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For the next 4 weeks, sixteen mid-level Army officers, warrant officers and senior noncommissioned officers will be attending the Strategic Broadening Program at the Center for Strategic Leader Development, Carlisle Barracks, Aug. 3-28.



“The instruction covers fundamentals of strategy, policy & grand strategy, institutional & theater strategy, and applied case studies,” said Professor Gregory Cantwell, instructor with the Strategic Broadening Program.

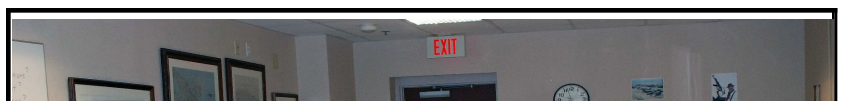
“The Army War College is uniquely positioned to support this Chief of Staff of the Army initiative as the proponent for strategic development and education.”

“The critical thinking skills developed in this course will provide them with

the tools needed to be value added at the strategic level,” he said.

Lt. Col. Michael Shekleton, director of the Basic Strategic Art Program, pauses with the new student seminar to talk about the history of Carlisle Barracks, enroute to the next academic event, Carlisle Barracks, Aug. 6.

The Strategic Broadening Program is a 28-day course designed to expand the participant's understanding of the military's role in national security and the application of all elements of power in securing national interests. The SBP provides its graduates with the tools and perspective to begin to bridge the gap between their tactical/operational background and their future challenges of operating at the grand-strategic and theater-strategic level of war and



policy.

Strategic Broadening Program seminar students begin their day with Making Strategy/ Grand Strategy as Prof. Gregory Cantwell (standing) prepares for the seminar, Ardennes Room, Collins Hall, Aug. 7.



The Army War College is one of several educational institutions that offer the Strategic Broadening Seminars Program. The Chief of Staff of the Army-approved broadening opportunity for majors, captains, mid-grade warrant officers, senior NCOs, and those Army Civilians in the Strategist career program. University of North Carolina, University of Foreign Military and Cultural Studies, University of Louisville and the Institute of World Politics also hold Strategic Broadening Seminars Program.

Students will also participate in two staff rides: a four-day National Capital Region Interagency staff ride that includes engagements with members or staff to House and Senate offices on Capitol Hill, the Pentagon, and a DC-based think tank; and a strategic staff ride to the Gettysburg battlefield.