

NSS community leaders enhance USAWC students' understanding, communication skills, education

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Maj. Gen. John Kem, Commandant, U.S. Army War College, welcomed 157 government, business and academic leaders to the 64th annual National Security Seminar in Bliss Hall June 4, 2018.



Army War College students greeted the 64th annual National Security Seminar new members as they arrived June 4, 2018. The community leaders from around the country will take part in the week-long academic seminar alongside the USAWC students.



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CARLISLE, Pa. (June 4, 2018) – The four instruments of national power and a dialogue with government, business and academic leaders will culminate 10-months of work toward a diploma and master's degree in Strategic Studies as Army War College students prepare to graduate June, 8, 2018. The National Security Seminar program participants represent a cross-section of American life and will exchange candid ideas with USAWC students to provide a better understanding of the society they serve. The USAWC graduation ceremony will live stream, 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., June 8, at: <https://www.armywarcollege.edu/live/>



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participants to join the USAWC student body in Bliss Hall, June 5. The diverse group of community leaders represent areas around United States such as College Station, Texas, Camilla, Ga and Waterloo, Iowa. The program participants arrived in Carlisle to take part in a week-long dialogue about national security topics, June 4-7, 2018.

The NSS forum is structured around a daily national security presentation and followed by an extended in seminar discussion of the topic. The four-day NSS event creates an environment to examine diplomacy, information, military and economic (D.I.M.E.) issues. Program participants join 24 seminars comprised of 16 U.S. military officers, international fellows and civilians from government inter-agencies. NSS enables students to be better national security professionals by enhancing their understanding of perspectives of American society.

Former U.S. Trade Representative Ambassador Ron Kirk who served in the Obama Administration, was the first of several national security presenters to speak in Bliss Hall, June 4, 2018. Kirk discussed economic diplomacy as an instrument of national power and talked about the benefits of trade. He noted the power of economic engagement, and stated countries who enter into economic agreement do not go to war.

Kirk is the former mayor of Dallas, Texas and served as the 16th U.S. Trade Representative from March 2009 to March 2013.

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Kenney explained how the many of the accomplishments in today's diplomatic environment are enabled through coalitions with other countries and organizations. She sited the fight against Ebola as an example of how countries and health organizations come together for a common cause.

During her time in the State Department Kenney served as the Ambassador to Ecuador, the Philippines and Thailand. She completed her service as the 32nd Counselor of the United States Department of State from 2016 to 2017.

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Tidd's remarks lead the Bliss Hall audience through the phases of war and the spectrum of conflict. Highlighting the theory that while there seems to be a peace, our adversaries are on the initiative and dominating the threshold just below the war level. Some examples given were Russian, and their information piece, and China taking the economic piece.

He mentioned global and continuous competition for influence in his command's area of responsibility. He went on to say that traditional answers will no longer work, and today answers are uncomfortable, not easy and will require some discomfort to the our society.

Tidd received his commissioned from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1978 and prior to his current assignment, Tidd served as Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The new members integrated into seminars, lectures and social gatherings with the Army War College resident class of 2018, which includes 220 Army officers, 6 Navy, 26 Air Force, 17 Marines, 1 Coast Guard, 29 Civilians, and 79 International Fellows from 76 countries. Together they represent a cross-section of the joint military, federal agency and multinational security environment.

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