



# ARMY FOREIGN LIAISON NEWSLETTER



## For Members of the Washington Corps of Military Attachés

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Fall 2012

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### From the Director:

Dear Members of the Washington Corps of Military Attachés,

A few weeks ago we again paused to reflect upon the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States. Simultaneously, world events sadly and tragically reminded us of the importance of our relationships as comrades-in-arms to shape a more peaceful and secure world.

Meanwhile, we ushered in the arrival of fall and will soon be enjoying the crisp cool air and colorful changes taking place all around us. With autumn's arrival also comes a busy season of Attaché events and activities. We here at Army Foreign Liaison are busy planning our Fall Attaché Reception, Attaché Information Briefings, and the Fall Attaché Orientation Trip. I encourage you to take part in as many of these events as your busy schedules allow.

I want to emphasize a few points. Foreign Liaison exists to facilitate your interaction with the Army. We work hard to provide you with an annual program of events that is both informative and enjoyable. We recently had to cancel our Summer trip to TRADOC due to lack of interest and not having enough participants. We conduct these trips to showcase our Army for you. We recognize the competing demands on your time and the current fiscal realities, however the Orientation Trip program depends on participation. We believe that we have the best program and that it is well worth the time and dollar investment. The Fall Attaché Trip is a go for now as we have enough participants, but even this trip was in jeopardy as we had few responses. Regarding invitations to receptions, orientation briefings, and the other events that we sponsor, I would ask that you take the time to respond in a timely manner. I ask for the same professional courtesies that you expect from our office. In the last few weeks, I've had several attachés tell me that they have not been receiving emails or fax messages regarding upcoming events. I would like each of you to review your contact information and confirm it with our office so that we can continue to provide you the support you need and deserve. We also enjoy supporting the diverse events that many of you are planning. I especially encourage each of you to join and support the Washington Association of Military Attachés (WAMA). It is a welcoming community of your peers from many nations and a fantastic networking opportunity. MG Mohamed Elkeshky of Egypt and the WAMA leadership continue to do a great job of leading and organizing fantastic events for Attachés and their families, from picnics to sporting events.

Finally, for those of you who were able to take one, I hope that you had an enjoyable summer break. I look forward to working with you all in the coming months.

Sincerely,

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

### Upcoming Events:

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| 28 Sep: Fall Attaché Reception              | 12 Nov: National Holiday – Memorial Day |
| 30 Sep: WAMA Welcome Day                    | 22 Nov: National Holiday - Thanksgiving |
| 8 Oct: National Holiday – Columbus Day      | 7 Dec: WAMA Winter Ball                 |
| 10 Oct: Attache Information Brief           | 11 Dec: Attaché Information Brief       |
| 18 Oct: WAMA Luncheon                       | 25 Dec: National Holiday – Christmas    |
| 27 Oct-3 Nov: Fall Attaché Orientation Trip |   |



## WAMA DEAN'S CORNER

Greetings Fellow Attachés,

September is the traditional start of the diplomatic year with many friends departing over the summer and thus many new acquaintances to make in the coming months. For those that have just arrived, I extend the warm hand of friendship from all of WAMA to you and your families and very much look forward to meeting you at one of the many functions and events that are a mark of the busy diplomatic calendar we shall now all embark upon into the Fall through to the Holiday season.

I trust you have all had an enjoyable summer and found the opportunity to relax and maybe take some time to explore this fantastic country in which we are all now serving. I hope all of you watched and enjoyed the London Olympic Games which was truly a wonderful occasion; to see the athletes of the world compete in such fierce competition, yet do so with humility and respect for their fellows, is truly a lesson for us all. There is a vibrant and fascinating sporting scene within Washington which I hope you will sample; the Washington Nationals baseball team are on schedule to complete their best season for many a year. The Washington Redskins have started their schedule with a victory and their new quarterback promises to deliver much in the coming months. It seems only fitting that rather than just be spectators to this rich sporting vein we all become participants - a WAMA football (or soccer depending upon your national origins!) game held on 14 September was a huge success – fierce competition blended with skill and athleticism and generated fantastic camaraderie to make for a great afternoon. I wish to make this a regular event on the last Friday of every month thus I look forward to seeing you and your families on 26 Oct for a volleyball game – further details to follow.

