



ARMY FOREIGN LIAISON NEWSLETTER



For Members of the Washington Corps of Military Attachés

Spring 2014

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Dear Members of the Washington Corps of Military Attachés,

As we prepare to publish this SPRING newsletter, our thoughts should be turned to sunshine, birds singing, and flowers blooming. Instead, we find ourselves looking out the windows of our Pentagon offices and see SNOW falling in the first week of spring. Although winter is over, it has yet to leave. We certainly hope that as spring gradually takes over the long, hard grasp of winter, we will all feel renewed and refreshed and ready for the active spring and summer ahead.

We are grateful for the tremendous turn out to our most recent information briefings. Certainly the Quadrennial Defense Review and the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget shed light on the challenges the United States Army faces in a period of fiscal challenges and nearing the end of a prolonged war. Yet we remain determined as we forge ahead. In doing so, we will continue to keep you informed of changes that take place within the Army as a result of our continued efforts to find and implement efficiencies.

We are excited about our upcoming Spring Orientation Trip. As it has been nearly 18 months since our last long trip, we are excited for this opportunity and are grateful to those who will be able to join us on this trip. For those we cannot, we look forward to our two-day summer trip to the U.S. Army War College and Gettysburg on 10-11 July, which by the way will not conflict with the FIFA World Cup semi-final matches.

As always, Army Foreign Liaison will continue to provide the Attaché Corps with professional, responsive service.

Sincerely,

Joseph K. Smith
Colonel, United States Army
Director, Foreign Liaison

Upcoming Events:

5 Apr: WAMA Spring Dinner	10 or 13 Jun: International Military Student Reception
16 Apr: International Military Student Reception (CGSC)	26 Jun: International Military Student Reception
26 Apr-3 May: Attaché Orientation Trip	4 Jul: National Holiday – Independence Day
TBD May: WAMA Luncheon	10-11 Jul: Army War College Orientation Trip
22 May: International Military Student Reception	17 Jul: International Military Student Reception
26 May: National Holiday – Memorial Day	
28 May: Twilight Tattoo	
10 Jun: Attaché Information Brief	

Foreign Liaison Personnel Changes:

None

HQDA Personnel Changes of Note:

On 26 March 2014, the United States Senate confirmed the Honorable Joseph Westphal, who was serving at the time as the Under Secretary of the Army, as the United States Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. His effective departure as the Under Secretary was that same day.

On 26 March 2014, the United States Senate confirmed Mr. Brad R. Carson as the new Under Secretary of the Army, replacing the Honorable Joseph Westphal. Before his appointment, Mr. Carson was serving as the Army General Counsel.

Major General Jeffrey L. Bannister has been named to be the new Deputy Director for Strategy, Plans and Policy (G-35). He is currently the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations for ISAF and is due to report sometime in April. We will update you when he does assume duty as the G-35.



WAMA DEAN'S CORNER

Fellow Attachés,

What has WAMA been up to since my last "Dean's Corner" just before Christmas last year. Well...like most of Washington DC just trying to stay warm. What a winter!! A frozen Potomac River, over 6 inches of snow more than the annual DC average and lots of snow days have welcomed in the New Year. It really has been a winter *wonderland* and left many of us *wondering* ... "will Spring ever arrive?"

Of course, like all good military officers we are all trained to ignore the weather and have set about getting back into our Attaché's routine. On 4 February, WAMA started the year with the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Again this year, the Canadians were most gracious in letting us use the theater at their Embassy to conduct the meeting and we saw over 100 attachés attend. During the AGM the 2014 budget was supported by the WAMA membership. WAMA is in good shape financially, so thank you to those of you who supported our events last year and have decided to renew your membership. Thanks to the WAMA Treasurer, LTC Ken Butterworth (Canada), who compiled the budget and successfully presented it to the members.

