

National Security Seminar examines global strategic competition

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National Security Seminar new members are greeted by Army War College students June 3 in front of Bliss Hall.



National Security Seminar new members enjoy a reception at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center June 2.

CARLISLE, Pa. (June 4, 2019) – Approximately 160 government, media, academic and business representatives selected from across the country arrived at the Army War College prepared to examine current national security issues, exchange candid dialogue and provide a better understanding of the society they serve during a four-day academic forum with the next generation of senior leaders at the Army War College June 3-6.

The 65th annual National Security Seminar is the capstone event of the Army War College's 10-month curriculum and takes place just before the class graduation ceremony on June 7, 2019. The Army War College confers graduates with a USAWC diploma and a master's degree in Strategic Studies.



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The ceremony will live stream, 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at

<https://www.armywarcollege.edu/live/>

The National Security Seminar forum is structured around daily presentations about an issue of national security significance, followed by candid discussion in seminar with 16 students. Participants are integrated into seminars, lectures and extensive academic and social interaction with Army War College students.

Each of four NSS featured speakers will address the 'Complexities of Strategic Competition in a Globalized World' through the four elements of power: diplomatic power from Ambassador Deborah A. McCarthy; informational power with James R. Clapper, former Director of National Intelligence; military power from Lt. Gen. Jeffrey S. Buchanan, commander of U.S. Army North; and economic power from Harvard University Professor Jeffry Frieden.

Ambassador Deborah McCarthy examines diplomacy as an element of national security and why it is important

Former U.S. Ambassador to Lithuania Deborah McCarthy discussed the role diplomats play in international relations and how diplomacy is woven through all the elements of national power. She offered explanation and examples of diplomatic work to defend the American people and way of life, enhance U.S. economic prosperity, preserve peace through strength, and advance American interests. Her examples highlighted the interaction of diplomats with U.S. military leaders, the U.S. Trade Representative, and others, making the point that diplomacy is not an exclusive club. She noted five key elements of diplomacy; reconnaissance, communication, negotiation, foreign assistance, and overseas presence.

Access to an experienced diplomat inspired a wide range of questions from NSS members -- all of which would feed further discussions in seminar when the students and the new members returned to small-group seminars. In seminar with 16 U.S. and foreign military officers who have studied application of power, they could add layers of experience and education to the insights triggered by McCarthy. Among the topics were these: protection of innovation and intellectual property; the rationale for aid to foreign countries; diplomatic support to American companies, the role of diplomats to project universal values.

Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Buchanan illustrates the military instrument of national power and unity of effort



National Security Seminar new members and students listen as Former U.S. Ambassador to Lithuania Deborah McCarthy discusses diplomacy as an element of national power June 3.



Following Ambassador Deborah McCarthy's presentation, NSS members and students adjourned to seminar rooms for candid discussions on the day's topic of diplomacy.



Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Buchanan, the Commanding General of U.S. Army North, drew from personal experience to illustrate the integration of the military instrument of national power, June 4.



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Drawing from his personal experiences, the Commanding General of U.S. Army North, Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Buchanan, illustrated the integration of the military instrument of national power with other elements of power during National Security Seminar in Bliss Hall, June 4.



Maj. Gen. John Kem welcomes the National Security Seminar new members to the Army War College June 3. The NSS forum is structured around daily presentations about an issue of national security significance.

His lecture emphasized the principle of unity of effort in military operations and shared purpose when coordinating with allies and partners. For the NSS members, he reminded them of the military's obligation to advance readiness and build a more lethal force. He highlighted the Defense commitment to strengthen alliances and partnerships and improve interoperability. His discussion points inspired questions about national security policy, responding to climate-related challenges, and civilian authorities' contributions to achieving unity of effort.

For the students who will soon graduate and return to the joint force, Buchanan reminded them that effective problem-solving is dependant on their work in defining the problem and wariness about single-source solutions. Referring to Sun Tsu, he advised the leaders to know themselves and their decision-making styles so that they make share that understanding and enable others to help us better serve the entire organization.

Dr. Jeffrey Frieden discusses the history and future of globalization

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Frieden talked about the past, present and future of the integrated international economy and how recent trends in trade, finance and immigration have created discontent and political pressure about contemporary globalization. He offered historical examples from the 19th and 20th centuries of the interplay among political, economic and military developments connecting dots from the great depression and political pressures in Central Europe to World War II. Frieden explained, as well, that domestic and international political support, economic cooperation and commitment to an open economy can foster healthy economic growth. And, he linked investment in productivity, development and infrastructure to continued economic prosperity.

His conversation sparked several inquiries from the NSS audience about topics ranging from current U.S. monetary policy to the national debt and government options to retain new industrial capabilities in the U.S.

The Army War College resident class of 2019 represents 225 Army officers, 9 Navy, 26 Air Force, 17 Marines, 1 Coast Guard, 28 Civilians, and 76 International Fellows from 73 countries. Together they represent the cross-section of joint U.S. Military students, U.S. Government representatives, and international officers in the student body.

The mission of the Army War College since 1901 is to educate and develop leaders for service at the strategic level while advancing knowledge in the global application of landpower.

The Army War College resident education program, which sponsors NSS, is the signature program among its multiple education programs for strategists, senior leaders, and Army general officers.

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