

# Worth Noting

## 2019 Trafficking in Persons report released

The Department of State released the 2019 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report in June. The TIP Report provides a comprehensive assessment of global efforts to combat human trafficking, and the report acts as a guide for continued efforts in the U.S. and around the world.

In his message introducing the TIP Report, Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo stated that nearly 25 million people—approximately three times the population of New York City—are being trafficked throughout the world today. Pompeo went on to call for “our shared commitment to extinguish human trafficking wherever it exists,” saying “There is no time to waste.” He also recognized the survivors of human trafficking and the 2019 TIP Report Heroes.

Each TIP Report focuses on a specific theme, with previous reports highlighting the work of local communities to combat trafficking, the responsibility of governments to criminalize human trafficking in all its forms, and strategies to prevent human trafficking around the globe. The 2019 TIP Report focuses on human trafficking that takes place exclusively within the borders of one country, without transnational elements.

According to U.S. Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons John Cotton Richmond, 77 percent of trafficking victims are trafficked within their countries of residence. Richmond’s remarks focused on the Trafficking Victims Protection Act and the United Nations’ Palermo Protocol, which, unlike some other directives, do not include language implying or stating that a victim must be trafficked across international borders to be considered a trafficking victim.

Richmond states that the 2019 TIP Report “serves as a call to action for governments around the world to embrace the full meaning of the Palermo Protocol and implement their domestic laws in a manner that protects all victims and punishes all traffickers.”

**- U.S. State Department**

## TRADOC Commander challenges CGSC graduates

In commencement ceremonies on June 14, 2019, at the Lewis and Clark Center, General Stephen J. Townsend, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, challenged the 1,100 graduates of Command and General Staff Officers Course Class of 2019 to do three things—elevate team play, help commanders to reinvigorate mission command, and coach junior officers.

Townsend told the graduating students they were leaving CGSC much better prepared than he was when he graduated from the course 25 years ago. He also said they leave with an excellent professional network of peers and friends. “You can’t even imagine the situations where this network of friends and fellow students will come in handy in years ahead in your career but it will, mark my words,” said Townsend.

Opening the graduation ceremony, Lt. Gen. Michael Lundy, Commandant of the Command and General Staff College said, “Your watch starts again this afternoon when you leave this post. You’re now stewards of our profession and there’s more expected of you by your Soldiers, Sailors, Airman,

and Marines and your leaders. I'm absolutely confident that you're all ready to meet that challenge.”

Graduation marks the completion of the 10-month Command and General Staff Officers Course that develops war-fighting and adaptive leadership skills necessary for military officers to be proficient in Unified Land Operations. The graduating class includes mid-career officers from all American military services as well as 110 international officers representing 87 countries and 26 federal government civilian employees.

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## **SAMS Class of 2019 graduates 156**

The U.S. Army School of Advanced Military Studies graduated 158 officers from two courses on May 23 at 9 a.m. in the Eisenhower Auditorium of the Lewis and Clark Center. The graduates included 11 international officers from 8 countries and five federal civilian employees representing four federal agencies.

Four Advanced Strategic Leader Studies Program students and 43 Advanced Military Studies Program students graduated with honors. To earn the honors distinction, students had to be in the top 30 percent of the class. All attributes of the total officer are considered in recognizing the top class members. The complete list of honors graduates is below.

Most of the graduates completed the Advanced Military Studies Program. This 10-month course is a graduate level education program to develop innovative and adaptive leaders who excel at operational art and are willing to experiment and accept risk.

Sixteen graduates completed the Advanced Strategic Leader Studies Program. This Senior Service College program, equivalent to the Army War College, focuses on planning and executing the full spectrum of unified land operations with government and nongovernmental agencies and international partners.

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## **KC Federal Executive Board leader presents at CGSC**

On May 8, in the Arnold Conference Room of the Lewis and Clark Center at Fort Leavenworth, Mr. Larry A. Hisle, executive director of the Greater Kansas City Federal Executive Board, led a discussion on the roles and missions of the Federal Executive Board and how it serves as a catalyst for communication, coordination and collaboration among the various federal agencies with offices in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

This was the 10th and final presentation of the 2019 academic year of the InterAgency Brown-Bag Lecture Series, which is co-hosted by the U.S. Army Command and General Staff School and the Simons Center for Interagency Cooperation. First Command was the key sponsor of the 2019 academic year of the series.

During his presentation, Hisle walked the audience of students and other attendees from Fort Leavenworth organizations through the Kansas City FEB's "lines of business" explaining how the FEB in KC focuses on increasing the effectiveness and coordination of and between federal agencies in the area. In the first line of business, "Emergency Preparedness, Employee Safety and Security," he discussed how the FEB operates its notification and advisory plans during emergencies and how the FEB conducts liaison between agencies on emergency preparedness issues.

The second line of business Hisle discussed was the FEB's "Workforce Development and