICE) environments, such as the Arctic and Antarctic. Most students have limited understanding of the potentially deadly environments of the remote ICE regions. To help counter this, the College uses a number of intriguing and impactful teaching techniques. These include, for instance, opportunities to participate in field site visits through independent study electives; virtual reality expeditions to the polar regions for ESSP and Polar Bear students through the assistance of **Prof. Kris Wheaton** and **Kevin Boyce** in the Futures Lab; and immersive geographic studies of unique three-dimensional maps of remote regions produced by **Brett Rodgers** in the Department of Strategic Wargaming.



AY25 students participate in an Arctic wargame with facilitator Brian Gellert (standing left).



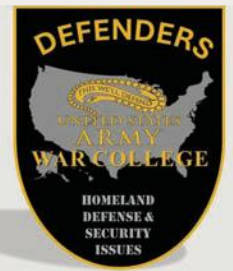
During AY25, 32 students participated in the Environmental Security Scholars and the Polar Bears where they took special classes, joined a thriving community of interest, conducted unique sponsored graduation research projects, and met with numerous subject matter specialists with boots-on-the-ground expertise in these remote regions. More than a dozen of these students also earned a full Area of Concentration with their degree and a new Personnel Development Skill Identifier (PDSI H9B) in Environmental Security with the military. ESSP is supported in part by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy, and Environment. For more information, please contact **Dr. Michele Devlin**, Program Director and Professor of Environmental Security, at michele.devlin.civ@armywarcollege.edu.



AY25 Environmental Security Scholars Program students with Dr. Michele Devlin, who is standing in front of the polar bear in the middle back.

New Homeland Defense Area of Concentration

The College offered resident students an Area of Concentration (AOC) in Homeland Defense for the first time during AY25. The new AOC focuses on the strategic perspective necessary to address the current and emerging challenges with conducting domestic operations. The first cohort included nine Army officers from all three components of the Army.



In addition to completing their strategic research requirement on an issue related to homeland defense, “Defenders” were required to complete six credit hours in specified elective courses which included the Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) class and the inaugural Homeland Defense course. The cohort also met with guest speakers throughout the year on a variety of related special topics, such as homeland defense contingency plans and mobilization.



RES '25 students in the first Homeland Defense AOC elective program in April 2025. L-R: LTCs Brandon L. Holmer; Christopher G. Graham, and Joshua M. Fields.



Dialogue in a Homeland Defense elective class with Prof. Bert Tussing (center) and RES '25 students LTCs Jeremy K. Smith (left) and Todd D. Hamski (right).

The Homeland Defense AOC is an initiative of **Prof. Bert Tussing, DDE '03**, Director of the Homeland Defense and Security Issues (HDSI) group in the Center for Strategic Leadership. While students who successfully complete the DSCA class earn a Phase II certification, and the DSCA Specialist Personal Skill Identifier, the group is also working with NORTHCOM on developing an Additional Skill Identifier for Homeland Defense for the AOC graduates. Thus far, the USAWC is unique among the senior service colleges in offering such a program, but HDSI is working with the Combatant Command to establish similar programs with other institutions, along with the services' Intermediate Level Schools.

by *MG (Ret) George M. Schwartz, Ed.D., RES '10*

CENTER FOR STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP (CSL) UPDATE CONTINUED

CSL Wargame Wins Top Honors, Briefed to VCJCS

On June 10, 2025, the College's **Prof. Kristan Wheaton**, **Prof. Joseph Wheaton** (SSL-DMSP0), and **Mr. Steven Cunliffe** (CSL-DSW) briefed senior Pentagon leadership on their award-winning project, "Shadows and Steel 2045: A Wargaming Approach to Strategic Concept Development." The **Hon. Emil Michael**, Undersecretary of Defense for Research & Engineering, and **ADM Christopher W. Grady**, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff received the presentation.

The "Shadows and Steel 2045" project is an innovative card-deck construction wargame designed to revolutionize how the military develops new concepts. The game compresses what are typically lengthy wargaming processes into dynamic 15-to-30-minute sessions. This accessibility allows a much broader range of players from across the services to experiment with complex combinations of new technologies, joint doctrine, and force structures. The game provides a novel way to 'crowd-source' and rapidly iterate on the development of future Joint Force concepts.

