

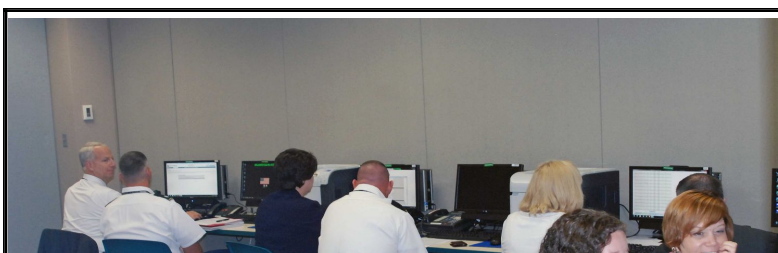
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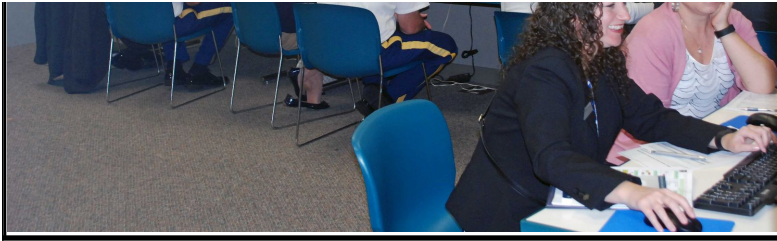
The resident class of 2016 has arrived, and as of next week will begin the seminar learning experience. The class of 381 represents a cross-section of the joint, interagency and multinational national security environment they'll rejoin after graduation, June 2016. The student body is divided into 24 seminars, each comprising US military officers from the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marines. One lucky seminar will get the lone Coast Guard officer and each seminar will have three International Fellows and one civilian student.

Carlisle Barracks, Army War College and the Carlisle-area community began welcoming the resident class of 2016 this week. Seminar sessions begin Aug. 10, and Convocation and Opening Ceremonies on Aug. 14 mark the formal beginning of the academic year. At convocation, the academic leadership greets the student body and introduces the USAWC faculty. At Opening Ceremony at 5 p.m., Aug. 14, the Army's ceremonial units will herald the new class: Fife and Drum Corps, U.S. Army Drill Team and U.S. Army Concert Band.

Students' first stop is inprocessing



Centralized in-processing for the U.S. students is underway with more than 15 on-post agencies involved in making the process as smooth as possible. Students



were able to do some pre arrival in-processing online, but there are areas that cannot

Lisa Fetterly (right) helps an incoming Army War College student with her travel voucher

while other G8 staff members help others behind her during their in processing, Collins Hall, Aug. 3.

be completed until arriving. Students get help with such things as their travel vouchers through the Defense Travel System, have photos taken for the college directory, and ensure they have network access for school work through the Network Enterprise Center. “We are here to make it as easy and enjoyable as possible,” said Randy Carpenter, supervisor of the Personnel Administration Center.

“Three years ago we just gave them a checklist and set them off and they often returned with questions and unfinished checklist,” he said. “Now with the CIP, they are in and out in about an hour.”



Christine Cormier (front) and Nellie Funk of the school liaison office help Army War College students during their in processing, Collins Hall, Aug 3

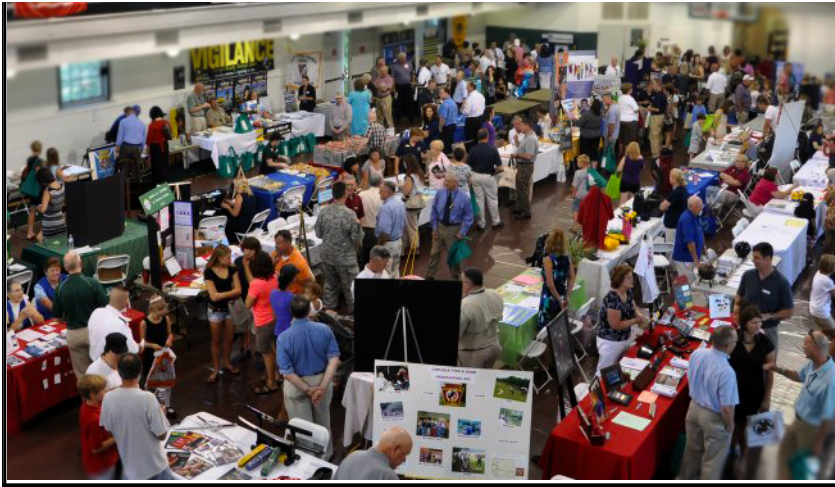
Students meet, greet fellow students, families, community

Welcome jams were held for high school students on July 28, middle school students on July 29 and an ice cream social for elementary school children was held July 30. More than 100 are participating in the Vacation Bible School this week. The early focus of families and post is to orient children to the new neighborhood and start new friendships. For parents, a school orientation will be held Aug. 6 in the Bliss Hall, from 2 to 4 p.m. Representatives from local school districts will be on hand to answer questions from parents.

Next week, the County Fair is an information fair, introducing newcomers to all post activities and connecting newcomers with key businesses and organizations in the community, Aug. 12,



9 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Family



Welcome Picnic is scheduled to follow Opening Ceremony, Aug. 14, 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. brings seminars and families together so by the end of the first two weeks of August, no one is a stranger.

File photo, 2014 county fair, Jim Thorpe Gym, Carlisle Barracks.

Carlisle does its part to welcome new students and faculty by extending invitations to the Restaurant Walk & Welcome Jam Friday, Aug. 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. The Welcome Jam will allow new families to tour downtown businesses and enjoy the festival.

Class composition

The 29 Civilian Students represent Department of the Army, Defense Intelligence agency, Defense Senior Leader Development program, Department of Defense, Department of Home Land Security, Inter Agency and United States States Agency for International Development.

The 79 International Fellows are senior military officers representing: Afghanistan, Albania, Armenia, Australia, Bangladesh, Belize, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria (2), Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia (2), Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria (2), Norway, Pakistan (2), Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia (3), Senegal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Vietnam, Zambia.

The US military officers include 171 active Army, 48 Army Reserve and National Guard, 26 Air Force, 1 Coast Guard, 16 Marine Corps, and 11 Navy.