



ARMY FOREIGN LIAISON NEWSLETTER



For Members of the Washington Corps of Military Attachés

Spring 2012

From the Director:

Dear Members of the Washington Corps of Military Attachés,

Winter is behind us, and I can tell you that I have personally enjoyed the early arrival of spring weather in Washington this year. I know that many of you have a busy spring scheduled, but I hope that you are able to take time to enjoy the beauty of the season in Washington D.C. with your families.

As you know, LTG and Mrs. Zahner have departed for retired life in Arizona. All of us in FL wish them the best! LTG Mary Legere is now in place as the Army G-2. We welcome her and her husband, COL Paul Legere.

Thanks to all of you who attended our recent Attaché Information Briefing. The topics of the 2013 Army Budget and the 2012 Army Posture Statement drew a large audience, and your questions and comments were insightful and engaging. Please remember that these information briefings are for you. Provide your suggestions for topics to me, Mr. Hartmann or MAJ Cushwa, and we will ensure the briefings continue to be relevant.

We are now in the final planning stages for our Spring Attaché Orientation Trip to the Northeast U.S., scheduled for 12-19 May. Foreign Liaison and the hosting organizations are putting together a spectacular program which I know that each of you will find both personally and professionally rewarding. We will visit Boston and the Natick Soldier Systems Center in Massachusetts, the Army Reserves at Ft. Dix, New Jersey, the Army National Guard and Mountain Warfare School in Vermont, and the 10th Mountain Division (Light) at Ft. Drum, New York. Invitations went out on 12 March, and a response is required by 12 April. Please join us on this exciting trip!

Make sure you take note of the important announcements in this newsletter. Our workspaces will be getting new carpets this month, which will impact our ability to support the Attaché Community from 11 to 17 April. Plan ahead!

Finally, I want to thank each of you for your service. I look forward to working with you this spring to foster cooperation between our Armies.

Sincerely,

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

Upcoming Events:

28 Mar: International Military Student Reception
18 Apr: International Military Student Reception
20 Apr: WAMA Spring Dinner
3 May: WAMA Luncheon

12-19 May: Spring Attaché Orientation Trip
28 May: National Holiday – Memorial Day
6 Jun: International Military Student Reception
12 Jun: Attaché Information Brief

WAMA DEAN'S CORNER



Greetings WAMA Members,

We have had an excellent start to 2012 with a number of successful activities. We must thank our Executive Committee for running a well attended Annual General Meeting and Luncheon at the Canadian Embassy in January. Thank you also for those who were able to attend both of these events. It is very important that we give the Committee every support that we can as they organise the variety of events for us.

I am pleased to report that we were also able to run a very successful farewell function for LTG Richard Zahner, Army G-2 and his lovely wife Michele on 20th March. This was a fitting farewell for a couple who have supported many WAMA and Attaché activities during their tenure in Washington, DC. On behalf of WAMA, I wish them every success upon retirement and hope that they enjoy their new life in Sedona, Arizona. Many thanks go out to the Jordanian Embassy for hosting the reception and the contribution they made with funds, staff and planning. I should also thank our Australian, British, Canadian, Dutch and New Zealand members for their contributions to the event and our wonderful Regional Directors who generated interest and assisted with purchasing the farewell gifts. Of course I must thank our WAMA family for their attendance, which helped to make the function very special and much appreciated by the Zahner's.

I hope that you will be able to join us for our upcoming events, including the WAMA Spring Dinner at the Canadian Embassy on 20th April, and the next luncheon which will be at the Russian Embassy on 3rd May. The invitations are out now for the Spring Dinner, so please make every effort to respond quickly for the event. If you have not received an invitation, please contact our Executive Secretary, LTC Mitch Kent, by e-mail at Mitchell.kent@defence.gov.au.

We are always encouraging new members and they 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 staff that are not attaches, they are welcome to join as Affiliate Members. Also, I encourage our 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.