Straight after the AGM, everyone moved into the Canada Room and enjoyed the first of the WAMA lunches for 2014. Thank you to the Canadian Military Attaché, Col Dave Rundle, for being our host for lunch. The lunch was a relaxing event and a great way to start the year. Remember we are looking for two more Embassies as venues to hold the second WAMA lunch on the 2nd, 3rd or 5th of June, and the third lunch the last week of October (preferably the 29th of October). If you can host a WAMA lunch in 2014 please contact LTC Kaname Yamashita (Japan). WAMA will assist with some of the costs.

Due to the extreme cold weather an Attaché briefing session planned in the first week of February was postponed. This actually worked to our advantage, as it allowed Army Foreign Liaison to hold two briefing sessions in early March, straight after the release of the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) and the Fiscal Year 2015 budget. The attachés who attended both briefing sessions were given good insight into what the QDR means for the US Army and some of the realities that it will need to manage within its new budget. Thank you to the Army Foreign Liaison team for putting on two very interesting and timely briefing sessions.

I do have to disagree with something that the presenter of the Officer Accessions briefing said, we attachés are not *old*. I like to think we are reaching our *prime* in life and we are not so much slowing down as we are just being more *deliberate* in our actions. Although, it was dose of reality to see that list of facts about a 19 year old's view of the world. Who remembers how big those early cell phones were?

WAMA has reached out to AUSA and asked to be included in the Institute of Land Warfare (ILW) Breakfast Forum that is conducted each month. Each breakfast includes a guest speaker. Notice of each ILW Breakfast Forum will be provided by email through the WAMA Executive Committee.

As a reminder, Military Attachés can join WAMA by submitting the application form that they received at their Accreditation Ceremony or they can download an application form from our website at www.wama-dc.com . Remember, if you have military staff, who are not attachés, they are welcome to join WAMA as Affiliate Members. Also, I encourage wives and partners to join the Military Attaché Wives Association (MAWA). MAWA details can be provided by contacting our Executive Secretary, LTC Rob Crawford (Australia) rob.crawford@defence.gov.au .

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Spring Dinner on 5 April.

Brigadier General Harald Goellinger
Dean
Washington Corps of Military Attachés and
Washington Association of Military Attachés

WAMA Leadership:

Dean: BG Harald Goellinger, Austria
Vice Dean: MG Jorge Vega, Argentina

Regional Directors:

Africa:	BG Henry Mukuka, Zambia
Americas:	MG Jorge Vega, Argentina
Asia-Pacific:	BRIG Ashok Dhingra, India
Central/Eastern Europe:	COL Nikola Bozic, Serbia
Middle East/North Africa:	MG Aisha Bint Al Hussein, Jordan
Western Europe:	COL Jorge Correia da Silva, Portugal

Executive Committee:

Executive & Spring Dinner Organizer:	LTC Rob Crawford, Australia
Membership Secretary; Winter Ball Organizer:	COL Richard Smith, United Kingdom
Treasurer:	LTC Ken Butterworth, Canada
Welcome Day Organizer:	LTC Marco Tkotz, Germany
Luncheon Organizer:	LTC Kaname Yamashita, Japan
Member:	LTC Mohammed Dahees, Egypt

NOTE: LTC Dahees will depart in April. No decision has been made yet regarding a replacement.

ATTACHÉ COORDINATION:



Dear Colleagues,

Spring has come, and we all anxiously await the weather to follow suit. With spring comes the opening of baseball season, America's Pass Time. We hope that those of you new to the Washington area will be able to enjoy the pleasures of an afternoon or evening game at Nationals Park.

We are grateful for the two well-attended information briefings in early March, and look forward to our June information briefing. We are also excited about the Spring Orientation Trip the end of April, and for our Summer Orientation Trip to the War College and Gettysburg. This will be a fun and active spring and summer.

As we forge ahead into spring, let's dust off the snow (and the sand and the salt), put away the snow shovels, and get out and enjoy the cherry blossoms and all things spring. We wish you all the best and look forward to seeing each of you soon.

