

**U.S. Army War College  
Advance Information Guide**

# **Strategic Leadership Development Forum**

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# THE STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FORUM

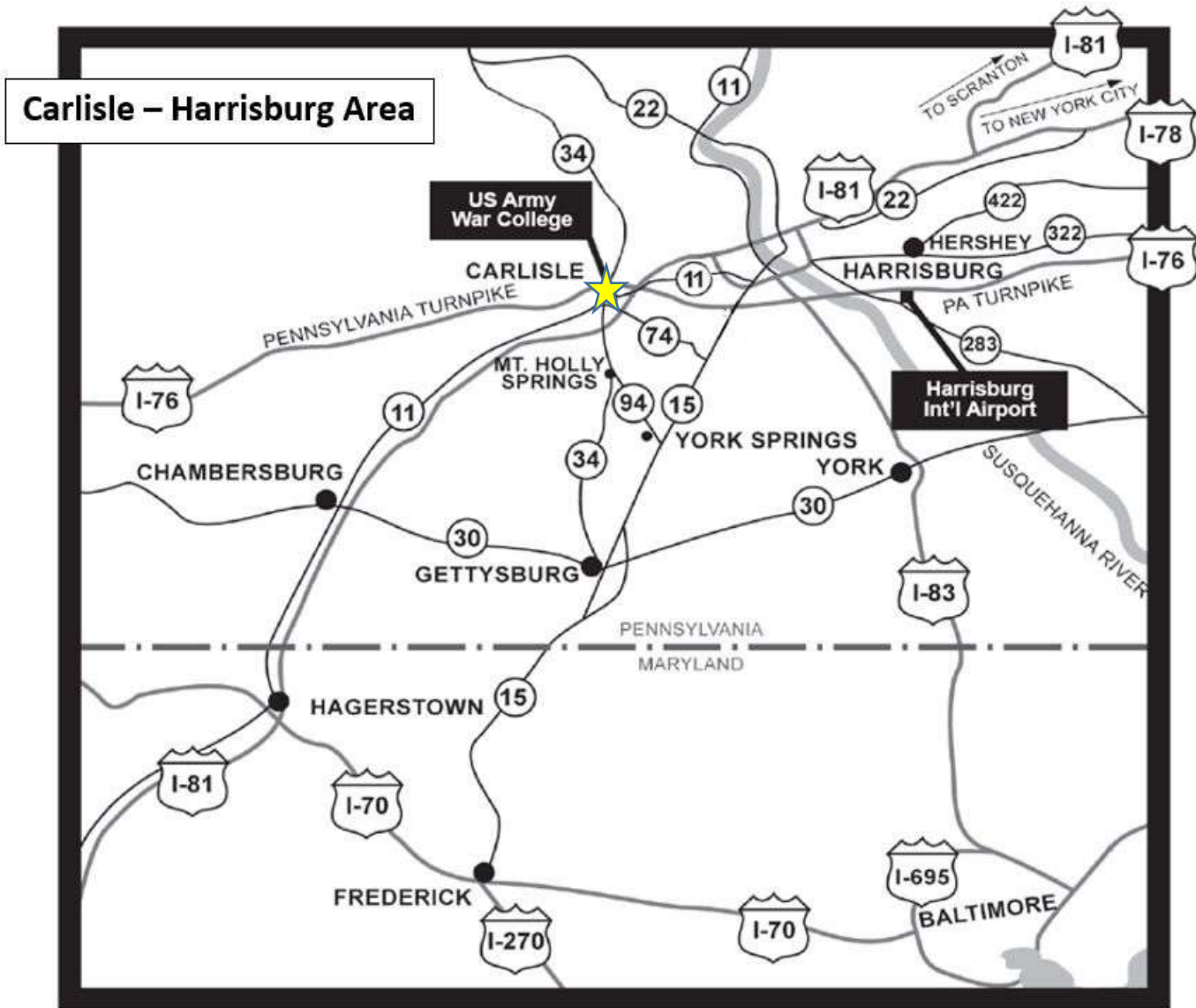
The Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) vision and guidance for Professional Military Education (PME) and talent management has challenged PME institutions to adapt and innovate the leader development enterprise. The bedrock of senior leader development is strategic leadership. Set in an environment of uncertainty and disruptive change amidst the ever-changing character of war, strategic leadership requires greater mental agility, intellectual curiosity, and creative/critical/strategic thinking.

