

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

Support” programs, which drew a great deal of interest in the audience. The KC FEB coordinates and conducts several education and training programs throughout the year, which can help save costs of each individual agency conducting their own proprietary training. Among other programs, Hisle said his office has worked with the Army Management Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, as well as the University of Kansas, to offer various programs for leader training and development.

The last line of business, “Intergovernmental and Interagency Collaboration and Community Outreach,” Hisle discussed is focused on maintaining and improving strategic partnerships. He said in this arena the FEB works to communicate information to the federal workforce about local, as well as federal programs such as the annual Combined Federal Campaign, local outreach to military veterans, and committees such as the Small and Minority Business Committee.

Hisle has served as the executive director of the Greater Kansas City Federal Executive Board since 2013. He has a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Thomas Edison State University. He previously served as a program manager in the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. Hisle is very active in the community volunteering as well as serving on the board of directors of the Sherwood Center for the Exceptional Child and on the advisory council of the KCK Area Technical School.

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Foundation hosts Visiting Professor of Diplomacy

Ambassador (Retired) Eunice Reddick made her second trip to the Kansas City area, April 22-26, as the CGSC Foundation’s DACOR Visiting Professor of Diplomacy for academic year 2019. She previously visited CGSC in December 2018.

During this visit Ambassador Reddick shared her expertise as a senior diplomat and her experiences as a U.S. representative in both Asia and Africa. She discussed a variety of topics in multiple forums ranging from career opportunities as a Foreign Service officer, to foreign policy development and execution, and to practicing the skill and art of diplomacy. She also specifically discussed U.S. relations with China and the challenges the nation faces and the many programs, opportunities and challenges across the continent of Africa.

Highlights included a presentation to undergraduates at the University of St. Mary in the “Women in World History” course and Park University’s annual Student Research and Creative Arts Symposium.

Reddick also guest-lectured in six different CGSOC elective classes at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, discussing topics that included the duties and roles of an Ambassador, national security policy formulation, and strategic initiatives in Africa.

The CGSC Foundation DACOR Visiting Professor of Diplomacy is a program designed to bring recently retired senior national security officials to Fort Leavenworth to enhance the curriculum at CGSC and to allow for interaction by the senior government officials with area universities and the general populace. The program is a CGSC Foundation partnership with the Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired, Inc. (DACOR) organization located in Washington, D.C. and is sponsored locally by the Lawrence D. Starr Center for Peace and Justice at the University of St. Mary, Park University, and the University of Kansas.

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