



ARMY FOREIGN LIAISON NEWSLETTER



For Members of the Washington Corps of Military Attachés

Fall 2013

From the Director:

Dear Members of the Washington Corps of Military Attachés,

Many of you now know of the death of the Italian Military Attaché, COL Giulio Lucia on 11 September. We were all both shocked and saddened by the news of his untimely passing. We join our comrades at the Italian Embassy and the Italian Military in mourning. I ask that all of us keep his wife, daughter and the Italian Embassy Staff in our prayers as they move forward.

We've all made it through the hot and humid days of summer and are now officially into fall. This time of year provides some of the most stunning views as the leaves change colors. I encourage you to head to the hills as the air becomes cool and crisp, and take in these stunning vistas of color.

Along with those changes are changes in the Military Attaché Corps. This newsletter highlights some of the key movements. As we announced in the last newsletter, Brigadier General Rob Walter replaced Major General Leslie Purser as the new Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, replacing Major General Purser. Those who attended the Summer Orientation Trip have already met BG Walter, and a few others have met him as well at Accreditation Luncheons or other functions. Those who have yet to meet BG Walter will have the opportunity to do so at the upcoming Information Briefing on 8 October.

As you are no doubt aware, the U.S. Congress has not passed legislation to fund the U.S. Government in the new fiscal year, which begins today. As a result, we are beginning orderly shutdown activities that will have a significant impact on Army Foreign Liaison. All civilian employees in Foreign Liaison will be on indefinite furlough until such time as the U.S. Congress passes legislation to fund the government and the President signs that legislation. In the interim, only LTC Anderson and I will be on duty. For Army Foreign Liaison matters, please understand that we will not be able to process any applications for ID Cards or Pentagon passes until the shutdown ends. The Diplomatic Courier may or may not be manned. For any correspondence intended for the Army, recommend that you contact either Lieutenant Colonel Anderson or me and make prior arrangements for delivery.

We know that we will have several challenges and decisions to make with regards to the government shutdown and the corresponding 2nd and 3rd order effects. We do not know yet what impact the current budget debates will have on our programs for Fiscal Year 14, which began on Tuesday, 1 October. For now, we are continuing to plan our Fall Orientation Trip to Arizona and Texas. For those registered to attend, we promise you a worthwhile trip. We also look forward to our annual Fall Reception, which will be held at the Army Navy Club this year on 20 November. We very much look forward to seeing everyone there. However, in the event that we have to cancel any of the programs, we will do our best to do so in a timely fashion in order to minimize disruption to your already busy schedules. We appreciate your understanding.

All of us in FL hope that you and your families have the opportunity to enjoy the fall colors, the fall football mania that consumes many in the communities and the country, and the transition in to the winter holidays.

Sincerely,

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

Upcoming Events:

8 Oct: Attaché Information Brief
14 Oct: National Holiday – Columbus Day
16 Oct: International Military Student Reception
21-23 Oct: AUSA Annual Meeting
30 Oct: International Military Student Reception
26 Oct-2 Nov: Attaché Orientation Trip

5 Nov: WAMA Lunch
11 Nov: National Holiday – Veterans Day
20 Nov: Fall Attaché Reception
28 Nov: National Holiday – Thanksgiving Day
4 Dec: International Military Student Reception
6 Dec: WAMA Winter Ball
10 Dec: Attaché Information Brief
25 Dec: National Holiday – Christmas Day



WAMA DEAN'S CORNER

Fellow Attachés,

Sadly I must start this note with the news of the demise of one of our dear colleagues. The untimely death of Colonel Giulio Lucia, the Italian Military Attaché, who passed away on 11 September, 2013, comes as a terrible shock to us all. At this time I am sure you will want to join with me in passing the deepest of condolences to all of The Italian Embassy, to the Defence Attaché and his Military Staff; in particular our thoughts and prayers are with his wife and daughter.

