

War College students connect with defense industry leaders

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The U.S. Army War College's Industry Day, held on March 21 at Carlisle Barracks, brought together leaders from the government and private sectors to discuss the future of military technology and foster collaboration between industry and the military. The event featured four distinguished guest speakers, each representing a different aspect of the defense industry.

Ted Colbert, the Executive Vice President of The Boeing Company and CEO of Boeing Defense, Space & Security, was one of the speakers representing large corporations. Colbert emphasized the importance of collaboration between the government and industry, stating that "partnerships between industry and government are crucial to ensuring the safety and security of our nation."

Maj. Gen. David Wilson, the U.S. Army Sustainment Command General, spoke about the Army's efforts to modernize and streamline its logistics capabilities. He stressed the importance of innovation and collaboration in achieving these goals.

Uyen Dinh, the VP of Government Relations and Strategy at BlackSky Global, represented small businesses at the event. She spoke about the unique perspective that small companies can bring and the importance of fostering innovation through partnerships between small businesses and larger corporations.

Todd Brost, the Director of Business Development for DoD Programs at Slingshot Aerospace, rounded out the guest speakers. He spoke about the role of emerging technologies in the defense industry and how his company is working to develop cutting-edge solutions for the military.

The Army War College Industry Day allows students and industry professionals to connect and share ideas, focusing on developing partnerships, networking, and exposing students to different perspectives. In addition to the guest speakers, 20 plus industrial leaders engaged in seminar discussions on numerous topics, including cyber security, space capabilities, and artificial intelligence.

The Army War College Industry Day reminds us of the importance of collaboration and the need for government and private sector partnerships to advance our nation's defense capabilities.