To stimulate the transformation directed by the JCS, the US Army War College will host a two-day event on strategic leadership development in January 2023. This forum will be an opportunity to hear from important voices in the field of leadership training and education. Participants will engage with keynote speakers, hear from an academic panel about the state of the science, share developmental methodologies, and participate in workshops to advance curriculum development. The event will take place at the Army Heritage and Education Center (AHEC) in historic Carlisle, PA, with opportunities to explore the local area. A hybrid (virtual and in-person participation) format will enable remote attendance for portions of the program.

The goals of this forum are the formation of a community of practice dedicated to the development of strategic leaders for national defense and to share educational curricula and best practices for leadership development across the breadth of PME. Participants will include faculty representatives and students from the Senior Service Colleges, the Command and General Staff College, and the Advanced Strategic Education Program. Additionally, researchers from civilian academia engaged in leader development programs will attend and share emerging research and best practices.

Broken into moderated sessions, over two days, the event will involve over 20 presentations and workshops spread across two program tracks, one oriented towards practitioners and the other towards educators and researchers. Topics will include ethics in leadership, surveying the strategic environment, developmental methodology, and values and emotions in leadership. The forum begins at 8:30 AM on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, with a welcome orientation and an initial round of presentations. At 10:15, Dr. Dusya Vera, Dr. Seemantini Pathak, and Dr. Michael Withers will participate in a panel discussion on the state of the Strategic Leadership Science. After lunch, Dr. Robert Gates, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Secretary of Defense, will offer his insights into leadership at the strategic level before taking questions from the audience. Following the first day, a no-host social will take place in Carlisle, PA at the 1757 Bar & Grille from 5:30-7:00 PM.

The second day's presentations begin at 9:00 AM and will include nine presentations and one practitioner-focused workshop. The keynote speaker for the second day will be Dr. Michael Hitt, Distinguished Emeritus Professor from the Mays Business School at Texas A&M. His address begins at 1:00 PM. Dr. Hitt is widely recognized as one of the most well-published and impactful researchers of Strategic Leadership. An award-winning educator and researcher, Dr. Hitt will provide his perspectives on the evolution of strategic leadership research and areas of particular interest for practitioners and scholars. The forum's formal activities will conclude at 4:45PM on the second day.



**LOCATION**

The U.S. Army War College is located at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, 18 miles west of Harrisburg on US11. AHEC is adjacent to Carlisle Barracks at 950 Soldiers Dr, Carlisle, PA 17013.

Travel time from Washington, DC, or Philadelphia is about two and a half hours. From Pittsburgh or New York, the travel time is about three and a half hours.

**ATTIRE**

All forum events will be conducted in business dress.

**MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS**

Refreshments and lunch will be provided for conference attendees visiting from outside the Army War College.

## **TRANSPORTATION AND LODGING**

Participants are responsible for arranging their own lodging and transportation. The following hotels have blocks of rooms available for the forum (24-27 January). The room rate for the blocked rooms is \$98 per night. Reservations for blocked rooms must be made before 10 January 2023.

- Comfort Suites, 10 South Hanover Street, Carlisle, PA 17013. (717) 960-1000 Ext. “0”
  - Group Code: SLDF 2023
- Homewood Suites, 50 Carlisle Springs Road, Carlisle, PA 17013. (717) 323-4800.
  - Group Code: DCL
- IHG, 36 Flowers Road Building, 36, Carlisle, PA 17013. (717) 245-4245
  - Group Code: Strategic Leadership

## **TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS**

In support of the hybrid conference format, in-person participants should bring a portable workstation (e.g., tablet or laptop) and headphones. Conference speakers, panels, and workshops will be broadcast live/synchronous via Microsoft Teams.

