

# Live Blog -- USAWC Strategy Conference

## Live blog -- USAWC Strategy Conference

Can't make it to the [Army War College Strategy Conference](#)? Keep checking back here for updates---we'll be blogging all day long from the USAWC Strategy Conference April 6-7.

Looking for the [Day One blog](#)?

**3:01 p.m.-** "This was a great way to close out the conference," said Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin, USAWC commandant. "This is a great conference. Hopefully everyone was able to learn from each other. Please stay engaged with us as we continue to develop and inspire senior strategic leaders."

**2:58 p.m. -** "We at TRADOC believe in the one Army concept. We training Soldiers and officers from all of the elements, we cannot meet our directives without all three components," he said. "Whatever school you go to, we make sure that the experience is equal."



**2:35 p.m.-** Sterling is now speaking in Bliss Hall.

"Our goal in the Army is to increase our capabilities by empowering our people," he said.

**11:49 a.m.-** After the lunch session featuring retire Maj. Gen. Robert Ivany, the next presentation will be at 1:30 and is the **Closing Keynote by Lt. Gen. John E. "Jack" Sterling, Jr., U.S. Army**, the Deputy Commander of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command and is leading an Army-wide initiative to refine the understanding of what it means to be expert members of the Army profession of arms after nine years of war.

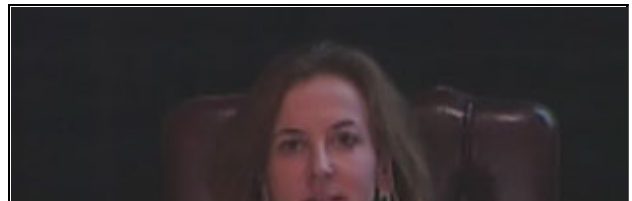


**11:30 a.m. -** The panelist are responding to questions. Policy reform, the role of civilian leadership and development have been some of the topics.

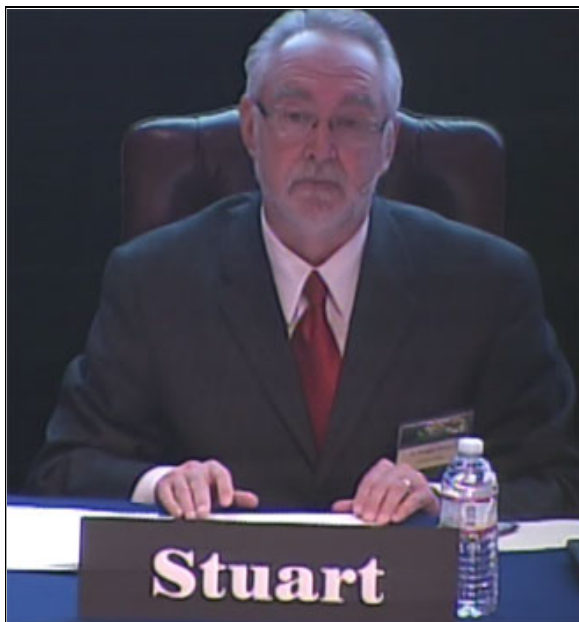
**10:50 a.m. -** "We've exported the worst of Washington to the field," she said. "What the U.S. needs and still needs to develop is a sensible way of organizing the extensive civilian expertise that exists and applying it to war."

**10:46 a.m. -** "The focus should be how to integrate civilian and military expertise to achieve our desired end state," she said. "Unity of command is not being developed but is vital."

**10:38 a.m. -** "We've been engaged in these wars for 10 years now, which have created a lot of changes," said Schadlow. "The problem today lies in the civilian community who do not fully understand the impacts of



war. There is a disagreement over who should lead. It is a highly politically motivated issue. "



**10:35 a.m.** - "We must look for ways to get the military and civilians together while in college," said Stuart.

**10:28 a.m.** - "In a post-cold war and post 9/11 environment, the relationship between the military and the civilian leadership will continue to be complicated," said Stuart.

**10:21 a.m.** - "US civil-military relations is a very complex issue," said Stuart. "Our military must respond to a variety of different missions, using skills like diplomacy."

**10:00 a.m.** - We're on break until 10:15, when the panel "**Roles of the Military and Society: Reciprocal**

**Expectations?"** will kick off. The panel features Dr. Douglas Stuart, Dickinson College; Dr. Diana Putman, U.S. Agency for International Development and Dr. Nadia Schadow, Smith Richardson Foundation.



**9:48 a.m.** - The question and answer period continues.

"We do find affects of deployments at the unit level for families," said Lyle in response to a question about the effects of multiple deployments on the mental health of family members.

"We've entered a golden age for electronic medical records which really helps us analyze the information," said Rutherford in response to a question about the ease of sharing medical data. "The DoD has really been out in front for this issue."

**9:38 a.m.** - "We're working to make sure that a gap doesn't exist between when someone returns from theater and they start receive care," said Lyle.

**9:33 a.m.** - Questions for the panel have included the costs of care, the effects of pre-deployment training, prescription drug abuse, and the affects of multiple deployments.

**9:30 a.m.** - "The way that we are attacking this issue continues to change and be refined," said Lyle. "It's constantly evolving."



**9:25 a.m.** - Rutherford answers a question during the panel discussion.

"People do get better once they receive treatment," he said in response to question about wounded warrior care.

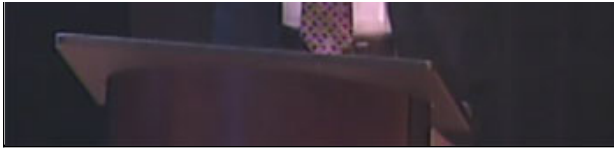
**9:22 a.m.** - "Our findings show that deployment to a combat zone is associated with substantial adverse mental health effects," said Sabia.

**8:55 a.m.** - Sabia has begun his remarks which focus on the different styles of treatment for injuries sustained in conflict.



**8:40 a.m.** - Lyle is explaining the changes in veterans injuries since World War II and Vietnam.

"What we're looking at what makes someone want to volunteer for assistance," he said. "We have to look at ways to encourage Soldiers to get care."



**8:35 a.m.** - "We have an obligation to our men and women returning from war to make sure their needs are taken care of," said moderator Dr. John Smith.

**8:31 a.m.** - We're back, Dr. Leonard Wong, SSI, is introducing the panel.

**7:45 a.m.**- The conference will kick off today at 8:30 a.m. with a panel focused on *Reintegrating Veterans into American Society* and will feature panelists Lt. Col. David Lyle, Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis; Dr. George Rutherford, Institute for Global Health and Dr. Joseph Sabia, U.S. Military Academy.

U.S. Army War College Archives - News Article - 05 April 2011