The presentation was met with significant interest. ADM Grady asked Lt. Gen. Dagvin Anderson, USAF, Joint Staff Director for Joint Force Development, to explore options to develop a phased roll-out of the game to institutions across the Joint Force. The CSL team has since provided Lt Gen Anderson's staff with feedback regarding options to produce and distribute the game at scale.

The briefing was the culmination of the project's success in the 2025 Deputy Secretary of Defense/Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Academic Research Challenge. The project, selected from 38 submissions across 16 Professional Military Education institutions, marked the third consecutive year the Army War College has fielded a winning team. This project is a prime example of CSL's role in driving innovation and providing tangible, forward-thinking concepts to meet the future challenges of the Joint Force.

by Kristan J. Wheaton, Professor of Strategic Futures



NSEC³ (formerly the Joint Land Air Sea Strategic (JLASS) Special Program)

The National Security Simulation Exercise of Competition, Crisis, and Conflict (NSEC³) marked its 42nd year in 2025. Over 150 students and 50 faculty and support personnel from across JPME began the exercise at their home stations in September 2024 and culminated with a week-long collective phase at Carlisle Barracks the last week of April 2025. Students were presented with multiple escalating global challenges at their home stations and developed campaign plans and strategic options to address the challenges. During the collective phase, the challenges became acute, and students managed transitions to crisis and conflict.

In addition to USAWC, participants included elements of the National Defense University; the Naval War College; the Air War College; the Swedish Defence University; the Nigerian Army War College; the Academia de Guerra del Ejército (Chilean Army War College); and the Brazilian Superior War College.

by COL (Ret) Brian R. Foster, RES '13



National Security Simulation Exercise of Competition, Crisis, and Conflict 2025

The Strategic Landpower Symposium

The USAWC hosted the 4th Strategic Landpower Symposium (SLS) from May 6-8, 2025 at Carlisle Barracks. This event has become one of the highlights of the USAWC experience. The Senior Mentors for the event were **LTG (Ret) Michael Howard** and **LtGen (Ret) Brian Beaudreault, USMC**. More than 300 attendees participated in the symposium as well as over 100 virtual attendees. Included were representatives from several allied and partner nations, and over 50 organizations from across the DoD, think tanks, and universities. The purpose of the SLS was to advance the concepts addressing the role of strategic Landpower in protracted and Joint large scale combat operations (LSCO). Each afternoon, seminar-level discussions were held to share insights on the many aspects of the strategic Landpower presentations.

On May 6, **GEN Xavier Brunson, RES '14**, Commander of United Nations Command, Republic of Korea (ROK/US) Combined Forces Command, and U.S. Forces Korea, discussed challenges at the subordinate unified (sub-unified) command echelon. **LTG Joseph 'JP' McGee, USAWCF '11**, Joint Staff J-5 Director of Strategy, Plans, and Policy, discussed the diverse challenges for Landpower facing the Joint force around the world. After lunch, **MG Stephanie Ahern, RES '17**, HQDA Director of Strategy, Plans, and Policy, provided a classified strategist update that addressed many of the Army initiatives for modernization and increased capabilities required for the future operational environment.

A Joint Landpower panel of Corps and Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) Commanders was moderated by LTG (Ret) Howard on May 7 to provide insights into the challenges associated with senior tactical and multinational levels of command. The panel (*photo below*) included: **LTG Gregory Anderson, RES '15**, CG, XVIII Airborne Corps; **LTG Charles Costanza, USAWCF '12**, CG, V Corps; **LTG Matthew McFarlane, CG, I Corps**; and **LtGen Calvert Worth, USMC, CG, II MEF**. In the afternoon, **Mr. Lee Grubbs, RES '12**, Director, Analysis & Control Element & Mad Scientist Program at Training and Doctrine Command, provided a classified briefing about the future operational environment and projected challenges for Landpower.

