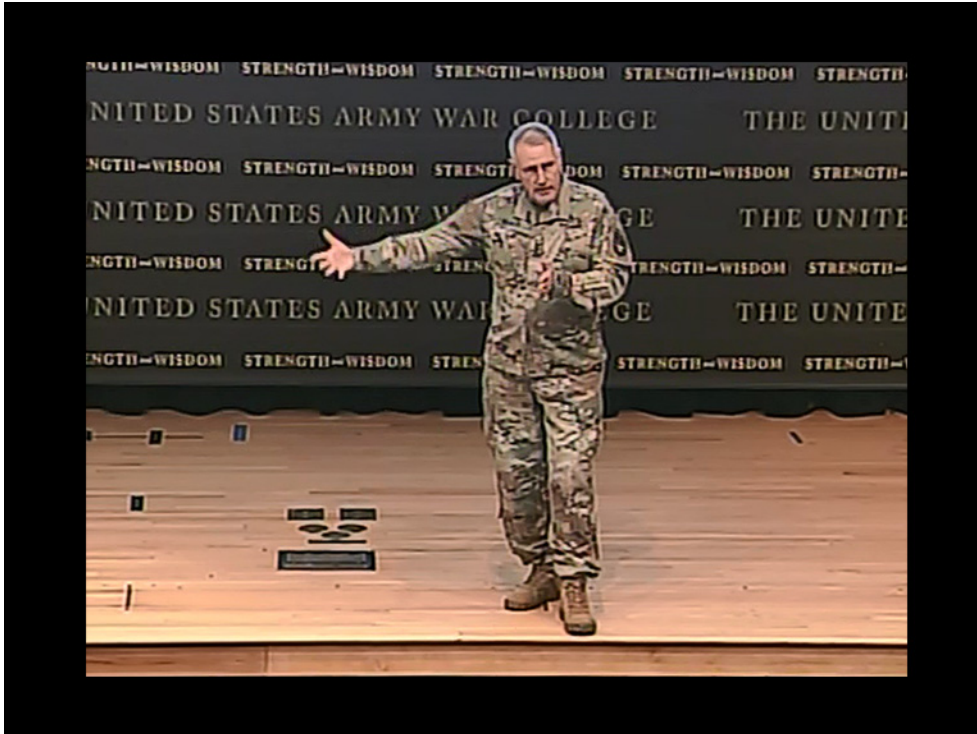


Futures Commander works to create enduring culture of innovation

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CARLISLE, Pa. (April 30, 2019) – The commanding general of U.S. Army Futures Command encouraged a unity of effort and the creation of a new culture of innovation in the Army, as it looks ahead toward a state of continuous modernization to meet future challenges.

Gen. Mike Murray discussed the changing character of war, the opportunity of technological advancements, and the urgent need to prepare for highly contested operations across all domains. He addressed the joint student body and faculty of the Army War College in Bliss Hall April 30.

The mission is not just “ready tonight” but continued readiness in the future, he said. This is about investing now in the concepts, capabilities, structure and strategy needed to fight and win on the future battlefield with our joint

coalition allies and partners. Or, better yet, competitive readiness can mean not having to fight at all.

Murray discussed long-range precision fires, next-generation combat vehicles, and the Futures Command mission to guide the Army in developing and acquiring the Army's modernization priorities.

Murray contrasted the former Army doctrine, AirLand Battle, with the new doctrine for Multi-Domain Operations. That was the most important topic for Army student Col. Terrie Peterkin.

"That comparison between AirLand Battle and Multi-Domain Operations probably opened some eyes throughout the audience because we've been getting a lot of questions about what's the difference and why change is needed.... As senior leaders in the Army, we need to be aware of those changes and be aware of how it is going to affect us in the organizations we're going to in the future," Peterkin said.

During a question-and-answer period, students questioned how to integrate military allies and partners into future requirements development, how to integrate and synchronize multi-domain operations down to the lowest tactical level compatible with mission command, and how to compete with artificial intelligence when there is no human involved in the decision-making process.