

## SecArmy examines the Army's commitment to Joint Force readiness with USAWC Students

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The Secretary of the Army spoke to students at the Army War College May 23, conveying commitment and urgency of the Army's critical role in driving readiness for the Joint Force.

Secretary Esper emphasized the main efforts of the renaissance underway in the Army - focusing on providing the combatant commanders trained and equipped forces ready for high-intensity conflict.

Secretary Esper then took questions from U.S. Army officers and their class of 2019 colleagues from other services, nations, and departments.

Esper offered an Army Senior Leader perspective on a range of critical questions that echoed the issues integrated across the 10-month

curriculum here: Artificial Intelligence, China, space, diversity, fitness, recruiting, budget, and the professional ethic. He also spoke of the role of the senior officers in the Bliss Hall forum in integrating military and industry resources in developing artificial intelligence and building a better combat fitness culture through the new AFCT.

The underlying message was that the Army needs these graduates to be out-of-the-box thinkers, ready to think, reform, and lead change.

Prior to his engagement with the full resident class of 380 students, Esper met with two research study groups, each sharing initial findings and analysis of theater design for multi-domain operations in Europe and INDOPACOM in 2028. Engaging the study teams and Strategic Studies Institute researchers who guided them, the Secretary exchanged ideas and offered additional direction for further study.