

USAWC Commandant challenges DEP students: How will you build upon what you have learned?

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You've been the expert in your units, but you're not the expert on everything, said Kem, to characterize the professional pivot. "You're no longer an infantry battalion commander, a logistics [officer], a senior staff lieutenant colonel on this staff," said Kem. "You're now a rising Lt. Col. /Colonel on a more complex staff with hybrid organizations spread across the globe....

Now, we're asking you to lead bring together and lead expert teams to

solve problems with innovative solutions.

The student body is in residence at Carlisle for the next two weeks, closing out a two-year program of studies with graduation ceremony Friday, July 26. The final resident phase includes expert guest speakers and seminar discussion about force management, campaign analysis, strategic teaming and cognitive maneuver, among others. The capstone exercise is a wargaming scenario.

A total of 348 students is scheduled to graduate from the U.S. Army War College's distance education program, having earned a master's degree in Strategic Studies. The graduating class includes 296 Army officers, 22 Marine Corps, four Navy, four Air Force officers, 38 civilians, and four international officers from Rwanda, Germany, Netherland and Lithuania.