



ARMY FOREIGN LIAISON NEWSLETTER

For the Members of the Washington Corps of Military Attachés



June 2019

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Dear Members of the Washington Corps of Military Attachés,

Many of you may not know that the U.S. Army is America's first national institution. Established on June 14, 1775 — more than a year before the Declaration of Independence — the U.S. Army has played a vital role in the growth and development of the American nation. We hope that many of you were able to celebrate with us at the special commemoration Twilight Tattoo and Army Birthday Ball.

Change characterizes military summers. We have already said farewell to many of our number and welcomed many to our midst. We must say goodbye to Major Matt Apostol as he departs for his new position at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency in Germany. Fortunately, his legacy will live on in the Military Attaché Orientation Trips to West Point this summer, 24-26 July 2019, and to U.S. Army Pacific Command (USARPAC), which might happen to be in Hawaii, 2-9 November 2019. I hope many of you take these opportunities to better understand our Army.

We had a great turnout at the recent Information Briefing on 19 June despite everyone's busy summer schedule. Brigadier General Omuso George from the Financial Management and Comptroller office gave an outstanding overview of the Army's 2020 budget request. I encourage all of you to take advantage of our Information Briefings. They are meant to augment our Military Attaché Orientation Trips. Please send us your recommendations for topics! We will try to address these as we find briefers.

Please peruse this entire newsletter and its attachments. It contains the who's who on the Army Staff with rosters for HQDA principal officials, Foreign Liaison personnel, Army International Affairs personnel, Foreign Disclosure personnel, as well as anything else that might be helpful. Please share these rosters with your support staff. Your invitations for long departed staff members betray which nations use and do not use the newsletter. And thank you for what you do to keep the relationship between the U.S. Army and your military growing.

Sincerely,

Jay B. Smith
Colonel, United States Army
Director, Foreign Liaison

Upcoming Events:

27 June: IMS Reception at Ft. Myer
4 July: National Holiday: Independence Day
8 July: AUSA WAMA Luncheon
24-26 July: Summer Attaché Trip-USMA
1 Aug: IMS Reception at Ft. Myer
29 Aug: IMS Reception at Ft. Myer

2 Sep: National Holiday: Labor Day
7 Sep: WAMA Welcome Day
25 Sep: Attaché Information Briefing
14 Oct: National Holiday: Columbus Day
24 Oct: IMS Reception at Ft. Myer
2-9 Nov: Fall Attaché Trip-USARPAC



WAMA DEAN'S CORNER

Fellow Attachés,

I would like to take the opportunity in this, my first Dean's Corner letter, to introduce myself as the new Dean of WAMA. My name is Major General Mahmoud Hassanin and I have the privilege to serve as the Egyptian Military Attaché. It is my great honor to have been requested by HQDA to assume the duties of the Dean of WAMA.

My first duty must be, on behalf of all WAMA members, to sincerely thank Brigadier General Pekka Toveri for his tireless work on our behalf as the Dean of WAMA. He was also so very ably assisted by his wonderful wife Siobhan and together they have made a truly outstanding team. I very much hope they are both enjoying a slightly quieter time having handed the position of Dean over to me.

It was my great pleasure to assume the responsibilities of Dean at the end of the WAMA AGM on the 29th of January this year. The AGM was well attended and thank you to all members who were able to participate. Each of the Executive Committee Members presented annual reports on last year's program of activities.

Unfortunately I was out of the country for the WAMA Spring Event on the 11 May. However I understand it was a great occasion on the rooftop of the Hyatt Place Washington DC. Special thanks to Lieutenant Colonel Berni White and his team for once again organizing a very fun event. We are now looking for a volunteer from the Attaché Corps to run next year's Spring Reception; I strongly encourage you to step forward and actively contribute to the Attaché Community by volunteering to run this event or host a luncheon in your Embassy.

You should all be aware that Army Foreign Liaison has two great trips scheduled for the remainder of 2019. The summer trip will feature the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York and the autumn trip will feature United States Army Pacific in Hawaii. I would ask as many of you as possible to attend the summer and autumn trips.

The next WAMA lunch will take place on the 8 July 2019 at 10am and will be hosted by the Association of the United States Army. LTG Patricia McQuiston, Retired, will brief the international delegation program and the Annual Meeting. It will be a worthwhile event in terms of expanding your knowledge of the largest Defence Industry Event in Washington, DC.