The final day, May 8th, focused on an area of increased attention, strategic challenges to the homeland and homeland defense. The panel was moderated by LtGen (Ret) Beaudreault and was composed of: **Mr. David B. Kang, DDE '24 (SES-2)**, Director, U.S. Northern Command J-7 Joint Training and Exercises; **BG Leland Blanchard**, Adjutant General, D.C. National Guard; and **BG Mitchell Wisniewski, RES '19**, CG, 4th Expeditionary Sustainment Command. The discussion considered many of the implications of a homeland that is contested in all domains and dimensions in a potential future protracted war. The capstone speaker was **LTG Mark Landes, USAWCF '14**, CG, First Army, and he provided valuable insights on training and improving organizational preparedness for the future needs of the nation. The USAWC Commandant closed the symposium and thanked all who made the event possible. His vision established the symposium as an annual event to address the questions presented by our strategic partners: HQDA; the operational force; and the Joint Landpower community. Next year's symposium will be May 5-7, 2026.

by COL (Ret) Gregory L. Cantwell, Ph.D., RES '07



GEN Xavier Brunson, RES '14



LTG Joseph 'JP' McGee, USAWCF '11



LTG Mark Landes, USAWCF '14

ADVANCED STRATEGIC ART PROGRAM (ASAP)

The Advanced Strategic Art Program (ASAP) completed its 26th year at the Army War College this summer. This special program is designed to educate and develop competitively-selected national security professionals in the technical, conceptual, and interpersonal skills required to be an effective advisor at the most senior levels of strategy and policy development. In addition to wargaming exercises, expert guest speakers, and exercises in public speaking, students learn through participation in three primary staff rides over the course of the year.

The 2025 Unified Action staff ride in Washington, D.C. took place in January. The trip was organized around the objectives of enhancing student strategic advising skills across all instruments of national power, expanding appreciation for the global policy and national security environment, and promoting unified action, enterprise leadership, collaboration, and partnering.



AY25 ASAP students and faculty in front of the "Soaring Eagle" sculpture in the north courtyard of the Harry S. Truman Building of the U.S. State Department. L-R Front Row: Dr. Darrell Driver, USAWCF '15; Doug Douds, RES '10; Lt Col Craig Booth; COL Josh Betty; Lt Col Nico Demakakos; Lt Col Christine Lukasik; LTC Ed Mikkelsen; COL Eric Alexander; Mr. Kevin McNamara; and COL Will Blythe. L-R Back Row: COL Jeremy Secrest; Lt Col John Huenefeld; LTC Nathan Clay; COL Jordon Ewers; Prof. Harry Tomlin, RES '98; Mr. Opher Heymann; and Lt Col Nate Smith.

As a part of ASAP's Advanced Military, Strategy, and Campaigning Course, students engaged in a three-day staff ride of Ulysses S. Grant's Campaign to seize the critical city of Vicksburg, Mississippi and open the Mississippi River to the Gulf. The focus of the learning experience was on strategic leadership, joint campaigning, and effective civil-military relations. The trip also included an engagement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Vicksburg District.

ASAP wrapped up AY25 with the annual capstone staff ride to Italy and France. The group followed the progress of the Allied invasion of Sicily in July 1943 (Operation Husky) from the beach landings to the final evacuation of Axis troops from the island. ASAP students were then able to assess the lessons taken from Sicily in light of the Operation Overlord landings a year later in Normandy. Topics of discussion included the political aspects of command at the strategic level, the criticality of lines of communications in large scale amphibious operations, and adaptation in conflict to the changing character of war, among many others. The program finished the capstone staff ride with a bi-lateral exchange at the Institute for Strategic Research at the École Militaire in Paris. The focus issues for this year's presentations included the security architecture of Europe, Russian and Chinese grey zone activity in Africa, and China's role and influence in Europe.



On the heights of the Lombardi Castle in Enna, Sicily, students and faculty consider the challenges of command in combined and joint operations.

Over the 26 years of ASAP's existence, the program has educated 356 national security professionals from all Services and many of our interagency partners. Seventy percent of ASAP graduates are still serving, and thirteen percent of ASAP graduates have gone on to flag officer rank.

*by COL Darrell Driver, USAWCF '15,
ASAP Faculty*

Alumni Connect - Another Way to Stay Connected to the USAWC

Complementing the services of the Army War College Foundation is **Alumni Connect**, a government program that provides continuing education opportunities on national security issues. **Alumni Connect** is a Microsoft Teams-based platform available to all USAWC alumni. **LTC (Ret) Jen Bower, DDE '17** is the College's Alumni Affairs Officer in the Office of the Assistant Commandant for Outreach and her government office provides:

- Daily updates on strategic leadership topics from DoD organizations
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Graduates who register with Alumni Connect receive or keep their Microsoft 365 account, including armywarcollege.edu email, 100 GB of

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There is also a USAWC Alumni group on LinkedIn. You can find it by searching "U.S. Army War College Alumni" on LinkedIn or visiting www.linkedin.com/groups/104319/

Jen is always looking for ways to enhance your continuing education resources. If you have ideas or personal/professional development opportunities that might interest fellow alumni, she would love to hear from you. Reach out to her at jennifer.bower@armywarcollege.edu.



