

Lt. Gen, Jarrard talks Pacific posture and leadership with USAWC students

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Lt. Gen. James Jarrard, Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army Pacific Command, engaged with USAWC students, Sept. 1.

The Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army Pacific Command engaged in a candid dialogue with Army War College students about the challenges facing the Pacific and the lessons he learned throughout his career.

Lt. Gen. James Jarrard opened by providing insight about the Army's posture in the Pacific, the strategic impact of that, and the importance of timing. Rising tensions raise questions about how the Army might fight a Pacific campaign, he said.

With focus shifting to the Pacific, challenges about conducting exercises and resourcing arise, but Jarrard talked about the way forward. He emphasized the importance of working with our allies and partners and the value of the Army National Guard and Reserve partnerships with allied nations.

After taking questions from students on a variety of topics, Jarrard shifted his remarks to leadership. Developing oneself into a leader requires knowing one's weaknesses and strengths and taking the time to develop and think strategically said Jarrard.

He emphasized the importance of mentoring and being mentored in leadership development. He offered insights from his own experiences and detailed how he implements mentorship in his command by meeting regularly with those in his unit.

Leadership development results in cohesive teams centered on trust, dignity, and respect he said. This type of organizational culture plays a significant role in eliminating vulnerabilities in the Army concluded Jarrard.