Since I last wrote the WAMA calendar of events has been quiet reflecting the vacation season. However between now and the end of the year there are many events which I hope you will all be able to join us at. The WAMA Welcome Day offers a fantastic opportunity for us all to get together as one large family with our wives and children – as a reminder the event takes place at the Locust Shade Park near Quantico on 30 September. We can then look forward to an Autumn luncheon at the Former Residence of the Spanish Ambassador on 18 October and the highlight of the WAMA year is our Winter Ball. Once again this will be held at the Westin City Centre Hotel on 7 December and it would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible there.

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](http://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/](http://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.

Yours in Friendship,

Major General Mohamed Elkeshky  
Dean  
Washington Corps of Military Attachés and  
Washington Association of Military Attachés

## **Important Announcements**

### **Pentagon Parking Clearances:**

Parking clearance continues to be a point of confusion. Please remember that **parking clearance at the Pentagon is the responsibility of the office that you will be visiting.**

Army Foreign Liaison will clear your parking if you are visiting FL or the Army G-2, or are attending an FL sponsored event.

**Attachés visiting other offices in the Pentagon must coordinate their parking clearance through the office that they are visiting, NOT Army Foreign Liaison.**

## **Leadership Updates**

### **Military Attaché Corps Leadership:**

Only one change of note since the last newsletter and that come in the Executive Committee. Colonel Richard Smith took over as Executive Secretary from Lieutenant Colonel Mitch Kent. Lieutenant Colonel Kent remains on the Executive Committee as the Winter Ball Organizer.

Dean: MG Mohamed Elkeshky, Egypt  
Vice Dean: MG Walter Braga Netto, Brazil

### **Regional Directors:**

Africa:	BG George Amamoo, Ghana
Americas:	MG Walter Braga Netto, Brazil
Asia-Pacific:	BG Abdul Moeen, Bangladesh
Central/Eastern Europe:	COL Idriz Haxaj, Albania
Middle East/North Africa:	MG Aisha Bint Al Hussein, Jordan
Western Europe:	Colonel Miguel Conde Lopez, Spain

### **Executive Committee:**

Executive Secretary and Spring Dinner Organizer:	COL Richard Smith, United Kingdom
Membership Secretary and Winter Ball Organizer:	LTC Mitch Kent, Australia
Treasurer:	LTC Pat McAdam, Canada
Dean's Representative:	LTC Housam Elshahawy, Egypt
Welcome Day Organizer:	LTC Eric Offermann, Germany
Luncheon Organizer:	LTC Kaname Yamashita, Japan

## **Want to know what the Chief of Staff of the Army is thinking?**

GEN Odierno, the Chief of Staff of the Army, continues to blog in order to communicate with the rest of the Army. In his initial post, he explained why he is doing this.

“As Chief of Staff of the Army, I’m committed to engaging in a constant dialogue with you – our Army Soldiers, Civilians, and Families. As part of that effort, I am initiating this blog. I hope it will serve as a forum where I can share information about our Army, and in which you can ask questions and share your opinions and experiences.”

You can access the blog and keep abreast of what GEN Odierno is thinking about at the following URL: <http://armylive.dodlive.mil/index.php/author/genrayodierno/>

You can also follow him on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/GENRayOdierno>) or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/RayOdierno>).

## **Attaché Coordination:**

### **Fall Greetings from Attaché Coordination!**



Dear Colleagues,

Fall has arrived, and with it will soon come the beautiful fall foliage for which this region of the United States is famous. Jackie Green, Robin Proudie and I send you warm autumn greetings, and hope that you and your families are able to enjoy the beautiful sights and exciting fall festivities in the local area.

We are busy getting ready for the Fall Attaché Orientation Trip to the Western United States, 27 October – 3 November 2012. We will visit Fort Carson, Colorado, Fort Irwin and Joint Forces Training Base Los Alamitos, California, showcasing Active Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard units and installations along the way. We are looking forward to travelling with several of you and your spouses.

Once again, Happy Fall to all of you, and we look forward to working with you in the coming months.