LTC (Ret) Jen Bower,
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ONGOING DEMOLITION OF OLD ROOT HALL AND BLISS HALL

The contract for the demolition of the old Root Hall complex was awarded approximately eight months ago and work is underway. These photos were taken in early August 2025 as crews work to remove materials. Demolition should be completed this fall and the area will be returned to green space, except for the Root Hall Gym, which will remain as a fitness center and gymnasium.





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Others

CSM (Ret) William and Mrs. Rosa Barrineau
from their son, COL (Ret) James E. Barrineau, RES '04
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National Purple Heart Day, August 7, 2025 from Prof. William Jannace, NSS '22
Mr. James D. Rosener, Chairman, American Battle Monuments Foundation
from Prof. William Jannace, NSS '22
MajGen (Ret) William H. Seely III, USMC, Cmdt of Cadets, Virginia Tech
from Prof. William Jannace, NSS '22
80th anniversary of the Liberation of Pilsen, May 6, 1945
from Prof. William Jannace, NSS '22
250th Birthday of the U.S. Army, June 14, 2025
from Mr. Ryan McCannell, RES '16
from Prof. William Jannace, NSS '22

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MG (Ret) Robert H. Scales, Jr., Cmdt '97-'00
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from COL (Ret) John E. 'Jeb' Baker, DCS '97
from COL (Ret) Greg Camp, RES '89

SGT Patrick Hawkins, U.S. Army Ranger, KIA Afghanistan
from his parents, COL (Ret) Roy and Sheila Hawkins, RES '99
from Robert and Maria Hammaker

2000s

LTC (Ret) Woodrow Bradley, Jr., DDE '00
from COL (Ret) John 'Mike' Taylor, RES '88

Deceased members of the Resident Class of 2001

from LTC (Ret) Steven D. Volkman, RES '01

Mrs. Rita Cappelletti Jung, wife of COL (Ret) Richard G. Jung, Sr., RES '01
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Mr. Robert H. Lux, NSS '12 from his widow, Mrs. Robert Lux

COL (Ret) Dwight 'Duke' Duquesnay, DDE '13 from Anonymous

COL Hugh D. Shoults, RES '13 from his widow, Ms. Jennifer Stepetic

Mr. David Stephen Robinson from his widow, Mrs. Damita Robinson, NSS '16

Dr. Carol V. Evans, FAC from Dr. Tami Biddle, former FAC

Others

Soldiers killed in action in Cambodia during June 1970 while assigned or attached to D Co, 5th Battalion 12th Infantry, 199th Infantry Brigade (Separate Light):

- Charles C. Cisneros, Cero, New Mexico - 2nd Platoon
- Raul De Jesus-Rosa, Juncos, Puerto Rico - 1st Platoon
- Frederick R. Levins, Naples, Florida - 76th Infantry Platoon Combat Tracker
- Michael W. Notermann, Victoria, Minnesota - 3rd Platoon
- Allen E. Oatney, Waterville, Kansas - 2nd Platoon
- Ronald R. Stewart, Glenrock, Wyoming - 3rd Platoon
- Johnny M. Watson, Mobile, Alabama - 3rd Platoon
from Mr. John S. Tomko, Jr., RES '02

PFC John R. Aneli, 1967, RSVN from COL (Ret) David S. Werner, DDE '11

Mr. J. David Bailey, former President of the Battle of the Bulge Association
from Prof. William Jannace, NSS '22

Mr. John C. Brick from his son, Mr. C. Victor Brick, NSS '19

TSGT Thomas F. Bruneau
from his son, Col (Ret) Raymond N. Bruneau, USMC, DDE '04

Carolyn and Emanuele Damonte
from their daughter, COL (Ret) Elizabeth M. Damonte, RES '06

COL (Ret) Robert B. Franklin, Sr.
from his son, COL (Ret) Robert 'Tip' Franklin, Jr., RES '83

Ray, Jim, Bill, and Mike Heron from COL (Ret) Patrick R. Heron, DDE '99

LTC (Ret) Samuel A. Howard from his son-in-law, Mr. Stephen R. Gwin, RES '87

LTG (Ret) Patrick Hughes from Gary W. Allen, Ph.D., DDE '99

Mary and Anthony E. Jannace from their son, Prof. William Jannace, NSS '22

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from his father, COL (Ret) William R. Lee, RES '76