Don't forget that the 2019 Welcome Day run by our friends at the German Embassy is coming up after the Summer Break on the 7th of September at Watkins Regional Park, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD. Please RSVP by the 30th of August.

I am hugely proud to accept the appointment of Dean of WAMA and I very much look forward to seeing many WAMA members both at the WAMA program of events this year but also at the many additional events throughout Washington DC.

Sincerely,

Major General Mahmoud Hassanin
Dean

Washington Corps of Military Attachés and Washington Association of Military Attachés

WAMA Leadership:

Dean: MG Mahmoud Hassanin, Egypt
Vice Dean: COL Kamel Remili, Algeria

Regional Directors:

Africa:	BG Mantshane Mapheto, South Africa
Americas:	MG Josias Pedrotti da Rosa, Brazil
Asia-Pacific:	BRIG Ravi Murugan, India
Central/Eastern Europe:	COL Mojca Pešec, Slovenia
Middle East/North Africa:	BG Omar Ababneh, Jordan
Western Europe:	COL Stefan Jonsson, Sweden

Executive Committee:

Executive Secretary & Spring Dinner Organizer:	LTC Berni White, Australia
Membership Secretary & Winter Ball Organizer:	COL Paul Bates, United Kingdom
Treasurer:	LTC Chris Adams, Canada
Welcome Day Organizer:	LTC Hans Perko, Germany
Luncheon Organizer:	LTC Kenichi Kobayashi, Japan

HQDA Personnel Changes of Note:

Secretary of the Army Dr. Mark T. Esper is now concurrently serving as the Acting Secretary of Defense.

General James C. McConville was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in May to be the next Chief of Staff of the Army.

Lieutenant General (Promotable) Joseph M. Martin has departed as the Director of the Army Staff. He was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in May to be the next Vice Chief of Staff of the Army.

Lieutenant General Walter E. Piatt is now the Director of the Army Staff.

Lieutenant General Joseph Anderson has departed as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 and has retired.

Major General Charles A. Flynn is now the Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7.

Chaplain (Major General) Paul K. Hurley has departed as Chief of Chaplains. Chaplain (Major General) Thomas L. Solhjem is now the Chief of Chaplains.

Brigadier General (Promotable) Omar J. Jones IV has departed as Chief of Public Affairs. He is now United States Army Military District of Washington/Commander, Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region.

Brigadier General Amy E. Hannah is now the Chief of Public Affairs.

Major Matthew Apostol will depart Army Foreign Liaison on 28 June and will report to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency Europe in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Mr. Grant Park has departed his position as Protocol Officer and will assume duties as Foreign Engagements Program Manager.

As always, there have been changes to the desk officers in Army International Affairs and regional desk officers at Army Foreign Disclosure. Please check all of the attached rosters and update your records accordingly.

ATTACHÉ COORDINATION:

Dear Members of the Washington Corps of Military Attachés,

After two-and-a-half years in Army Foreign Liaison, the time has come for me to move on to the next adventure. This will be my final address to you before I relinquish my duties as Chief of Attaché Coordination on 28 June. After a short period of leave in the DC area, I will move on to my next position at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency Europe based in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

The position of Chief of Attaché Coordination will experience an extended vacancy following my departure. Ms. Jackie Green and Ms. Sofia Stasishyn will continue to serve as your points of contact for administrative issues. The Attaché Orientation Trips and the Attaché Information Briefings now fall under the purview of the new Foreign Engagements Section. Mr. Grant Park has assumed duties as the Foreign Engagements Program Manager. He has many years of experience with Attaché Orientation trips and will do an outstanding job.

It has truly been a remarkable experience working with the Washington Corps of Military Attachés. It was an honor and a pleasure to showcase my Army and my country to many of you. However, the most rewarding aspect of the job has been the personal interactions I have shared with you all. I hope to cross paths with all of you again in the future.