September is generally regarded as the start of the diplomatic year here in DC; over the summer many of our friends have departed these shores and thus many new people have arrived and will no doubt be battling their way through American bureaucracy like many of us have done before! Many of you attended the WAMA Welcome Day on 7 September and began the process of integrating into the Military Attaché family. LTC Eric Offermann and his wife, Gerit, did their usual excellent job of organizing what was an enjoyable afternoon for all. For all individuals and families that have just arrived I extend the warm hand of friendship from all of WAMA to you and very much look forward to making your acquaintance at one of the many functions and events that are a mark of the busy diplomatic calendar that we shall now all embark upon into the Fall taking us through to the Holiday season.

It has been some 6 months since I took over as your Dean and I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight some of the work we have been doing to keep WAMA as a relevant and productive organization for you the membership. I have sought to bring the Regional Directors much closer into the decision making and agenda setting process. In turn I hope you will have much closer and regular contact with your own area head. Through the Regional Directors I have captured your views on the topics for WAMA lunches and also for the Army Briefings. I also better understand your views on the trips which need your support if they are to continue. All of this information has been relayed into the Army Foreign Liaison Directorate and it has been refreshing to see how quickly they have responded. I will continue to seek the engagement of the Army's Senior Leadership much closer with our organization and hope they will see this as an area of mutual benefit.

We are always encouraging new members. 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 that, if you have staff, who are not attachés, they are more than welcome to join WAMA as Affiliate Members. Also, I encourage wives and partners to join the Military Attaché Wives Association (MAWA), which they can do by going to www.sites.google.com/site/mawawashington/ for contact details. For those comfortable with social media we now have our own Facebook page – 'WAMA DC'. This site is a great place where our children can find friends facing similar challenges of being in a new city in a new country.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support of our WAMA family and I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events.

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

Important Announcements

What Does the Current Budget Debate Mean to You?

Foreign Liaison weathered the furloughs, but we are still dealing with the effects of sequestration and the ongoing fiscal uncertainties. We still have two vacant positions that we cannot fill due to the hiring freeze. We still do not know what to expect in the next Fiscal Year, which starts on 1 October.

The U.S. Congress has to do two things in order for the U.S. Government to continue to operate. They need to pass a budget for Fiscal Year 2014, or a Continuing Resolution that will allow the Government to continue spending at last year's rate. They also have to increase the debt ceiling, which the country will reach by mid-October, if Congress takes no action.

If there is a Government shutdown on 1 October, you can expect a severe curtailment in the support that FL will be able to provide. Civilian employees will come to work on 1 October for about half of the day to complete required paperwork and then depart. That will leave only Colonel Smith and Lieutenant Colonel Anderson in the office. There will be no one available to process ID card or Pentagon Pass applications or renewals. We may be forced to cancel the Fall Orientation Trip. We may have to cancel the Information Brief scheduled for 8 October.

We will send an e-mail on 30 September or 1 October with more details, if it becomes necessary.

Military Attaché Corps Leadership:

There are only two changes to report in the WAMA leadership.

LTC Eric Offermann returned to Germany. His successor, LTC Marco Tkotz, replaces him on the Executive Committee with responsibility for the annual Welcome Day event.

COL Richard Smith turned over the role of Executive Secretary to LTC Rob Crawford. COL Smith remains on the Executive Committee as Membership Secretary and Winter Ball Organizer.

Current 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:
Membership Secretary; Winter Ball
Organizer:
Treasurer:
Welcome Day Organizer:
Luncheon Organizer:
Member:

LTC Rob Crawford, Australia
COL Richard Smith, United Kingdom
LTC Ken Butterworth, Canada
LTC Marco Tkotz, Germany
LTC Kaname Yamashita, Japan
LTC Mohammed Dahees, Egypt

Foreign Liaison Personnel Changes:

FL welcomed Ms. Kristen McCormack. She will be working distinguished foreign visits. Kristen had previous experience in Foreign Liaison, only in Air Force Foreign Liaison.

Attaché Coordination:

Fall Greetings from Attaché Coordination!



Dear Colleagues,

Our first order of business is a competition of sorts. Can you match the image of the Attaché Coordination team member's favorite sports team to the individual? Search below for the answers. What is your favorite sports team?