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CPL Daniel J. Yadock, KIA Cambodia, 11 May 1970
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Mrs. Rona Rubin Zucker and Mr. Martin David Zucker
from Prof. William Jannace, NSS '22



1. **COL (Ret) and Mrs. Buddy Beck, RES '76** were honored by the Arkansas State University System Board of Trustees in March 2024 with a formal Resolution recognizing their many substantial accomplishments over decades and through numerous methods, including their Beck Foundation. Buddy and Charlotte are Distinguished Alums of Arkansas State University and Buddy is an Outstanding Alum of USAWC selected by the Army War College Foundation in 2009 for his extensive support for veterans. Buddy is a former Trustee of the Army War College Foundation, as well.

2. **COL (Ret) David R. Kiernan, DCS '88** was named a Hometown Hero by Warwick Township, Pennsylvania, where he has resided for the past 13 years. He was recognized for his service as well as his continuing work in memorial projects for soldiers who lost their lives in service to the country.

3. **COL (Ret) David J. Lofgren, RES '90** came back to Carlisle in April 2025 to see the new Root Hall and enjoyed seeing his class painting by Mort Kunstler, "There's the Devil to Pay."

4. **COL (Ret) Kenneth P. Davis, DCS '93** received the National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award from the National Eagle Scout Association in May 2025. He was also recognized earlier this year for 70 years of service by Scouting America, National Capital Area Council. Davis has also joined the Advisory Council for the Seton Institute in Las Cruces, NM, which exists to continue the work of Ernest Thompson Seton, a late 19th and 20th century author on nature and a key founder of the Boy Scouts.

5. **COL (Ret) Richard J. 'Dick' and Julie McCallum, RES '95** recently celebrated 43 years of marriage. They are seen here on their anniversary in the dining room at the Chamberlin Hotel at Fort Monroe. In 1996 and 1997, they celebrated their anniversaries in the same dining room when Dick was on active duty at Fort Monroe.

6. **COL (Ret) Peter V. Huisking, DCS '96**, an Altadena, California resident, helped to coordinate his Rotary Club's community recovery efforts in February 2025 after the Eaton Fire. While at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Disaster Relief Operations Center, he met **MG Jason Kelly, RES '15**, Deputy Commanding General of USA Corps of Engineers. Their relationship has helped MG Kelly bridge the gap into community organizations to engage and inform citizens about Corps efforts. Also pictured is fellow Rotarian Mark Marsical, one of the key civilian outreach and support coordinators.

7. USAWC graduates **LTG (Ret) David D. Halverson, RES '98 (a)** and **GEN (Ret) Joseph L. Votel, RES '01 (b)** were both recently recognized as 2025 Distinguished Grads of the U.S. Military Academy.

8. **Col (Ret) Keith Snyder, USAF, RES '03** retired in March 2025 after almost 50 years of service between the National Park Service, the USAF, and the Air National Guard. His final assignment was Chief of Resource Education and Visitor Services at Antietam National Battlefield. Keith retired in 2016 from the 167th Airlift Wing as Maintenance Group Commander.

9. **MG (Ret) Michael C. 'Mike' Thompson, RES '07 (right)** came to Carlisle to see the new Root Hall and ran into his RES '07 classmate, **COL (Ret) Sam White (left)** in the Foundation office. MG Thompson's son Brandon was with him, a LTC headed to battalion command this summer.

10. **Gen Hiroki 'Hiro' Kobayashi, IF-Japan, RES '10** was promoted to Commanding General of the Ground Component Command in March 2025.

11. **Ms. Theresa Major Payton, NSS '10** served as the Keynote Speaker at Immaculata University's commencement ceremony in May at which time she also received the Immaculata Medal, the University's highest honor, and announced the launch of the Major Payton School of Business.

12. **COL (Ret) Jayson A. Altieri, RES '11**, a Civil Air Patrol (CAP) senior member assigned to the Alabama Wing Headquarters, was awarded the CAP Bronze Medal of Valor on April 12, 2025 during the annual Alabama Wing Conference. He was awarded the second highest CAP award for valor for distinguished and conspicuous heroic actions where danger to himself was known in attempting to render first aid and assistance to victims of a fatal three-car accident on March 8, 2021, on Highway 31 near Prattville, Alabama.