Farewell and best wishes,

Matthew D. Apostol
Major, United States Army
Chief, Attaché Coordination Division

Attaché Arrivals and Departures:

Arrivals

Azerbaijan - LTC Jafar Seyidov
Brazil - MG Josia Pedrotti Da Rosa
Cameroon - COL Andre Mfege

Cyprus - LTC Georgios Ioannou
Nicaragua - LTC Mario Miranda
Qatar - LTC Jaber Al Khulaifi

Departures

Argentina - MG Gustavo Javier Vidal
Brazil - LTG Fabio Castro
Brunei - Mohd Latif
China - SR COL Xiaoping Zhou
Colombia – Ewdven Toro Bermudez
El Salvador – BG Harol Pineda
Finland - BG Pekka Toveri
Honduras - RADM Jesus Benitez
Guatemala - COL Oscar Sandoval
Jordan - COL Talal Khraisha

Kazakhstan - COL Bauyrzhan Nigmatullin
Nigeria - ACDRE Emmanuel Udenyi (Passed Away)
Qatar - LTC Khalid Al-Naemi
Rwanda – BG Vincent Nyakarundi
Saudi Arabia - COL Mesfer Alhusain
Sri Lanka - Rear Admiral Dharmendra Wettewa
Switzerland - COL Christian Lanz
Uganda - MG Apollo Kasiita-Gowa

Military Attaché Orientation Program Notes:

Attaché Information Briefings:

The Attaché Information Briefings are hosted by the Army Foreign Liaison Directorate once per quarter. During these briefings, we invite subject matter experts from the U.S. Army to present topics of interest to the Washington Corps of Military Attachés. It is also an opportunity to interact with your fellow attachés over a hot cup of “Joe.”

The next Attaché Information Briefing is scheduled for **25 September 2019** at the Joe Rosenthal Theater on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. The planned topics are 1) *Sustainable Readiness Model* presented by Army G-3/5/7 Directorate of Training Simulations and 2) *Army Modernization 2028* by Army G-8 Force Development.

Attaché Orientation Trips:

Invitations for the **Summer 2019** trip to the **United States Military Academy at West Point, New York** were sent on 4 June. Registration will close on 28 June. The dates of the trip are **24 – 26 July**.

The **Fall 2019** trip will take place **2 – 9 November** and will feature the state of **Hawaii**. The first half of the agenda will take place on the island of O’ahu, and will feature visits to United States Army Pacific Command (USARPAC), 9th Mission Support Command (Army Reserve), the 25th Infantry Division, United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM), and the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC). We will then travel to the island of Hawaii (known locally as the “Big Island”) and visit the Pohakuloa Training Area and some exciting cultural sites on the east and south coast of the island. Invitations will be sent on or around 2 September.

RECURRING ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES AND REMINDERS:

Office Calls and Other Meetings with the G-2:

Army Foreign Liaison is the point of contact to arrange any office calls or other meetings with the G-2 or any of the senior leaders within the G-2. Please do not contact the G-2 front office directly as this will only slow down your request when the front office personnel refer you back to Foreign Liaison. If a Military Attaché wants to meet with any G-2 senior leader, please contact the Director, Deputy Director or the Foreign Engagements Program Manager. If you want to arrange for a delegation to meet with

anyone in G-2, please contact Foreign Liaison Operations Division. If you are not sure whom to contact, just call any one of us, and we will get you on the right track.

PROTOCOL:

Mr. Grant Park has departed the Protocol Section to assume duties as the Foreign Engagements Program Manager. As we wait for a new Protocol Officer, you may continue to contact Mr. Park for protocol-related issues.

Invitations:

Unfortunately, many embassies make things harder for themselves than necessary. Here are some general guidelines for invitations:

- Senior Army Leaders do not react to last minute invitations. Please send invitations at least three weeks prior to an event.
- Email to usarmy.pentagon.hqda-dcs-g-2.mbx.fl-protocol@mail.mil one copy of the invitation (.pdf/.doc/.ppt, etc.) with a list of the U.S. Army invitees.
- Specify if guests/spouses are invited and whether or not the invitation is transferable.
- Army Foreign Liaison will e-mail the invitation to the U.S. Army invitees promptly and monitor responses. Army Foreign Liaison will then forward you their responses no later than your RSVP date.
- Recommend that you do not use electronic invitations (e-vites). Our servers block and strip links to the invitations. The e-vites are not legible on our computers.
- “Save the date” notes do not affect our calendar. It is best to send an official invitation as soon as possible with at least one invitee. This ensures that your event is added to the calendar. You can always add more invitees later.
- Questions? Contact the Protocol Officer at 703-692-1459 or through the above e-mail address.