Shortly, the leaves will be in full transition from summer green to the red, yellow, and orange of autumn. The cool crispness in the air also indicates it's that time of the year for some great sporting events and wonderful holidays. Fall ushers in the prime of the National Football League season; college football with all of its time-honored traditions; the National Hockey League season (we are still unsure if that is the American or the Canadian National Hockey League); the National Basketball Association season; and of course the Major League Baseball pennant races followed by the World Series. It's too bad the Nats were not able to make it this year; but they played well to end the season on a high note.

Fall also brings Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Halloween, and Thanksgiving holidays, with the latter holiday officially ushering in the beginning of the winter holiday season. Don't forget to take advantage of "Black Friday" and get in your shopping for those great deals.

We are also excited for this fall's orientation trip to Arizona and Texas. You should have all received the invitation in August, and by now the registration window is closed. However, for those not able to take advantage of this trip, the spring 2014 trip is right around the corner. Fall also brings us two information briefings. We are finalizing the topics for the briefing in December. As always, if you have any suggestions for future information briefing topics, please send them my way.

Once again, we wish you all a wonderful fall with all its beauty and exciting things to do. We look forward to working with you in the coming months, and while the leaves on the trees will continue to fall throughout the autumn, the Attaché Coordination "leaves" (Jackie, Robin, and I) will remain "green" and ready to provide you whatever support you need.

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

Answers: Jackie – New Orleans Saints (professional football); Robin – St. Louis Cardinals (baseball); Reed – Brigham Young University (college football)

Attaché Arrivals and Departures:

Arrivals:

Albania - LTC Leonard Kollcaku	Finland - CAPT Timo Stalhammar
Algeria - COL Kais Djenidi	Finland -LTC Jaakko Jurvelin
Bangladesh - BG Mohammad Shamsuzzaman	Germany -LTC Marco Tkotz
Brazil - COL Jorge R. Lopez Fossi	Guatemala -BG Ismar Aldor Mendez
Botswana - COL Bruce Thobane	Israel -COL Tal Hermoni
Cameroon - MAJ Mana Fatouma Wadale	Israel - LTC Oren Giber
Colombia - Juan Carlos Ramirez Trujillo	Israel - Menahem Yanku
Czech Republic - BG Jiri Verner	Jordan - COL Khaled M.A. Aldaajeh

Korea - COL Taekhoon Yoon

Lebanon - Brigadier General Wajih Rafeh

Lithuania - Lieutenant Colonel Dainius Kaunas

Mexico - Lieutenant Colonel Jose Villafana

Mexico - Lieutenant Colonel Israel Severino Ruiz

Oman - Colonel Said Mohamed Al-Naamani

Philippines - Captain (Navy) Elson Aguilar

Poland - COL Jaroslaw Bialas

Serbia - Lieutenant Colonel Dejan Vujaklija

Slovak Republic - Major General Martin Babiak

South Sudan - Brigadier General Adoor Deng Adoor

Spain - Colonel Fernando Valencia

Sweden - Colonel Bengt Michael Alexandersson

Tanzania - Colonel Adolph Mutta

Ukraine - Colonel Serhii Dolenko

United Kingdom - Brigadier James Illingworth

Departures:

Algeria - COL Hamid Kalla

Brazil - COL Robert De Oliveira

Cameroon - COL Elie Banbara

Czech Republic - BG Premysl Skacha

Germany - LTC Eric Offermann

Finland - CAPT Timo Junttila

Finland - LTC Kim Juhala

Iraq - BG Mazin Aljaaf

Israel - COL Eyal Rozen

Israel - Alon Gal

Italy - BG Pietro Tornabene

Korea - COL Sang Hae Lee

Lithuania - Lieutenant Colonel Mindaugas Abaliksta

Mexico - Lieutenant Colonel Darwin Puc

Mexico - Colonel Ruben Montesinos

Mexico - Colonel David Trejo Flores

Oman - Commodore Mohammed Al-Rawahi

Poland - Lieutenant Colonel Tomasz Kister

Serbia - Lieutenant Colonel Goran Nestorovic

Serbia - Lieutenant Colonel Nebojsa Svjetlica

Spain - Colonel Miguel Angel Conde Lopez

Sweden - Colonel Dag Liden

United Kingdom - Brigadier Timothy Lai

Military Attaché Orientation Program Notes:

Attaché Information Briefings:

Fall includes two information briefings. On 8 October, we will have briefings on officer accessions, the Officer Candidate School, and the Reserve Officer Training Corps. We will also have an information brief on 10 December, for which we are still working to confirm the topic. Both briefings are scheduled to take place on Fort Myer in the Spates Community Club. As usual, invitations and registration forms will go out about two weeks before the briefing dates. Please 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:

We are grateful to all those who participated in the summer Orientation Trip to Pennsylvania, the United States Military Academy, and New Jersey. I think we all had a great time and found the visits quite informative; and we all survived the heat. We'll work harder next summer not to plan trips during a heat wave. ☺

Ms. Abbey Green and LTC Anderson are in the final planning stages for the Fall Orientation 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). Invitations went out on 29 August, and more information and details will be forthcoming to those registered for this trip.

Our spring 2014 Orientation Trip is also in the initial planning stages. We are working to finalize dates for this trip which 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 will let you know once we have the dates confirmed, and hope you will be able to join us on this trip.

From Army Foreign Disclosure:

In accordance with the Military Attaché Guide (Administrative Guidance), all Requests for Visit Authorization (RVA) must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the start date of the visit. This affords the hosting U.S. Army Command the professional courtesy and necessary time to properly prepare for the visit and any related actions. While the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2, has historically been very lenient on the enforcement of this requirement, it can no longer accommodate the high number of short-fused RVAs.

Effective immediately, the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2, will no longer 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.

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.

Processing of One-time and Extended Visit Requests:

Please note that the online computer-based Foreign Visit System (FVS Embassy) remains the preferred method to submit visit requests. For additional information concerning FVS Embassy please contact the DoD FVS Office at 571-372-7623 or by email at DTSASPANSupport@dtsa.mil. 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 the enclosures to identify your Desk Officer.

One-time Visit Requests:

All One-time visit requests must be submitted to Foreign Disclosure not later than 30 days before the requested visit start date. RVAs submitted less than ten working days (14 calendar days) will be immediately returned without action unless one of the two exceptions mentioned above apply.

Extended Visit Requests:

All Extended Visit Requests must be submitted 90 days prior to the requested visit start date. The Extended Visitor's Photograph and Biography must also be submitted concurrently not later than 90 days prior to the requested extended visit start date. Extended Visit Requests received less than 90 days in advance or without the required Photograph and Biography may be returned to the Defense Attache Office without action. Photographs and Biographies must be sent to:

usarmy.pentagon.hqda-dcs-g-2.mbx.dami-cd-guardian@mail.mil

When submitting Extended Visit Requests, please include the following information in the Case Details: 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). Sponsored accompanying family member information must be included in the Embassy Remarks section of the Extended Visit Request and must include: the family member's full name, passport number, gender, birth date, country of citizenship and relationship to the sponsor. **If the Extended Visit Request does not contain the information on any dependents, they will not be authorized a DoD Identification Card until an amended request is submitted.**

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.

Benefits of Using the Online Computer-Based Foreign Visit System

The online computer-based Foreign Visit System (FVS Embassy) remains the preferred method to submit visit requests. Use of the system not only expedites request processing time, it also provides a means of checking a visit's status and confirming receipt of submitted visit requests. Embassies currently faxing or emailing their visit requests to Foreign Disclosure are encouraged to consider installing and using the computer-based FVS Embassy. FVS Embassy and instructional training is available at no cost to your embassy. The only requirement for using this system is Microsoft Internet Explorer 7.0 or higher. If interested, please contact your Desk Officer or the DoD FVS Office at 571-372-7623 or by email at DTSASPAANSupport@dtsa.mil.

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 October 2013 issue is the most recently published Social Directory and Administrative 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. We will distribute the new versions as soon as printing is complete, and will also publish them 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 "Fall 2013 Newsletter."

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 14 August 2013

Pentagon Parking Facilities Map

Attaché Program Planning Calendar for Calendar Year 2013