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The focus of the U.S. Army War College may be advancing knowledge in the global application of landpower, but for one evening at the beginning of every new school year, naval superiority becomes the desire of every student and the goal of every seminar.

An admittedly lighthearted exercise, which aims to build bonds between the students and encourage teamwork within the seminars, the Army War College's annual Boat Yard War was fought and won in the Splash Zone Pool on the evening of Aug. 12, 2016.

"This is a great team bonding experience. I loved every moment of it, because we did everything together, we planned together, we drew together and we built the boat together. It was amazing," said Chris Hernandez of the Blue Star Seminar.

The Blue Star Seminar is the name given to the group of spouses of Army War College personnel currently deployed in support of global operations.

The results of building boats from cardboard, duct tape, and racing them across the Splash Zone Pool are as hilarious as they are predictable. Seminar 7 and Seminar 18 would face off in the pool for one last race and bragging rights to this year's Boat Yard War.

In the end it was Seminar 18 who would emerge victorious from the pool and claim their place on the trophy, but it was every student in every seminar who learned something about themselves and something about the men and women whom they will be spending the next year working alongside.