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Office of the Commandant

Dear Spouses of the Incoming U.S. Army War College Students,

Congratulations on your student's selection to attend the U.S. Army War College (USAWC) in Carlisle, Pennsylvania for Academic Year 2027! All of us at the USAWC recognize this significant achievement reflects a true family effort, and we appreciate the extraordinary support you give to your service member or government employee, your Family, and our Nation.

Our recognition of your service and sacrifice energizes us to provide an exceptional student and family experience at the U.S. Army War College and Carlisle Barracks. We like to refer to this as the "Carlisle Experience," and you may hear our graduates and their Families refer to their Carlisle Experience as something special. Over the next year, you will enjoy the benefits of our idyllic, campus-like Army installation, the chance to connect with existing friends and to make new, lifelong friends, and innumerable opportunities to engage in fun social activities, family events, and personal and professional education and development programs tailored just for you.

Along those lines, we invite you to explore the many educational opportunities offered by our Military Spouse and Family Studies Program (MSFP). The MSFP offers a series of workshops, noontime lectures, and courses complementary to those offered to students during the academic year. The focus of the MSFP is to enable spouses like you to connect, share your experience, learn from one another, and sharpen your executive leader skills for application in your military communities or the many other organizations where you so capably serve. You can learn more about MSFP offerings at the following link: <https://www.armywarcollege.edu/msfp/>. Note that many MSFP events are available for virtual participation or are recorded for viewing at a time that works for you.

Continuing this year is a community-building program in which U.S. Army War College spouses step into voluntary leadership positions as USAWC Spouse Ambassadors. The Spouse Ambassador Committee (SAC) is an initiative developed by USAWC spouses to empower families with a voice in decision-making and planning as it pertains to the USAWC. SAC volunteers work alongside the Command and USAWC student leaders to attend leadership meetings, distribute information, assist in the content management of a spouse and Family webpage, and guide spouses and families to appropriate resources to best support their time at the AWC and Carlisle Barracks. Spouse Ambassadors can expect to be included in unique opportunities to participate in USAWC, Carlisle Barracks, and community leadership events. If you enjoy building community, helping others, and sharpening your leadership skills for personal or professional pursuits, please click on the following link to provide your name and email address:

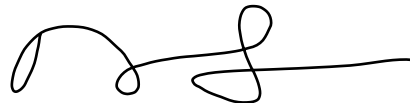
<https://www.armywarcollege.edu/msfp/forms/ambassador.cfm>

We will follow up with additional information, job descriptions, and information about the process to apply for a position on the SAC. For additional information, please contact Lauren O'Donnell, Professor of Military Spouse and Family Studies, at lauren.o'donnell@armywarcollege.edu.

A Welcome Reception and information session are planned for the first week in August to provide more information about these initiatives, and about the exceptional "Carlisle Experience" you can expect this year. The date and time of these Welcome events will be announced closer to the start of the academic year.

Again, congratulations! We look forward to meeting you, while you enjoy your Carlisle Experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'D' followed by a horizontal line that ends in a small loop.

Donald C. Santillo
Colonel, U.S. Army
Commandant