Michael E. Cushwa  
Major, United States Army  
Chief, Attaché Coordination Division

## **Attaché Arrivals and Departures:**

### **Arrivals:**

Argentina – COL Jorge Vega	Lithuania – COL Juozas Kacergius
Azerbaijan – COL Aghaverdi Guliyev	Malaysia – BG Jaafar Kasim
Brunei – COL Mohd Sharif Ibrahim	Malaysia – LTC Mohd Hafizar
China – COL Jianzhong Li	Mauritania – COL Mohamed Lemoine
Ecuador – COL Juan Cadena	New Zealand – LTC Duncan Roy
Ecuador – COL Franklin Niveló	Portugal – COL Jorge Correia da Silva
Kuwait – MG Marzouq H. Al Bader	Serbia – COL Nikola Bozic
Kuwait – COL Amer Alzaid	Slovak Republic – LTC Milan Hazlinger
Cote d'Ivoire – LTG Marc Kodjo Aka	Tunisia – SRCOL Nejib El Ghali
El Salvador – LTC Enrique Acosta	Tunisia – COL Moncef Ben Rhouma
France – COL Jacques Aragones	UAE – STF COL Obaid Almansoori
Hungary – MAJ Balázs Szekeres	Zambia – COL Henry Mukuka

### **Departures:**

Colombia – COL Luis Fula	Netherlands – LTC Robert Wildenberg
Cote d'Ivoire – COL Kouakou Youboue	Poland – COL Andrzej Kopacki
Croatia – BG Mate Paden	Tunisia – SRCOL Mohamed Jelassi
Greece – COL Taxiarchis Sardellis	Tunisia – COL Mohamed Abdelkhalek

## **Military Attaché Orientation Program Notes:**

### **Attaché Information Briefings:**

The briefing scheduled for Tuesday, 25 September 2012 was postponed until Wednesday, 10 October. Speakers have been identified, and you will soon receive an invitation. Please continue to provide your suggestions and requests for information briefing topics to MAJ Mike Cushwa and we will do our best to accommodate your interests and concerns. Our next information briefings will be on 10 October 2012 at Ft. Myer, and 11 December at the Pentagon Library and Conference Center.

## **Attaché Orientation Trips:**

Regrettably, we had to cancel the 10-12 September Summer Trip to the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) at Joint Base Langley-Eustis due to lack of a significant number of registrants. The next trip scheduled is the fall trip to the Western United States. It will take place 27 October – 3 November. We will visit the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division at Fort Carson, CO; the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, CA; and the California National Guard's 40<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and U.S. Army Reserve's 79<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Support Command at Joint Forces Training Base Los Alamitos, CA. We will also visit several cultural, historical, and geographical highlights along the way. We hope that several more of you and your spouses can participate in this trip. Registration deadline was Thursday, 27 September, and payment deadline is Friday, 28 September.

## **From Army Foreign Disclosure:**

Remember, Foreign Disclosure has new email addresses for Requests for Information (RFIs), and Extended Visit Requests:

RFIs: [usarmy.pentagon.hqda-dcs-g-2.mbx.dami-cd-foreign-disclo@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.pentagon.hqda-dcs-g-2.mbx.dami-cd-foreign-disclo@mail.mil)

Extended Visit Requests: [usarmy.pentagon.hqda-dcs-g-2.mbx.dami-cd-guardian@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.pentagon.hqda-dcs-g-2.mbx.dami-cd-guardian@mail.mil)

## **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](mailto: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. Last minute submissions are difficult to process and may result in a denied request. While the Foreign Disclosure Office does its best to accommodate late submissions of one-time visits, the earlier the request is submitted the easier it is to process.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [DTSASPANSupport@dtsa.mil](mailto:DTSASPANSupport@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](mailto:jacqueline.m.green.civ@mail.mil) or [robin.a.proudie.civ@mail.mil](mailto: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/offices/AttacheGuide.aspx>

## **Military Attaché Guide:**

The latest version of the Social Directory and an updated Administrative Guidance has recently been printed and distributed. 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. We plan to publish an updated social directory in the fall. Please send any updates to [robin.a.proudie.civ@mail.mil](mailto:robin.a.proudie.civ@mail.mil) (for countries from A-K) or to [jacqueline.m.green.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jacqueline.m.green.civ@mail.mil) (for countries from L-Z).

## **Protocol:**

### **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 [rebecca.a.fielder.civ@mail.mil](mailto:rebecca.a.fielder.civ@mail.mil) or [shannon.l.graham12.civ@mail.mil](mailto:shannon.l.graham12.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](mailto: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](mailto: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: 703-692-1464/1458/1455  
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/offices/DAMIFL.aspx>**. Click on the tab "Fall 2012 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 17 August 2012

Pentagon Parking Facilities Map

Attaché Program Planning Calendar for Calendar Year 2012