Dress:

Prescribing dress in invitations can be confusing, especially for military uniforms. We emphasize that you at the foreign embassies should not have to guess which uniform is appropriate for U.S. Army personnel. Please use one of the standard categories of dress: formal (rarely used), semi-formal, informal, casual or very casual. Based on that guidance, Army personnel will know the correct uniform to wear. If you want all attendees in civilian dress, please make that clear.

The most confusing category of civilian dress is “casual,” and it’s various versions, such as “business casual” or “smart casual.” The category can include everything from jacket and tie to a polo shirt and slacks. To reduce confusion, you should always explain what you mean by “casual” when it is on an invitation.

The following chart illustrates the civilian and equivalent military standards of dress.

Category of Dress	Civilian Attire	U.S. Army Uniform
Formal	White Tie	Army Mess Dress Uniform

Semi-Formal	Tuxedo (Black Tie)	Army Mess Dress, or Army Service Uniform with Black Bow Tie
Informal	Business Suit	Army Service Uniform
Casual	Sports Jacket with or without Tie (Invitation should stipulate this)	Army Class B Uniform Note: This is rarely used, and is limited to certain events, usually during hot weather.
Very Casual	Shirt and Slacks with or without Jacket. (If more casual attire is desired, such as for a barbecue, the invitation should stipulate this)	None

From Army International Affairs:

Military Personnel Exchange Program (MPEP) Nominations:

Nomination of exchange officers to established MPEP positions is a two-step process that should be completed between 90-180 days before expected arrival of the exchange participant.

Step One: No later than (NLT) 120 days before expected arrival, submit a nomination package via email to the HQDA MPEP Branch point of contacts (POCs) and include a nomination letter, military biography, and photograph of the nominee; for a template of the nomination letter please contact the MPEP Branch.

Step Two: Upon host unit chain of command approval, but NLT 90 days prior to arrival of the exchange personnel, submit the required official Request for Visit Authorization (RVA) into the International Visits System located within your Embassy. This RVA must also include information on the exchange officer's family members within the remarks section. It is important to include family members for subsequent required ID cards and other processes. The result of this process will be an Extended Visit Approval (EVA), which will allow the exchange personnel to actually arrive and perform the duties of the exchange position.

MPEP Branch POCs for nominations or questions:

- Jon Y. Lee, Branch Chief, 703-692-8218, jon.y.lee.civ@mail.mil
- Roy Weidanz, 703-692-7805; roy.r.weidanz.civ@mail.mil

From Army Foreign Disclosure:

Military Attaché Recognition:

As detailed in the Attaché Guide (Administrative Guidance), all Requests for Visit Authorization (RVA) should be submitted at least 30 days prior to the start date of the visit but no less than 10 working days (14 calendar days) prior to the visit start date. This requirement affords the hosting United States Army Command the professional courtesy and the time required to properly support the visit, and provides the office of the Military Attaché time to react should a problem arise. Under the Army's International Visits Program, the ODCS, G-2 tracks compliance percentages of each country sending visitors to the U.S. Army.

The Top 5 performers in the second quarter of 2019 are:

	Embassies on Pace for More Than 100 Visits	Embassies on Pace for 20 to 99 Visits
1	Netherlands	Japan
2	Canada	Brazil
3	Australia	Colombia
4	Republic of Korea	Saudi Arabia
5	Israel	Chile

Previous countries with the highest compliance rate:

	High Volume Category	Low Volume Category
2018		

	High Volume Category	Low Volume Category
2017		

	High Volume Category	Low Volume Category
2016		

Importance of Foreign Visit System for Visit Requests:

Embassies are strongly encouraged to install and use the computer-based Foreign Visit System (FVS), which expedites request processing time, provides a means of checking a visit's status and a means for confirming receipt of submitted visit requests. Installation of the computer-based FVS and associated instructional training on use of the computer-based FVS is available at no cost to Embassies. Embassies NOT using the computer-based FVS are hampered by additional processing and staffing time required for manually submitted visit requests.

If your embassy is interested, please contact your Regional Desk Officer, to coordinate installation of the computer-based FVS and to arrange for the associated training.

