

Students travel to NYC for annual staff ride

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USAWC students travel to NYC from 10/19-10/21 for the annual NYC Staff Ride, designed to supplement their classroom education with experiential learning.



Students participated in discussions with several federal, private, and international organizations, including the Hungarian Mission to the United Nations (pictured above).

Students from the Army War College supplemented their classroom learning by participating in the annual NYC Staff Ride from 10/19-10/21, where they participated in discussions and presentations by different organizations.

“This staff ride offers a truly unique opportunity for our students to meet in small groups with a large variety of organizations and then share their insights with each other when they return to Carlisle Barracks,” said war college Professor Jeffrey Wilson.

The organizations for the NYC Staff Ride are carefully selected. USAWC looks for large organizations that influence the economic elements of national power, inform audiences on key elements of national security and integrate and synchronize their resources with other departments to achieve the desired effects.

Students had their choice of organizations to visit and have discussions with, enabling them to select engagements with organizations and topics they are most interested in learning about. These organizations include the Wall Street Journal, the US Attorney's Office, Amazon, and various foreign missions to the United Nations.

"This staff ride offers an extremely valuable experiential learning opportunity that builds powerfully on what the students are learning in the classroom, especially in the areas of strategic leadership, diplomacy, economics, and information operations," said Wilson.

During the staff ride, students also network with these leaders. "It is always important for senior leaders that are entering into the strategic level to better connect with the society that they serve, and the NSSR allows for that interaction to occur," said Robert Mundell, NYC Event Coordinator.

The Army War College curriculum supplements in-class learning with experiential learning by bringing students on multiple staff rides. Other staff rides include a trip to Washington D.C. and another to Gettysburg which they did earlier in the year.