

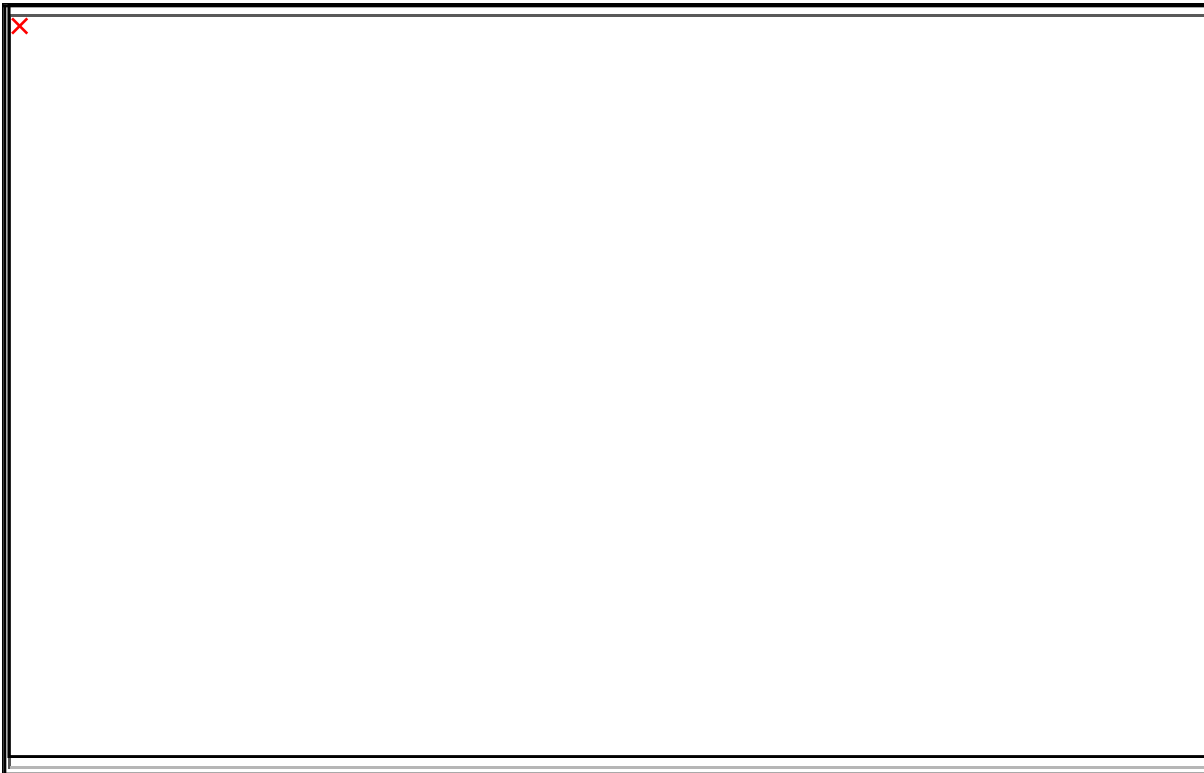
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CARLISLE, Pa. (Feb. 21, 2017) – In today’s politically dynamic world our nation’s leaders rely on strategic advisors for dependable advice on a wide range of issues affecting our national interests. USAWC students learn that strategically-minded advisors must understand this relationship between decision maker and advisor and, when asked to do so, to offer their best and honest advice.

Gen. Stephen Wilson, Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, spoke to this relationship between leader and advisor when he addressed the assembled student body of the U.S. Army War College



