



**NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY
NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20319-5066**

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**REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:**

Office of the Dean of Students

Dear Member of the Class of 2021,

Welcome and congratulations on your selection to the National War College (NWC). I know you will find your year here challenging but rewarding. We look forward to your arrival.

The class is comprised of more than 200 students spanning the United States Government and Armed Forces as well as international representatives from over 30 countries. Our curriculum is a fast-paced, intense dive into the history and mechanisms of national security strategy to prepare you for major staff jobs and senior leadership positions.

It is important that you are fully registered and in-processed as smoothly as possible to allow you to move seamlessly into the fast-paced academic environment at NWC. To this end, please read your National Defense University (NDU) welcoming package and the information below closely. As NWC's class of 2021 includes students from over 25 different organizations, a standardized system that accounts for all requirements is difficult. Consequently, it is important for you to personally manage your transition. Many of the in-processing tasks will have to be personally coordinated by you with your parent service/agency. If you have any questions you can always reach me at Trenton.d.hesslink.mil@ndu.edu.

I would first like to direct you to NDU's public website located at <http://www.ndu.edu>. Please review the Information Technology and security requirements in detail. The NDU campus is a Bring-Your-Own-Device personal computing environment with a government provided wireless network. As such, we have some very unique Information Assurance requirements. Please follow the links on the public webpage to complete Information Assurance compliance requirements PRIOR to your arrival on campus to ensure smooth in-processing and rapid connectivity. Please be advised that government furnished computing equipment is very limited.

In this packet and on the NWC's public website (accessed through NDU's website), you will find a welcome letter from the Commandant of the National War College and a letter from the Commandant's wife about the Spouses' Club. Your spouse can also learn more about the Spouses' Club by emailing nwcpouseconnection@gmail.com.

On NWC's website, you will find many items for your review as well as a short pre-arrival survey. Please complete this survey as soon as possible so that we can adequately prepare for your arrival.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above email address or phone 202-685-2319. You can also contact our NWC staff at (202) 685-4344/4342/3674 or DSN 325-4344/4342/3674 or E-mail nwc-Operations@ndu.edu anytime.

Again congratulations on your assignment and we are very much looking forward to your arrival.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Trenton D Hesslink', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Trenton D Hesslink
CAPT, USN
Dean of Students

Enclosure