R. Reed Anderson
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army
Chief, Attaché Coordination Division

Attaché Arrivals and Departures:

Arrivals:

Australia-BRIG David Creagh

Belgium – BG Johan Andries

Bosnia and Herzegovina – COL Davorin Vucic

Chile – LTG Luis Farias

Chile – COL Andres Silva

Ecuador – COL FR

Egypt – STF LTC Ahmed Elshabrawy

Indonesia – BG Pujo Wahyono

Mexico – MG Victor Hugo Aguirre

Pakistan- COL Salman Ali Khan

Uruguay – MG Jose Maria Burone Mendez

Departures:

Brazil- COL João Challela Junior

Egypt – LTC Hatem Hanafy

Ecuador – COL Juan Cadena Merlo

Kenya – COL Hesbon Odanga Malweyi

Ecuador – COL Franklin Niveló Paredes

Romania – BG Laurentiu Dragusin

Egypt - COL Mohamed Dahees

Uruguay – MG Wile Purtscher

Military Attaché Orientation Program Notes:**Attaché Information Briefings:**

This spring we will have one information briefing on 10 June. We are tentatively planning on a briefing of the 2014 Army Posture Statement, and possibly a briefing on international student admissions to the United States Military Academy. As we confirm these, and possible other topics, we will let you know. As usual, invitations and registration forms will go out about two weeks before the briefing dates. For now, please save the date. We also ask that you continue to provide your suggestions and requests for information briefing topics to LTC Reed Anderson and we will do our best to accommodate your interests and concerns.

Attaché Orientation Trips:

Our Spring 2014 Orientation Trip is rapidly approaching. We are excited about the program and look forward to the trip to the Southwestern United States (Arizona and Texas), which will include stops at the Grand Canyon, Phoenix, Arizona, Fort Huachuca, Arizona (Military Intelligence Center of Excellence), and Fort Bliss, Texas (home of the 1st Armored Division and the US Army Sergeants Major Academy). The trip will take place from 26 April-3 May 2014.

Our summer trip for 2014 will include a visit to the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. We will follow that with a battle staff ride at the Gettysburg Civil War battlefield site. We are scheduled for 10-11 July 2014. We are confident this will be a trip worth taking.

We just completed our initial recon for our Fall 2014 Orientation Trip, which will take place 1-8 November 2014. This trip will take us to New Orleans, Louisiana, the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana, the Army Aviation Center of Excellence at Fort Rucker, Alabama, and Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. We hope you will be able to join us on this trip.

FROM ARMY FOREIGN DISCLOSURE:**Processing of One-time and Extended Visit Requests:**

The online computer-based Foreign Visit System (FVS) remains the preferred method to submit visit requests. Use of the computer-based FVS expedites request processing time, provides a means of

checking a visit's status and provides a means for confirming receipt of submitted visit requests. Embassies not using the computer-based FVS are hampered by the additional processing and staffing time required for manually submitted visit requests. Embassies are strongly encouraged to install and use the computer-based FVS. Installation of the computer-based FVS and associated instructional training on use of the computer-based FVS is available at no cost to Embassies. The only technical requirement for use of the computer-based FVS is Microsoft Internet Explorer 7.0 or higher. Embassies are encouraged to contact your Desk Officer or the DoD FVS Office at 571-372-7623 or by email at DTSASPANSupport@dtta.mil to coordinated installation of the computer-based FVS and to arrange for the associated training.

Please also note that official visit requests must be sent to Foreign Disclosure, not to Foreign Liaison. Every country has a primary and an alternate Foreign Disclosure Desk Officer whom they are encouraged to contact with any questions on submitting Foreign Visit Request as well as Requests for Information. Please see the Desk Officer listing included with enclosures to identify your Desk Officer.

One-time Visit Requests:

In accordance with the Military 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. The Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2, will not process RVAs submitted less than ten working days (14 calendar days) prior to the requested start date of the visit. Visits submitted less than ten working days (14 calendar days) will be immediately returned without action. This affords the hosting U.S. Army Command the professional courtesy and necessary time to properly prepare for the visit and any related actions.