13. **MG Timothy J. Winslow, RES '13** retired as the Indiana National Guard Assistant Adjutant General in March 2024.

14. **COL (Ret) Robert 'Don' Gifford, DDE '15** has been honored by the Oklahoma Criminal Defense Lawyer's Association with the 2025 Clarence Darrow Award. He was recognized for his work securing a Presidential Commutation for Native American activist Leonard Peltier, his recent string of consecutive acquittals in federal court, and his pro bono work and advocacy outside of the courtroom. He is also in his 10th year as the Chair of the Military and Veterans Law Section for his state's Bar Association.

- 14. COL (Ret) Jason Kirk, RES '15** was inducted into the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) 2025 Academy of Fellows. The Academy recognizes those members who have rendered dedicated and outstanding service to the Society, military engineering, and the A/E/C profession. Jason first joined SAME at the encouragement of his West Point thermodynamics professor 34 years ago!
- 15. MG Patrick J. Ellis, RES '16** took command of the 4th Infantry Division in June 2025 at Founders Field, Fort Carson, Colorado.
- 16. BG Miodrag Vuksanovic, IF-Montenegro, RES '16** was named as the Chief of General Staff of the Armed Forces of Montenegro in June 2025.
- 17. MG John R. Pippy, DDE '17 (center)**, current Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, and **MG Brian E. Miller, DDE '14 (right)** reconnected at the Bridge Dedication Ceremony held at USAHEC in June 2025 in memory of **MG Harry Greene, RES '03** (see also p. 5). MG Greene's son Matt is on the left.
- 18. BG John W. Lubas, RES '18**, assumed command of the 3rd Infantry Division and Ft. Stewart, Georgia in July 2025.
- 19. BG Matthew S. Woodruff, DDE '18 (right)** assumed the role of Adjutant General of Ohio upon the retirement of **MG John C. Harris, Jr., DDE '06 (center)** in May 2025. During the same ceremony officiated by Gov. Mike DeWine (*left*), Harris was also sworn in as the Director of the Ohio Department of Veteran Services, replacing **MG (Ret) Deborah Ashenhurst, DDE '99**, who retired from the agency last month.
- 20. COL Jacob 'Jake' Larkowich, USAWCF '19** and former Deputy Commandant, (*right*), shared Carlisle memories with **COL Juan Jesus Ramirez** from Spain while both attended the NATO Conference of Commandants in Athens in May 2025. Ramirez served on the USAWC faculty for 3 years, 2021-2024.
- 21. COL (Ret) Eric J. Leckel, DDE '19** has been appointed Chief of Staff at the National Guard Association of the U.S. (NGAUS). Prior to this appointment, Leckel served on the Wisconsin National Guard Association board from 2001 to 2022, including six years as president.
- 22. Ejup Maqedonci, RES '19, IF-Kosovo (right)**, Kosovo Defense Minister, participated in a bilateral exchange at the Pentagon with Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, European & NATO Policy Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy David A. Baker on June 13, 2025. (*DoD photo by Kashif Basharat*)
- 23. COL Eric McCoy, RES '19** has been elected as the 24th International Grand Vice Polaris of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, one of the nation's prominent historically Black fraternities.
- 24. BG Hennadii Shapovalov, IF-Ukraine, RES '19** was recently appointed as commander of Ukraine's Ground Forces.
- 25. BG Mitchell J. Wisniewski III, RES '19** celebrated his promotion to the rank of Brigadier General in January 2025 at the National Museum of the U.S. Army, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Fellow alumni **COL Howard T. Matthews, RES '19 (left)** and **Mr. Carl Morgan, NSS '19 (right)** attended.
- 26. COL Damien E.P. Magnon, RES '20, IF-Benin** and **Whitney Grespin, former FAC**, met at the Benin Armed Forces/AFRICOM Country Coordination Meeting in late February in Cotonou, Benin.
- 27. Mr. Steven A. Dawson, RES '22** received the Army Acquisition Executive's Engineer and Technical Manager of the Year award in January 2025.
- 28. CDR Myron E. Lind, RES '22** assumed command of the USS CARNEY (DDG 64) in September 2024. He previously served as the ship's Executive Officer during her combat deployment to the Red Sea in 2023-2024.
- 29. COL Anne C. McClain, RES '23** shared this photo from space as commander of NASA's SpaceX Crew-10 mission which was launched on March 14, 2025. Our Gift Shop merchandise is serving her well in space, as well as on land!
- 30. LTC Jeffrey D. Harvey, DDE '24** and CEO of Community Legal Services (CLS) was named to the 2025 Florida Trend Legal Elite Notable Managing Partners List for the third consecutive year.
- 31. COL John 'Clint' Tisserand, RES '24**, took command of the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division in Colorado in March 2025.





