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Dear Student Spouse,

Welcome to the National War College! I know you will enjoy the coming year. It will be a wonderful mix of new friends, great places to explore, and for many of you, much needed family time with little travel involved. I want to help you with this transition in any way I can.

My absolute favorite part of this experience is the potential for new and lasting friendships. You'll have the chance to meet people from other branches of service and various government agencies. Invitations have also been sent to thirty-two countries requesting senior military members as students in this year's class. That means the potential exists for you to get to know the spouses of these students. 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 these opportunities.

The policy at National War College is to include spouses as partners in the experience, so we include you in a number of interesting events throughout the year. Spouses are offered the opportunity to audit certain advanced studies classes and lectures on a space-available basis. The College provides generous support and encouragement for all spouse activities.

One way for you to get involved and quickly meet other spouses is by joining the NWC Spouses' Club. The board does not have an election of officers, but is made up 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 have to fill. This club is all about you and what you want to do as a team.

We'd love to have your contact information so we can include you in all the fun that will take place throughout the year. Attached is a survey for you to fill out. 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 hope you have a smooth transition here this summer. It will be here before we know it!

Most sincerely,

Stacey Manske

Attachment