The only two exceptions to the 10 working day suspense requirement are:

- Visits to the Army Secretariat and Army Staff;

- Visits deemed mission essential or time sensitive by the U.S. Army. In order for you to be able to utilize this exception, a DA organization must have submitted a request for waiver to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2, on your behalf.

Extended Visit Requests:

All 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 Attache 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 Attache 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 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, 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 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 and not to Foreign Liaison. If you have any questions, call your Foreign Disclosure (DAMI-CDS) Desk Officer. They are all listed in the roster attached to this newsletter and are prepared to assist you in your submittals.

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 Chief of Coordination Division. 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.

Attaché Biographic Data Form:

The Attaché Coordination Division asks that you make use of the Biographic Information Form (Annex A-2 in the Attaché Guide) for accreditation and submit the completed form electronically to jacqueline.m.green.civ@mail.mil or robin.a.proudie.civ@mail.mil. You may also send a paper copy via the diplomatic courier facility. Submit it along with the other documents which are listed at: <http://www.dami.army.pentagon.mil/DAMI-FLGuide.aspx>.

Military Attaché Guide:

The November 2013 Social Directory and the October 2013 Administrative Guidance are the most recently published versions of the Attaché Guide. The new edition includes instructions on completed the new DD Form 1172-2 for identification cards and DEERS enrollment, which was noted in previous versions of the newsletter. You should have already received a hard copy in the mail, and we have also posted the Administrative Guidance on the FL website. As you may well imagine, the information in the Social Directory is constantly changing due to changes in the Attaché Corps, so please continue to keep us informed of changes as they happen. Please send any updates to

robin.a.proudie.civ@mail.mil (for countries from A-K) or to jacqueline.m.green.civ@mail.mil (for countries from L-Z). We plan on publishing an update in the fall.

Military Personnel Exchange Program (MPEP) Nominations:

Nomination of exchange officers is a separate process which must be completed 90-180 days before expected arrival and before submitting the Extended Visit Request (EVR).

Submit MPEP nominations to U.S. Army International Affairs (MPEP Branch) 90-180 days before expected arrival of exchange officer. Nominations should include: U.S. MPEP #, host U.S. unit, military biography with photograph and expected arrival date.

MPEP Branch will process all nominations in less than 30 days. To streamline the process, you may consider your nominee accepted if you receive no response after 30 days.

MPEP Branch Points of Contact for nominations or questions:

- John C. Wirick, Branch Chief, 703-692-8218, john.c.wirick.civ@mail.mil
- Charles N. Roster, 703-692-8218, charles.n.roster.civ@mail.mil

PROTOCOL:

Ms. Sofia Stasishyn and Ms. Abbey Green are ready to help you. Please direct any invitations, correspondence, or protocol questions to the FL Protocol e-mail: hqda-dcs-g-2.mbx.fl-protocol@mail.mil

You can contact Sofia directly at: sofia.stasishyn.civ@mail.mil or 703-692-1459. You can contact Abbey at: abbey.l.green2.civ@mail.mil or 703-692-1457.

Invitations:

General Guidelines:

Please direct any questions that you may have regarding protocol or invitations to the Army Foreign Liaison Protocol Section. We ask that you follow these guidelines concerning official social invitations extended to U.S. Army personnel:

- Please deliver invitations to Army Foreign Liaison at least 15 calendar days in advance of the event for the best U.S. Army representation.
- All invitations for Headquarters, Department of the Army personnel for official social occasions in the greater Washington, DC, area must be sent through Army Foreign Liaison. This enables Army Foreign Liaison to help you achieve your desired attendance. We ensure invitations are delivered promptly and monitor responses.
- To request the most current U.S. Army Foreign Liaison "A" List prior to sending your invitations, you may contact the Foreign Liaison Protocol Section at 703-692-1457 or 703-692-1459, or email your request to sofia.stasishyn.civ@mail.mil or abbey.l.landry.civ@mail.mil.