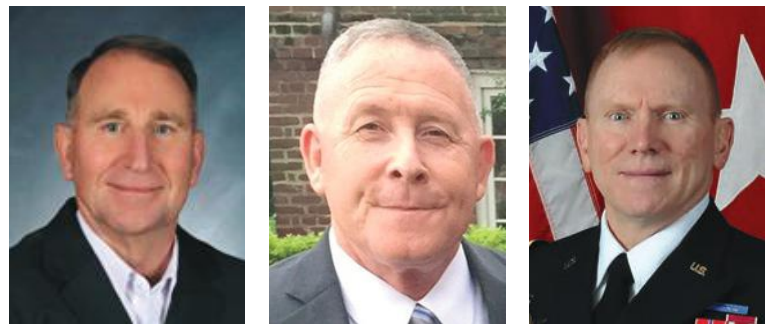
L-R: **MG (Ret) Paul Hernando Florez Cuervo, IF-Colombia, RES '15**; **COL (Ret) Franklyn Gomez, IF-Colombia, RES '17**; Emilio Montanez, former IF Office staff; and **COL (Ret) Raymond Bueberger, IF-Colombia, RES '20** reunited during Emilio's visit to Colombia in March 2025.



The Korea Defense Veterans Association (KDVA) Pennsylvania Chapter officially launched in May 2025. The Chapter President, **Col Andy Bogusky, FAC (second from the left)** hosted an event at the Carlisle Barracks Golf Course with 70 attendees including outgoing Chairman and President **GEN (Ret) Curtis 'Mike' Scaparrotti, RES '98 (second from the right)**.



National Security Seminar (NSS) Alums met for lunch in Central Florida in July 2025. L-R: **Mr. Clayton Patterson, NSS '25**; **Ms. Bonnie Jackson, NSS '25**; **COL (Ret) Landy Dunham** and **CASA Emeritus (2019-2025)**; **Ms. Mari Frith, NSS'17**; **Mr. J. Wallace Schoettelkotte NSS '84** and **CASA Emeritus (1982-2019)**; **Dr. Paul Furey, NSS '23**; and **COL (Ret) Guy Colado, NSS '02**.



GEN (Ret) Robert 'Abe' Abrams, RES '03 **LTG (Ret) Michael A. 'Mike' Bills, RES '04** **BG (Ret) Christopher 'Chris' Stockel, RES '09**

The Korea Defense Veterans Association (KDVA) recently announced a leadership transition. The KDVA Chairman & President transitioned from **GEN (Ret) Curtis 'Mike' Scaparrotti, RES '98 (photo above)** to **GEN (Ret) Robert 'Abe' Abrams, RES '03** and the new Vice Chairman is **LTG (Ret) Michael A. 'Mike' Bills, RES '04**.

A NYC Metro Area Chapter of the KDVA was launched in June 2025 with **BG (Ret) Christopher 'Chris' Stockel, RES '09** as the Chapter President.



L-R: **COL (Ret) Joseph R. Rice, DDE '09** and **Ms. Stacey L. DeFore, NSS'13** visited from Lockheed Martin Space in Colorado and were able to see the new Root Hall with **LTG (Ret) Roger Schultz, RES '92**, **Mr. Bill Pinsky, NSS '02** and **COL (Ret) Ruth Collins, RES '98** from the Foundation on June 2, 2025 as the College was kicking off the 70th National Security Seminar.



A number of the **Pennsylvania Education Policy and Leadership Center Fellowship** alums (all former or current USAWCF faculty members) met for a reunion luncheon with Founder and Senior Fellow Ronald Cowell at Fiddler's Grill at Mayapple on May 15, 2025. L-R: **COL (Ret) Ruth Collins, RES '98**; **COL (Ret) Chuck Allen, RES '01**; **COL (Ret) Mark Eshelman, RES '02**; **CDR Michael Posey, USN, RES '21**; **Sharon Brumbaugh, EPLC Faculty**; **COL (Ret) Erik 'Sparky' Anderson, RES '16**; **Jane Carroll, EPLC Faculty**; **COL (Ret) Rich Meinhart, USAF**; **COL (Ret) Julie Manta, RES '01**; **Ron Cowell, EPLC Faculty**; and **CAPT (Ret) Jim Heffernan, USN, RES '03**.

FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM MG AND MRS. DAVID HILL, 53RD COMMANDANT

I recently came across a collection of short monthly publications by the Department of the Army from 1949-1950. Each monthly issue was entitled *Officer's Call* and was "intended to assist commanders in maintaining the highest standards of integrity and professional ethics among officers." One issue in this collection captured my attention as my wife Chris and I reflect on our Carlisle Experience and the history of the Army War College.

That issue (Volume 1, Number 10) included remarks delivered by Winston Churchill at the Pentagon in 1946. He offered the following tribute to an assembled group of America's military and civilian leaders:

"That you should have been able to preserve the art not only of creating mighty Armies almost at the stroke of a wand—but of leading and guiding those armies upon a scale incomparably greater than anything that was prepared for or even dreamed of, constitutes a gift made by the officer corps of the United States to their Nation in time of trouble."

He went on to attribute this to professional attainment—"earned through prolonged and collective study at our colleges"—which he described as the "title deeds" of future commanders and "the secret to future victories."

That metaphor resonated with me. A title deed is something that's granted—transferred—with care, from one who owns it to one who is ready to receive it.

In my mind, the U.S. Army War College holds the title deed to something precious: a professional body of knowledge essential to the Army, to the Joint Force, and to national security decision-makers. It is a deed not to land or to buildings—but to the preparation of strategic leaders who will contribute to preventing wars when possible and winning them when necessary.

During my tenure as the 53rd Commandant, the faculty, staff, directors, leaders, and teammates of the Army War College served as the faithful stewards of that deed. They worked with creativity, discipline, and heart to pass it on, year after year, as they did their part to strengthen the profession of arms. And the leaders who studied here across the full breadth of our programs were unquestionably ready to receive it and apply it, not to promote war, but to preserve

peace. Like generations before them, they have upheld a standard of excellence that will endure long after their own chapters have closed.

It has been the greatest privilege of my career to serve alongside them. Chris and I leave Carlisle enriched by our experience with remarkable leaders and families from around our globe.

As I pass the Army War College colors to **MG Trevor Bredenkamp**, I am grateful for the impactful and consistent support of the Army War College Foundation in shaping and strengthening the Carlisle Experience for future generations of leaders. I am confident that the college will continue to enhance the Army profession through the quality of our graduates and key deliverables in teaching, scholarship, and service.



Strength and Wisdom!!

MG Dave Hill

53rd Commandant, USAWC



This graduation ceremony for the Distance Class of 2025 on July 25, 2025 was the ninth one officiated by MG David C. Hill as the 53rd Commandant. This timeless view of graduating students and their families, as well as faculty members, guests, and friends, is one for all to enjoy!



Carlisle Barracks Hessian Powder Magazine Re-Opening, August 6, 2025

U.S. Army War College (USAWC) leadership, along with members of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) staff, the National Park Service, Juniata College, and Valley Forge Military College, celebrated the opening of the USAHEC's newest exhibit at the Hessian Powder Magazine, August 6, 2025. **"From Powder to Purpose: Carlisle Barracks from Revolution to Today,"** explores the legacy of the magazine's structure and uncovers the story of Carlisle Barracks, one of the oldest military posts in the United States. The exhibit is free to the public and open daily. Learn more at ahec.armywarcollege.edu/exhibits/HPM/index.cfm.

L to R: Brian Fickel, USAWC Public Affairs and Legislative Liaison; Kaleb Dissinger, USAHEC Curator; Dr. Robert Smith, Valley Forge Military College Provost; Molly Bompane, USAHEC Curator and Chief of Exhibitions; Dr. Kate Lemay, USAHEC Director; MG Trevor Bredenkamp, USAWC Commandant; CSM Charles W. Gregory Jr, USAWC Command Sergeant Major; John Leighow, USAHEC External Engagements; Rebecca Cybularz, National Park Service (NPS) Preservation Architect; Jess Rowley, NPS Architectural Historian; Moss Rudley, NPS Exhibits Specialist; and Dr. Jonathan Burns, Juniata College, Director of the Cultural Resource Institute.