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National Security Seminar

Established in 1954, the National Security Seminar (NSS) is the final event for the Army War College's Resident Students before graduation. NSS allows students and selected guests (whom we refer to as "New Members") to examine national security issues through presentations by distinguished speakers and the exchange of candid dialogue. The four-day event exposes our students to a diverse cross-section of America, allowing them to better understand the society they serve. New Members also gain from the experience, as they share in the exploration of issues and are introduced to future leaders of the American armed forces and government departments, as well as International Fellows and the Army War College's Faculty.

Program Overview

Approximately 160 New Members are invited each year to attend NSS. New Members come from all over the country and the world. They are representative of the nation's diversity - in occupations, geographic regions, and other demographic factors. Since this is an outreach program with limited seats available, we intentionally invite New Members who do not already have a close association with the military. This approach encourages a free and frank exchange of differing views among the guests and students.

Approximately, seven New Members are assigned to each of the 24 student seminar groups. They are encouraged to actively participate in the discussions, examining ideas and issues creatively and critically. This exchange allows students to gain from the personal experience and perspectives of New Members. There is no requirement for New Members to prepare in advance for the Seminar.

Each day features a distinguished speaker who sets the theme for the day's discussions. Generally, we open NSS Week with a keynote speaker, to address current defense issues. On subsequent days, speakers cover topics such as the challenges of civil-military relations, the role of domestic politics in national security, globalization, foreign policy, international security issues and the future role of the United States. Our speakers are widely recognized and accomplished experts in their respective fields. Additionally, optional noontime lectures are available on a wide range of topics.

Adding to the distinguished speakers and seminar discussions, NSS New Members also have opportunities for more informal discussions with students and faculty at several social events. These include an Ice Breaker social on Sunday evening, seminar socials on Monday evening, and the Commandant's Reception held at his personal quarters on Tuesday. New Members also have the opportunity to take a "staff ride" to the Gettysburg Battlefield with our experienced historians. A draft schedule for the entire week is listed on page two.

Costs

The NSS is a fully funded Army outreach program. With the exception of New Member travel to the Carlisle-Harrisburg area. All other costs for the week -- to include food, lodging and daily transportation -- are provided by the Army War College. New Members from cities outside of the Carlisle-Harrisburg area stay at a contracted hotel, and are transported on coach buses to each day's events. Spouses are welcome to join New Members at their hotel and are invited to attend all evening social events, as well as the Gettysburg Battlefield Tour on Wednesday. They are not allowed to attend daily NSS lectures or seminars.

Bottom Line: NSS Week provides an outstanding opportunity for professional and social interaction between America's future military and government leaders and you -- the civilian leaders of today. We look forward to hosting your visit!



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2017 National Security Seminar Schedule of Events

Sunday 04 June	Monday 05 June	Tuesday 06 June	Wednesday 07 June	Thursday 08 June
<p><i>New Members Arrive In Harrisburg- Carlisle Area</i></p> <p>1800 Ice Breaker Reception at the Army Heritage & Education Center (AHEC)</p>	<p>0900 Commandant's Welcome</p> <p>0930 Seminar Introductions</p> <p>1145 Lunch</p> <p>1315 <i>Keynote Speaker</i></p> <p>1500 Seminar Discussions</p> <p>1730 Seminar Socials</p>	<p>0830 <i>Distinguished Speaker</i></p> <p>1015 Seminar Discussions</p> <p>1130 Lunch</p> <p>1230 Afternoon Lectures (various topics)</p> <p>1330 Seminar Discussions</p> <p>1630-1830 Commandant's Reception</p>	<p>0830 <i>Distinguished Speaker</i></p> <p>1015 Seminar Discussions</p> <p>1130 Lunch</p> <p>1300-2030 Optional Gettysburg Battlefield Tour</p>	<p>0830 Seminar Discussions</p> <p>1000 <i>Distinguished Speaker</i></p> <p>1115 Commandant's Closing Remarks</p> <p>1130 Lunch and/or Departure</p>

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