Hard Copy or Paper Invitations:

- **PLEASE, DO NOT MAIL INVITATIONS.** Deliver invitations directly to Foreign Liaison Protocol Section in Room 2E424, or to us through the Department of Defense (DoD) Diplomatic Courier located in the Pentagon Remote Delivery Facility (RDF) between 1000-1100 hours, Monday through Friday, except U.S. holidays. Please note that each invitation must reflect complete TO and FROM addresses.
- Invitations extended to U.S. Army general officers and U.S. Army civilian employees of similar rank should be accompanied by a list of all U.S. Service invitees.
- When sending invitations to a number of people for a single event, we recommend you email a scanned or electronic version of the invitation, along with a complete list of invitees, to Foreign Liaison Protocol at usarmy.pentagon.hqda-dcs-g-2.mbx.fl-protocol@mail.mil, or fax a complete list of invitees to Foreign Liaison Protocol at 703-697-8412.

Email Invitations:

The use of e-vites is very practical, but we must issue the following guidelines to any embassies using these e-mail based invitations.

If you send invitations directly by e-mail to Headquarters, Department of the Army personnel, please also e-mail a list of all invitees to the event to usarmy.pentagon.hqda-dcs-g-2.mbx.fl-protocol@mail.mil

Please do not e-mail invites directly to the senior Army leadership. By that, we mean, the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff of the Army, the Under Secretary of the Army, the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, and the Director of the Army Staff. If you wish to invite those individuals, let FL Protocol know and we will deliver the invitations. Army officials expect invitations to be routed through Army Foreign Liaison. If an invitation is sent directly to a senior leader's office, they return it to Foreign Liaison for proper routing anyway. Therefore, the most efficient delivery method is to deliver your US Army invitations to the Foreign Liaison Protocol Officers by email, courier or fax.

Dress:

Prescribing dress in invitations can be confusing, especially for military uniforms. For the next few years, it will be even more confusing as the Army phases out the Army Green Uniform and transitions to the new Army Service Uniform, which will, for the most part, mirror the current Army Dress Blue Uniform. During this transition period, Army personnel may wear either the Army Green Uniform or the Army Blue Uniform as the Class "A" uniform. 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 its 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. Note that as the Army phases in the Army Service Uniform and phases out the Green Uniform, the pre-and post-1800 distinction will disappear.

Category of Dress	Civilian Attire	U.S. Army Uniform
Formal	White Tie	Army Mess Dress Uniform
Semi-Formal	Tuxedo (Black Tie)	Army Mess Dress, Dress Blue with Black Bow Tie, or Army Service Uniform (Blue) with Black Bow Tie
Informal	Business Suit	Before 1800: Army Service Uniform (Blue) or Army Green Uniform After 1800: Army Service Uniform or Dress Blue with Four-in-Hand Tie
Casual	Sports Jacket with or without Tie (Invitation should stipulate this)	Army Class B Uniform (either Army Service Uniform or Army Green) 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

Contact Telephone Numbers / Address for Foreign Liaison: The U.S. Army Foreign Liaison Office is a part of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2. The correct mailing address and primary phone numbers are:

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:

Director: 703-692-1467
Deputy Director: 703-692-1462
Protocol: 692-1457/1459
Attaché Coordination: 703-692-7753/1469/1465
Operations: 703-692-1464/1458/1456
FAX: 703-697-2887 or 697-8412

A copy of this newsletter, less enclosures, has been posted to the Foreign Liaison website at: <http://www.dami.army.pentagon.mil/DAMI-FL.aspx>. Click on the tab "Foreign Liaison Newsletter," then expand the tab "Current Issue," and then click on the "FL Spring 2014 Newsletter" link to open the newsletter in PDF format.

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)

Security Cooperation Integration Directorate Listing (SAAL-NI)

Army Foreign Disclosure Division Regional Desk Officers (DAMI-CDS)

U.S. Army Foreign Liaison "A" Guest List dated 25 March 2014

Pentagon Parking Facilities Map

Attaché Program Planning Calendar for Calendar Year 2014