

Dear National War College Class of 2025 Spouse,

Welcome to the National War College and the National Capital Region! I am confident that you will find the coming year at the NWC to be a uniquely valuable personal, family, and professional experience. The student body, the NWC faculty & staff, and the local area offer a wonderful mix of diverse experiences and historical insights. Being a spouse at the NWC, you'll have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in programs and foster lasting friendships. You'll also enjoy a predictable academic schedule that will allow, perhaps for the first time in many years, having your spouse home for family dinner most nights while they take a break from their rigorous studies.

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 also a National Security Elective specifically designed to provide an overview of your spouse's learning experience while also fitting your busy schedule. These academic opportunities are complemented by a vast array of cultural events where you can connect, share, and enrich yourself and those around you. 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, socialize, and attend learning opportunities with people from other branches of service, various government agencies, and spouses from around the world. The College is committed to the spouse program and provides generous support and encouragement for the spouse activities calendar. We are all richer for the experience.

One way to get involved and quickly meet other spouses is by joining the NWC Spouses' Club. The NWCSC and the Board are made up of volunteers from the class's spouse community; I'm here as the Honorary President to support you and the NWCSC goals for the year. With the size of the college student body, our membership is small, very informal, and extremely friendly. The main objectives of the club are social and philanthropic. Spouses get to know one another, enjoy some of the wonderful NCR activities, and support our NWC students. Just this past year, in addition to organizing ourselves and electing officers for the school year, we updated the Club Constitution and By-laws. We recently volunteered our time and talent to host a fun chili fundraiser with the proceeds supporting a Holiday Party for the NWC families. I encourage you to come out, meet other spouses, and if you're able: jump in and serve on the Board. This club is all about you and what you want to accomplish as a team for the Academic Year 2025 class, families, and spouses.

We'd like to reach out to you so we can include you in all the professional and fun activities that will take place throughout the year. In the coming Spring of 2024, as part of your NWC student's registration they will have the opportunity to provide your contact info as well. Please share your contact information so that we can keep in touch. I look forward to meeting you in the coming months. The new school year will be here before we know it! Know that I am available to support you and feel free to reach out to me at any time.



Go Warriors!

Maria Rock

(NWC Class of 2009 Spouse)