

Department of Distance Education Orientation

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One-hundred and forty-nine new first year Army War College Distance Education students participated in the first of two weekend orientations held here on May 2 and 3.

Next week another 176 DDE students will participate in the same two-day orientation which covers using Blackboard, configuring their laptop computers, textbook issue, library tutorial, and getting to know each other and the area. The second day of orientation introduces students to their first course, DE230, Strategic Leadership with Col. Karl Bopp and also an Introduction to Critical Thinking by Dr. Stephen Gerras.

Of the 433 students the majority are from the Army components: Army Reserve - 182, Army National Guard - 155 and active Army - 61. The remaining students are from the Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force

both from reserve and active components. There are civilians from the Department of Defense, Interagency, and Department of the Army as well as one International Fellow enrolled in the DDE class of 2016.

Lt. Col. Tony Atlas of the 79th Sustainment Support Command in Los Alamitos, Ca. said he made the effort to attend the orientation because this is a difficult, challenging course and he wants to be able to navigate his way and know what is required in order to be successful.

Another student is taking on this challenging course while also serving as a battalion commander out of is Army Reserve Lt. Col. Donna Abrokwa of the 95th Training Division who said, "This is a great opportunity, to actually be able to interact with your professors, be a part of the war college experience."

"I appreciate the fact that my brigade commander is totally supportive and said you have to go," said Abrokwa. She said she is grateful for the fact everyone has been willing to take the time here to assist her and make it possible for the distance education students to spend these two days in Carlisle.

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