



# THE UNITED STATES ARMY WAR COLLEGE

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### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

***Q: How do I get nominated / nominate someone for the NSS?***

Nominations are made using the on-line submission program on the NSS website.

The best candidates for nomination are:

- Articulate, critical thinkers
- Community and organizational leaders at the local, regional, or national level
- People who have little or no prior military affiliation
- Not traditional Army or Department of Defense advocates

***Q: When will I be notified if I am nominated and / or selected to attend NSS?***

Our on-line nomination process sends automatic email notifications to both nominators and nominees to apprise you of the current status of nominations. Following a selection board in late January, those nominees selected for attendance will receive an invitation via email - requesting their presence along with instructions on how to confirm or decline the invitation.

***Q: Can I attend NSS more than once?***

Due to the number of nominations received each year, we do not allow repeat attendance to subsequent years' NSS programs.

***Q: Do I need to make lodging reservations?***

No. We will make lodging reservations for you from Sunday through Thursday at our contracted hotel. Coach transportation from the hotel is provided to all NSS events. Should you choose to arrive before Sunday or depart the area after Thursday, you will need to make separate arrangements for lodging for those days.

***Q: Where/when should I plan to arrive and depart in the Harrisburg-Carlisle area for NSS?***

Participants arrive on Sunday and are invited to an "Icebreaker Reception" at the Army Heritage and Education Center (AHEC) in Carlisle from 6-8 pm. We recommend arriving early Sunday afternoon, if possible. NSS registration and check-in generally begins on Sunday afternoon at the hotel. Those arriving via automobile can park at the hotel for the week. The formal program begins at 9am on Monday of NSS Week.

For those arriving by commercial aircraft, we recommend flying in to Harrisburg International Airport (MDT) on Sunday. We will provide shuttle transportation on that day from the airport to our contracted hotel. We also provide shuttle transportation from/to the Harrisburg AMTRAK station for those choosing to take the train.

Hotel checkout is on Thursday morning, prior to the day's final NSS event. NSS ends at 11:30 am on Thursday -- transportation is then provided from the War College back to the hotel for those departing via car. For those leaving Harrisburg via commercial aircraft or train, we will provide shuttle transportation as required to ensure you make your scheduled departure time.



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***Q: Can I arrive before Sunday, or depart after Thursday?***

Absolutely! However, any hotel arrangements for nights prior to Sunday or after Thursday morning must be made directly with the hotel of your choice. NSS attendees are invited to attend the Resident student graduation on Friday. Travel and lodging for Friday is not provided.

***Q: Can I stay with local friends or family in the Carlisle-Harrisburg area and drive to the War College each day?***

Absolutely! If you choose not to stay at our contracted hotel (or reside in the local area), you will be assigned a VIP parking spot at the College for the week's events.

***Q: Will I need a rental car during the NSS week?***

If you are staying at our contracted hotel, you should not need a rental car. Transportation is provided to and from the Harrisburg airport or train station, as well as to each day's NSS events. If you choose to arrive/depart another location (Baltimore, DC, or Philadelphia) or stay at a different hotel, you will need your own daily transportation. Spouses may join New Members for the week, and are invited to attend all evening social events, as well as the Gettysburg Battlefield Tour on Wednesday. However, spouses are not permitted to attend daily NSS lectures or seminars. If your spouse is accompanying you they may desire a rental car to use during the week.

***Q: What are the dress requirements?***

Dress varies by day, but generally speaking consists of either Business or Business Casual for civilians. Specific dress requirements are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday – Business Attire (coat & tie for men, equivalent for women)  
Wednesday – Business Casual, with comfortable walking shoes (Gettysburg Battlefield Tour)

***Q: Will I have any free time to explore the Carlisle-Harrisburg area?***

The schedule for NSS week is very busy, and attendance at evening social events is highly encouraged to build friendship and comradery with your fellow attendees. However, social events (to include the Gettysburg Battlefield Tour on Wednesday afternoon) are voluntary, so the amount of free time you have will be up to you.

***Q: Will I have email access while attending NSS?***

The Army War College provides free Wi-Fi connectivity to the internet for NSS attendees, so you should have no problem accessing web-based email services. The contracted hotel also provides free Wi-Fi connections.

***Q: What happens if I arrive late or have to depart early?***

We understand that our attendees are busy individuals and leaders in their fields. If unforeseen circumstances require you to arrive late or leave early, just let us know in a timely manner and we will work to help you make your connections, to include providing any necessary shuttle services.