

Colleagues/Future Fellow National War College Alumni –

Congratulations and welcome to the National War College family! You are about to start what will be one of the most rewarding years of your professional lives.

You will hear repeated often during your time at NWC that the relationships and community you build here are as important as the academics. Take that to heart. Take advantage of the opportunities to participate in intramural sports and the intercollegiate Jim Thorpe Sports Days. Book time on your schedule to connect with your classmates at Teddy's. Sign up for field trips (Prep-Ts) to learn about the work of the other services and agencies represented in your class. Connect with your committee- and seminar-mates; they have a wide range of knowledge and experience and can be some of your greatest assets during this year and beyond.

Do remember that all these community building activities run on the energy and commitment of you, the students. There will be many opportunities to take on leadership and committee roles. Step up as and where you can to enhance your experience and that of your entire cohort.

Community building also takes resources. One of the first tasks your class Executive Committee (EXCOM) will undertake is to establish the landing dues for class activities. These dues are voluntary but provide the foundation for social events throughout the year, sports programs, the class coin, coffee breaks for visiting speaker events, your class gift, and other activities/programs selected by your cohort.

NWC is located in historic Roosevelt Hall (RH), which is replete with military and diplomatic memorabilia. Fort McNair, itself a historic venue, is also home to Grant Hall, site of the trial and hanging of John Wilkes Booth's co-conspirators. Faculty members have expertise in the displays throughout RH and in the Booth trial site and are happy to share their knowledge when asked. And Fort McNair is located just steps away from both Nationals Park and Audi Field so you can easily get a baseball or soccer fix if you need a short break before getting back to your studies and research.

While you are still yet-to-be National War College alumni, the Alumni Association (NWCAA) offers speaker programs throughout the year and has a wide range of swag in its ground floor shop to help you show your school spirit.

On behalf of the Class of 2025, we are delighted to pass the Cowboy Hat and the 'Big Stick' to the Class of 2026. (This will make sense to you once the academic year starts!).

Congratulations, again, on your selection to the National War College.

Go Warriors!

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