



**NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY
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Office of the Dean of Students

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Dear Member of the Class of 2023,

Welcome Warrior! Congratulations on your selection to the National War College (NWC). I hope you are already looking forward to a challenging and rewarding experience here; the NWC Faculty and Staff are definitely looking forward to your arrival! Your 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 of and processes supporting national security strategy development.

Your initial success at NWC is contingent on being fully “in processed” into National Defense University (NDU) and NWC. You need to take an active role in this process and manage your specific entrance requirements. To this end, please read your National Defense University (NDU) welcome package and the information below closely. Many of your in-processing tasks must be personally coordinated between you and your parent Service/Agency. If you have questions on a specific requirement, I can be reached via email at c.a.mcelvaine.mil@ndu.edu.

NDU’s public website is <https://www.ndu.edu>. Please familiarize yourself with the “Incoming Students” tab on that page. There, you will find the most up to date data for in-processing. Of note, our Information Technology and Security requirements are detailed there. The NDU campus is a Bring-Your-Own-Device personal computing environment, with a government-provided wireless network. As such, we have some unique Information Assurance requirements. Please follow the links on the NDU webpage to complete Information Assurance compliance requirements **prior** to your arrival on campus to ensure smooth in-processing and rapid connectivity. Government furnished computing equipment is very limited. Additionally, it is imperative that you arrive at NWC with a personal laptop computer. Tablets and phones can also be used to augment your learning, but some applications required a laptop.

NWC's public website is <https://nwc.ndu.edu>. Here 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. The website also includes a welcome letter from our Commandant and information about the NWC Spouses' Club.

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

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