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Dear Student Spouse,

Let me be the first to welcome you to the National War College and the Nation's Capital! It is our hope that you will use the coming year to explore and expand your knowledge and understanding of the unique learning experience, both personally and professionally, while at the College. The student body, National War College staff, and the National Capital Region offer a wonderful mix of diverse perspectives, historical insights as well as a foundation for forming new friendships and enjoying a well-balanced family life. Know that I am available to support you and feel free to reach out to me at any time.

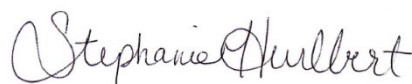
For me, the most treasured part of this experience is creating an environment where we can share our time and talents while fostering lifelong friendships. You'll have the chance to meet people from other branches of service and various government agencies. That means the potential exists for you to meet and greet other student spouses and families. The world becomes a very small place when we take the time to embrace and understand people of other cultures. We're all richer for opening our homes and ourselves to these perhaps, once in a lifetime opportunities.

At the National War College, we strive to include spouses as partners in the academic experience. Spouses are invited to attend a selection of advanced studies classes and lectures on a space-available basis. There is a vast array of cultural events for you to connect, share, and enrich yourself and those around you. In addition, the College provides generous support and encouragement for the spouse activities calendar.

One way for you to get involved and quickly meet other spouses is by joining the National War College Spouses' Club. Our Spouses' Club board does not have an election of officers but is comprised of volunteers who meet monthly. With the size of the college student body, our membership is small, very informal, and extremely friendly. The main objective of the club is for spouses to get to know one another and enjoy some of the wonderful activities our nation's capital has to offer. Please don't hesitate to jump in and serve in one of the areas we must fill. This club is all about you and what you want to do as a team.

We'd like to reach out to you so we can include you in all the fun that will take place throughout the year. Attached is a survey for you to complete to start the process. Please share your contact information so that we can keep in touch. There is also a place for you to let us know if you're interested in filling (or sharing) a board position. I look forward to meeting you in the coming months. It will be here before we know it!

Blessings,


Stephanie Hurlbert