Nominations for the U.S. Army War College National Security Seminar extended until Jan. 21

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The deadline for nominations is **January 21**, 2021

Submit nominations on the NSS web site - https://www.csl.army.mil/nss -- by selecting the "Nominate Now" graphic.

The National Security Seminar is a four-day event, during which approximately 160 selected guests are invited to join our seminars to examine current national security issues and exchange candid dialogue.

Each day generally begins with a distinguished speaker at Bliss Hall and proceeds to seminar-based dialogue, culminating with an evening social event. Seminar participants are exposed to leaders within their armed forces and government, while students in turn are afforded a better understanding of our diverse society.

"This idea of having someone come to the table that has a different way of thinking, a different model of thinking and then not just the knowledge but their understanding of it and how they apply it to solving problems was absolutely phenomenal, said Col. Liz Casely, a 2019 USAWC graduate.

Social events include an "ice breaker" with the College leadership, a seminar social, and the Commandant's Reception held at Quarters One. NSS Members are also provided the opportunity to take a Gettysburg Battlefield Staff Ride with war college faculty/historians.

"I think it is the beginning where we are building those relationships and then we are going to continue having those relationships and that dialogue in the future.... They go back to their different states and share what they learned as far as the Army War College students," said Col. Mary Drayton, 2019 USAWC graduate.

Not all nominations are selected for invitation -- selection is competitive, and selection criteria ensure a diverse pool of attendees, from across the nation, who do NOT generally have a close association with the military.

"I think it helps fill some gaps. The military-civilian gap is something that is predominate. There are areas [civilians] are not aware of and there are things the alluded to that filled in some of our conceptions -- provided great information to help us understand the military in general," said attendee Ron Ozuna, McAllen, TX, Assistant Dean at University Texas at Austin.

Invitees provide their own transportation to the Carlisle-Harrisburg area, but hotel accommodations, local daily transportation, and meals are provided by the Army War College. Nominees will be notified in February of their selection status.

Learn more about NSS and nominations on the <u>website</u>, or email usarmy.carlisle.awc.mbx.nss-poc@army.mil or call 717.245.3224