

## Not just war games - Simulating Crisis Negotiations

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The U.S. Army War College is a vast repository of experience and expertise. Every day that knowledge is used to further develop joint officers and enlisted personnel along with many of their federal civilian counterparts.

Every once in a while, the War College is able to share its development techniques and curriculum outside the gates of Carlisle Barracks. One of those instances is the International Strategic Crisis Negotiations Exercise and on this episode Ed "Cliffy" Zukowski is in the virtual studio to explain the program.

ISCNE is more than a mere exercise; it's an experience designed to simulate complex international crises. Drawing participants from diverse backgrounds including military personnel, federal civilians, and even representatives from non-governmental organizations, ISCNE creates an environment where individuals can collaborate, negotiate, and strategize in order to resolve multifaceted challenges. By embracing diplomacy and strategic communication, participants learn to defuse tensions and forge meaningful solutions, preparing them for real-world scenarios where

collaboration is essential.

"Our biggest thing is outreach" said Zukowski, Director of the International Strategic Crisis Negotiation Exercise Program. "To show a side of the military that these students have never seen, but also when they get into those positions of working in an embassy or maybe an NGO, the first time that they come in contact with the United States military, we don't want that to be in a hostile situation or a situation where the military is being used," he said.

Cliffy joins Col. Ken Gilliam Ken Gilliam is the outgoing Director of Strategic Wargaming in the latest installment of the "Wargaming room" to explain the value of the two-day strategic negotiation event and how he and the team take the show on the road to prominent universities. ISCNE is not only a great example of the DoD sharing knowledge but it's a crucial part of the War College's outreach mission.