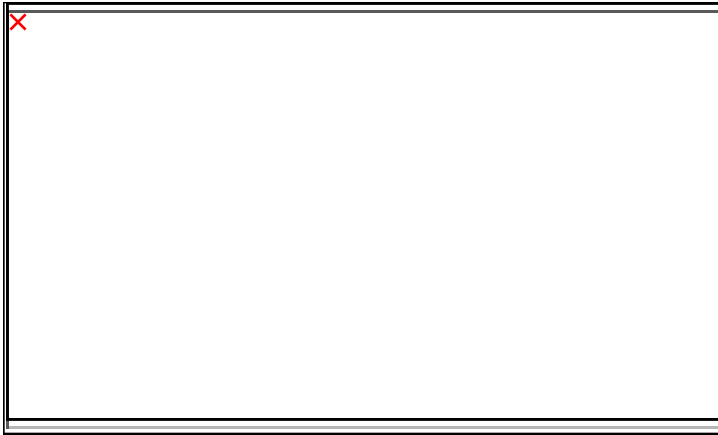


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The future of educating Army leaders at all levels in the application of Strategic Landpower was the theme for the man in charge of key Army education and training institutions.

Gen. Robert Cone, commander of the Army Training and Doctrine Command, spoke to Army War College students and faculty in

Bliss Hall April 18.

He discussed a wide range of topics including current and future of Army education, from the NCO to senior leader levels. Education will be vital to prepare the Army for future success.

Students will become drivers of change when they finish their studies here, said Cone, who spoke at length about the study of the Army Profession, calling it the bedrock of most of the decisions made by Army leadership. As the Army plans for the future, the human dimension will remain an important focus. Multiple initiatives within TRADOC and the Army to support leader development include strengthening professional military education, re-establishing mentorship, and extending talent management to all leaders.

Many of the themes and messages Cone discussed reminded one Army War College student of a similar time earlier in her career.

“When I was a lieutenant in 1992-1996 in Germany - the issues facing the Army were very similar, transitions, transformations, reducing budgets, and developing people,” said **Lt. Col. Christine Hackett**. “I have no doubt that the institution will not just reduce, but improve, becoming smaller but more capable. Pulling it off will require hard work, creative thinking, and strong leadership with an articulate and resourced vision.”

Those traits are also important for the human capital aspect of Cone's remarks, Hackett said.

"Vision and leadership are also needed to focus on the Service on the profession of arms, and human capital development," she said. "It is true that the 'beauty of no money is plenty of time to develop people.' It is equally true that generating excitement for the profession and the Army's role will require creativity, imagination and all that newly found white space on the leader's calendar."

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