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*Gen. Bob Cone, Commander of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, spoke to the Army War College Class of 2014 about how to best balance landpower with the future capabilities of each service in Bliss Hall Nov. 7.*

**Gen. Bob Cone**, Commander of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, addressed the USAWC Class of 2014 during a visit to the Army War College Nov. 7.

In addition to his time with the class, Cone also spoke to the students of the Coalition/Joint Force Land Component Commander Course.

Cone focused his remarks on the challenges facing TRADOC and the Army -- with special emphasis on the two-year study that looked at the Army as a Profession, and the increased importance of doctrine as the Army begins its evolution after 12 years of sustained conflict.

Contrasting the Army of 2001 with today, he noted how important it is to capitalize on the lesson learned from Afghanistan and Iraq as Soldiers transition back to garrisons.

“We have seen the importance of re-establishing doctrine,” he said. Cone added that TRADOC has evolved the way that doctrine is written in order to capitalize on the experiences gained in recent conflicts.

In hand with that, Cone said, is making sure those lessons are passed down to the younger generation of Soldiers, one of the shortfalls identified by the recent study of the Army as a Profession.

“We have to remind Soldiers why we do what we do when they return back to their garrisons,” he said. “This is a time where we have an amazing collection of unique knowledge and we need sure to capture

that and pass it along to others. If we don't remember that, we will lose our way.”

Cone outlined TRADOC's major focus areas which include:

- Driving change
- Building the future Army
- The Army profession
- Supporting Strategic Landpower
- Leadership thoughts

### **About the Army War College**

The US Army War College educates and develops leaders for service at the strategic level while advancing knowledge in the global application of Landpower.

The purpose of US Army War College at this time in our Nation's history is to produce graduates from all our courses who are skilled critical thinkers and complex problem solvers in the global application of Landpower. Concurrently, it is our duty to the Army to also act as a "Think Factory" for Commanders and Civilian Leaders at the strategic level worldwide and routinely engage in discourse and debate on ground forces' role in achieving national security objectives. We will accomplish this dual purpose along the following lines of effort:

- Provide high quality Professional Military Education at the strategic level that further develops accomplished officers and civilians, both graduates and faculty, who depart our institution armed with the right balance of theory, history, practice, and communication skills to clearly articulate options for solutions to complex strategic problems and immediately be of value to any organization.
- Aggressively Conduct Research, Publish, Engage in Discourse, and Wargame with the entire faculty, staff, students and fellows; generate ideas and test concepts as the Army's intellectual broken field runner for the application of Landpower at the strategic level.
- Conduct Strategic Leader Development through agile, constantly reviewed and updated courses of instruction and other products that advance strategic leadership skills and senior leader abilities in the Profession of Arms.
- Attract, Recruit, and Retain a high quality faculty and staff

### **Coalition/Joint Force Land Component Commander Course**

The Coalition/Joint Force Land Component Commander Course is a senior level program held at Collins Hall, three times each year. The course focuses on preparing senior officers to function effectively as land component commanders in a joint/combined, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational environment. These commanders will need to plan, prepare for, and execute land-centric operations that provide coalition commanders with capabilities to achieve policy objectives through rapid, decisive, and sustained land dominance.

Under the direction of senior mentors, retired general officers who have previously served as joint and combined force land component commanders, this seminar-based course challenges senior officers to examine the key elements of developing and executing functional land component command operations at the theater level in support of joint force commanders and in conjunction with air, maritime, and special operations functional commands. The course also explores the challenges of maintaining sustained land dominance in a complex operating environment. It includes a rigorous exercise which is crafted to challenge the attendees to issue guidance and devise solutions to deploying, forming, controlling, protecting, operating, and sustaining a combined and joint land command at the theater and operational level of war.

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