

Winton focuses studies on urban combat, future wars

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Col. Douglas Winton, Chairman, Department of Military Strategy, Planning and Operations at the War College, developed the "Urban Operations" elective that examines past urban battles, current doctrine, and future challenges.

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CARLISLE, Pa. (March 20, 2019) – With a career spent in field artillery, one Army War College department chairman now teaches military strategy and provides students with insights from his military career and research on urban combat.

Col. Douglas Winton is the Chairman of the Department of Military Strategy, Planning and Operations at the Army War College. His department is responsible for the core course, "Theater Strategy and Campaigning." Additionally, he developed and teaches the "Urban Operations" elective course. In the elective, students examine past urban battles, evaluate current urban operations doctrine, and consider future urban challenges.

"For the four years I've been teaching at the Army War College I've been

researching the role of technology in urban conflict,” said Winton.

“Specifically, trying to understand to what degree and how urban terrain erodes technological advantages and brings about an equalizing effect between a force that is inclined to fight with a technological sophistication and a force that’s going to fight without technologically sophisticated weapons, or military systems and methods.”

As a field artillery officer, Winton served as the Deputy Commander of the 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, in Afghanistan, 2011-2012, and the Battalion Commander, 2nd Battalion, 5th Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Okla., 2009-2011.

He holds a Bachelor of Science from the United States Military Academy, a Master of Arts from Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Army War College.