



# 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 nomination submission program on the NSS website –

<https://www.csl.army.mil/nss/NominationProcess.aspx>

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. Those nominees selected by the U.S. Army War College Commandant will receive an invitation via email in the early-to-mid-February timeframe - requesting their presence, along with instructions on how to confirm or decline their invitation. Those nominees not selected to receive an invitation will be notified via email along with their nominator.

**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 (afternoon) through Thursday (morning) 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. If you reside in the local area (within ~40 miles of Carlisle, PA), we cannot provide lodging at the hotel, but will provide for entrance to, and parking on the Army War College Post.

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

We recommend you arrive early Sunday afternoon. NSS registration and check-in generally begins on Sunday afternoon at the hotel. An "Ice Breaker Reception" will be held at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) in Carlisle from 6-8 pm on Sunday evening. The formal NSS program begins at 9 am on Monday.

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 Transportation Center (Amtrak/Bus) station for those choosing to take the train or bus.

Hotel checkout is on Thursday morning, prior to the day's final NSS event. The NSS ends at ~11:30 am on Thursday – transportation is then provided from the War College back to the hotel for those departing via auto. For those leaving Harrisburg via commercial aircraft or train/bus, we will provide shuttle transportation as required to ensure you make your scheduled departure time. Mid or late afternoon departures work best.



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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 Class student graduation, if desired, on Friday. However, lodging for Thursday night and transportation on Friday is not provided.

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

We understand that our attendees are busy individuals and leaders in their fields. Attendees are strongly encouraged to arrive in time for the Sunday evening Icebreaker and must plan their travel to arrive at the USAWC in time for the 0900 kickoff on Monday morning. We strongly encourage NSS attendees to stay through the end of the seminar (~1130 Thursday). If unforeseen circumstances require you to 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.

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

Yes. If you choose not to stay at our contracted hotel, you will be assigned a VIP parking spot at the College for the week's events.

***Q: I'm staying at a Government contracted hotel. Can I drive my vehicle to Post each day rather than take the coach bus from the hotel?***

No. If you are staying at a Government contracted hotel, you must ride our coaches to the U.S. Army War College each day. There is not sufficient parking on Post to accommodate additional NSS guest vehicles.

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

If you are staying at our contract hotel, you should not need a rental car. Transportation is provided to and from the Harrisburg airport or train/bus station, as well as to each day's NSS events. If you choose to fly in to another location (Baltimore, DC, or Philadelphia) or stay at a different hotel, you will need your own daily transportation. If your spouse is accompanying you, they may desire a rental car to use during the week.

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

The Army War College provides free Wi-Fi connection to the Internet for NSS attendees. The contracted hotel also provides free Wi-Fi connections.

***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 Staff Ride on Wednesday afternoon) are voluntary, so the amount of free time you have will be up to you.



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

Dress varies by day, but generally speaking consists of either Business or Business Casual. Specific attire is defined as follows:

Business – suit or sport coat, dress pants, collared shirt, tie, and closed-toe shoes for gentlemen.  
 Dress, suit or jacket with skirt or slacks for women.

Business Casual – dress slacks, collared shirt, and closed-toe shoes with optional sport coat for gentlemen.  
 Skirt or slacks with top, or casual dress for women.

- Tuesday evening Commandant’s Reception: Women should wear flats, not heels - as the reception is outdoors on grass.

Casual – open-collar shirt, comfortable trousers, etc., appropriate for variable June weather [hot/cool/wind/rain], with comfortable shoes for walking around the battlefield.

### Attire by Day

Sunday 02 June	Monday 03 June	Tuesday 04 June	Wednesday 05 June	Thursday 06 June
<i>* Icebreaker Reception (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM) Attire: Business Casual</i>	Daily Seminar Attire: Business  <i>* Seminar Socials (5:30 - ~8:00 PM) Attire: Business Casual</i>	Daily Seminar Attire: Business Casual  <i>* Commandant’s Reception (4:30 PM – 6:30 PM) Attire: Business Casual</i>	Daily Seminar Attire: Casual  <i>* Gettysburg Staff Ride (1:00 PM–8:30 PM) Attire: Casual</i>	Daily Seminar Attire: Business Casual

*\* Spouses are welcome to attend events shown in italics.*

**Q: Are there any activities/programs for spouses during NSS Week?**

There are no programs specifically scheduled for spouses. As a reminder, spouses cannot attend daily NSS presentations or seminar discussions. They are however, invited to participate in all evening social activities and the Gettysburg Battlefield Staff Ride – to include:

- Sunday (6 – 8 PM) – Welcome Ice Breaker hosted by the Commandant
- Monday (5:30 – 8 PM) – Seminar Socials
- Tuesday (4:30 – 6:30 PM) – Commandant’s Reception
- Wednesday (1 – 8:30 PM) – Gettysburg Battlefield Staff Ride

The school is required to charge spouses a minimal fee for these activities.



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If your spouse has a vehicle – there are numerous attractions in the Central PA area that he/she could visit, to include:

U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center - <http://ahec.armywarcollege.edu/index.cfm>

Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau - <http://www.visitcumberlandvalley.com/>

Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau - <http://www.visithersheyharrisburg.org/>

Hershey Park - <http://www.hersheypark.com/>

Lancaster/Dutch Country - <http://www.discoverlancaster.com/index.asp>

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