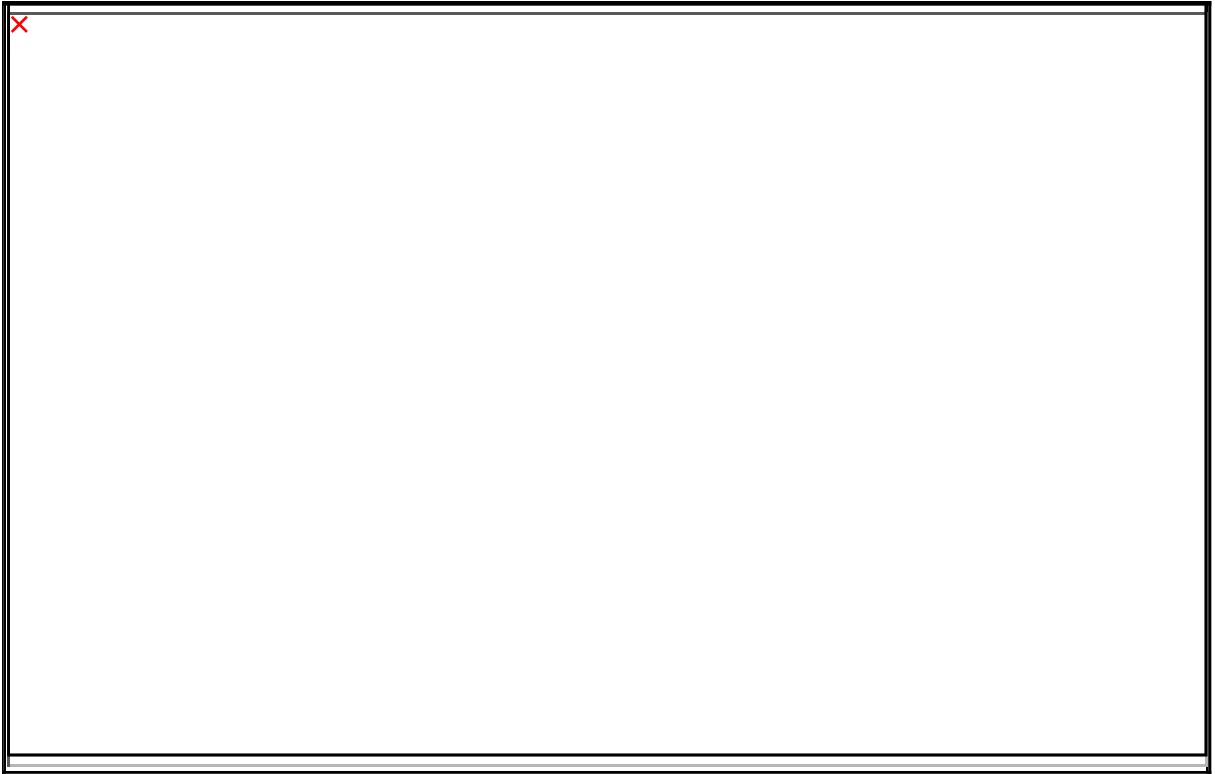
during a lecture in Bliss Hall here, Feb. 21.

Anticipate the likelihood, very soon, that you will be expected to give your best military advice, Wilson said to the senior military officers. We as a joint team engaged around the globe owe our civilian decision makers the best military advice, so they take that advice into the decision-making process, he said.

Gen. Stephen Wilson, Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, speaks to the relationship between leaders and advisors as he addresses the student body of the U.S. Army War College during a lecture in Bliss Hall, Feb. 21.

Wilson stressed the benefit of developing joint force and interagency relationships as the military operates in the multi-domain environment where partnership between military branches and civilian agencies will be crucial to mission success.

“He reminded the Army that the Air Force is committed, as a moral obligation, to be able to provide the air



superiority or the air supremacy required for any kind of engagement or contingency operation,” said Air Force Lt. Col. David Rayman, faculty instructor.

Gen. Stephen Wilson, Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, speaks to the group of Air Force students who attend the U.S. Army War College during his visit here, Feb. 21.

Wilson addressed a range of the professional officers’ concerns, to include the need to find balance and restore resiliency.

For the demanding and stressful responsibilities that await the students after graduation, Wilson suggested a 2/10/5/7 life balance: two hours of time to yourself in the morning, ten hours for work, another 5 hours to unplug from emails, and seven hours for sleep. “Putting balance back on life I think is really important,” said Wilson. “I ask you to put balance in your life, and look out for each another.”



Gen. Stephen Wilson, Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, sits down with the Air Force students

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opportunity in the U.S. Army War College's Bliss Hall foyer, Feb. 21.

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