Visits Team and Responsibilities:

Ms. Heather Dávila (heather.m.davila3.civ@mail.mil, 703-695-1085) is responsible for all U.S. Army Partner Nation Visit Requests for the following region:

Europe
Russia

Ms. Nancy Cruz (nancy.a.cruz7.civ@mail.mil, 703-695-3744) is responsible for all U.S. Army Partner Nation Visit Requests for the following region:

Africa	Latin America
Caribbean	Middle East
Canada	NATO

Mr. Vincent Torrez (vincent.torrez4.civ@mail.mil, 703-695-1091) is responsible for all U.S. Army Partner Nation Visit Requests for the following region:

Asia

Mr. Mike Shropshire (michael.a.shropshire.civ@mail.mil, 703-695-3111) is responsible for all U.S. Army Partner Nation Visit Requests for the following region:

Oceania

Visit Requests:

One-time Visit Requests:

To ensure we continue to offer rapid responses to all visit requests, we ask your assistance in ensuring requests for visit authorizations are submitted in a timely manner. As detailed in the Attaché Guide (Administrative Guidance), all Requests for Visit Authorization (RVA) should be submitted at least 30 calendar days prior to the requested visit start date, but no less than 10 business days. This requirement is beneficial to both our countries, affording the hosting United States Army Command the professional courtesy and time required to properly support the visit, and providing the office of the Military Attaché time to react should a problem arise.

This requirement is so vital to the ability to administer the Army's International Visits Program that the ODCS, G-2 tracks the compliance percentages of each country that sends visitors to the U.S. under the program.

Extended Visit Requests

Extended Visit Requests must be submitted **90 days prior** to the requested visit start date concurrently with the Extended Visitor's Photograph and Biography in accordance with the Military Attaché Guide; Administrative Guidance. Extended Visit Requests submitted less than 90 days prior to the requested visit start date or submitted without the required Photograph and Biography will be returned to the Embassy without action. Photographs and Biographies must be sent, in accordance with the Military Attaché Guide; Administrative Guidance, to: usarmy.pentagon.hqda-dcs-g-2.mbx.dami-cd-guardian@mail.mil

Extended Visit Requests must include the following information in the Case Details section of the Extended Visit Request: the name of the incumbent officer and the type of position the new officer will fill (Military Personnel Exchange Program Officer, Cooperative Personnel Program Officer, Partner Nation Instructor, Foreign Liaison Officer, or Engineer and Scientist Exchange Program Officer). Extended Visit Requests must include the following accompanying family member information in the Embassy Remarks Section of the Extended Visit Request: the family member's full name, passport number, gender, birth date, country of citizenship and relationship to the sponsor. If the Official on the Extended Visit Request does not have accompanying family members, a statement to that effect should be included in the Embassy Remarks Section of the Extended Visit Request. These important administrative requirements provide the hosting U.S. Army Command with key information necessary to prepare for and properly support the extended visitor and the extended visitor's accompanying family members. Extended Visit Requests submitted without this key information may be returned to the Defense Attaché Office without action.

Requests for Information

To avoid processing delays when submitting Requests for Information (RFI), please ensure the request is sent to the RFI inbox, usarmy.pentagon.hqda-dcs-g-2.mbx.dami-cd-foreign-disclo@mail.mil. If you have any questions concerning your RFI, please feel free to submit your questions in email format to the RFI inbox. Before submitting a RFI to HQDA, ODCS G-2, please ensure you have leveraged your liaison officers certified to the Army to help obtain the information requested. Additionally, you should also make use of the U.S. Army offices, which are identified in your letter of accreditation and which you may contact directly, to assist you with obtaining the information you are seeking. If the RFI involves the acquisition or potential acquisition of defense articles and services, please direct those RFIs through established Security Assistance Channels.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mailing Address:

Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2
Army Foreign Liaison (DAMI-FL)
1000 Army Pentagon
Washington DC, 20310-1000

Reminder: Please try to deliver all correspondence using the diplomatic courier!

Primary Phone numbers:

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Deputy Director: 703-692-1462
Protocol: 692-1459
Attaché Coordination:
 Countries A through K (Sofia Stasishyn): 703-692-1465
 Countries L through Z (Jackie Green): 703-692-1469
Operations: 703-692-1464/1456
FAX: 703-697-2887 or 697-8412

ENCLOSURES:

This newsletter contains the following enclosures:

- Foreign Military Attaché Roster
- Foreign Military Attaché E-mail Roster
- Army Foreign Liaison Directorate Listing (DAMI-FL)
- Army International Affairs Division Country Desk Assignments (DAMO-SSR)
- Army Foreign Disclosure Division Regional Desk Officers (DAMI-CDS)
- U.S. Army Foreign Liaison "A" Guest List