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

Major General Mohamed Elkeshky
Dean
Washington Association of Military Attachés

Important Announcements

Temporary Reduction in FL Services:

The carpets in the Foreign Liaison work space need to be replaced. That will entail taking out all of our furniture and then reinstalling it. That work is scheduled for 11-17 April. During this period, our ability to provide service will be curtailed. Our phones and fax machines will be disconnected during that time. We will be able to check voice messages, but will NOT be able to receive faxes, so do NOT send us any faxes during the work. Plan ahead if you need ID Cards or Pentagon Passes issued or renewed.

We will publish temporary contact information by e-mail just before the work starts. Stand by for further information.

New E-Mail Addresses:

The entire Department of Defense is transitioning to a new Enterprise E-Mail System. Foreign Liaison transitioned to the new system on 28 March. Our existing @us.army.mil addresses are still valid. The new e-mail addresses may be more reliable. The new Enterprise E-Mail addresses are as follows:

COL Smith: joseph.k.smith9.mil@mail.mil
Mr. Hartmann: daniel.j.hartmann.civ@mail.mil

Attaché Coordination:
MAJ Cushwa: Michael.e.cushwa.mil@mail.mil
Ms. Green: jacqueline.m.green.civ@mail.mil
Ms. Proudie: robin.a.proudie.civ@mail.mil

Protocol:
Ms. Fielder: rebecca.a.fielder.civ@mail.mil
Ms Graham: shannon.l.graham12.civ@mail.mil

Operations:
Mr. Lavery: keith.r.lavery.civ@mail.mil
Ms. Everett: paula.a.everett.civ@mail.mil
Ms. Stasishyn: sofia.stasishyn.civ@mail.mil

Program Support:
Ms. Whren: Jacqueline.d.whren.civ@mail.mil

U.S. Attaché Affairs
Ms. McAuliffe: marguerite.m.mcauliffe.civ@mail.mil

Additionally, 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**
Extended Visit Requests: **usarmy.pentagon.hqda-dcs-g-2.mbx.dami-cd-guardian@mail.mil**

Please note that Army International Affairs, G-35-R, is also in the processing of transitioning to the new Enterprise E-Mail. We will distribute their new addresses when they become available.

Pentagon Parking Clearances:

Defense Foreign Liaison recently published a policy change regarding parking clearances at the Pentagon. In the memorandum, it stated that attachés may contact Ms. Jackie Green in Army Foreign Liaison for parking clearance when visiting Army offices. Unfortunately, that information is not correct.

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

Leadership Updates

HQDA Personnel Changes of Interest:

As noted previously, Lieutenant General Richard Zahner is retiring after nearly 36 years of service to the Army and the Nation. He and Michele are off to Arizona and we wish them well.

Lieutenant General Mary A. Legere assumed duty as Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2, United States Army on 30 March.

Brigadier General (Promotable) Leslie A. Purser, Director, Intelligence Operations, Plans and Policy, was promoted to Major General on 31 March.

Major General Peter C. Bayer, Jr., has departed and is no longer the Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, United States Army. He is now the Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Plans and Policy, Headquarters, Supreme Allied Command-Transformation, Norfolk, Virginia.

Brigadier General (Promotable) Jeffrey J. Snow has replaced Major General Bayer as Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, United States Army. He is coming from Iraq, where he was the Director, J-5, United States Forces-Iraq, OPERATION NEW DAWN.

Army International Affairs Personnel Changes:

Since we published the Winter FL Newsletter in December, there have been some structural changes in G-35-R, Army International Affairs. The former Mid-East/South Asia Branch merged with the former Africa Branch to become the new Mid-East/Africa Branch. Furthermore, Staff Talks Branch re-joined G-35-R. Please see the attached listing to make sure that you know the desk officer responsible for your country.

Military Attaché Corps Leadership:

In January, the Vice Dean, MG Humberto Oviedo of Chile, and the Membership Secretary, COL John Rouse of the UK, departed. MG Walter Braga Netto of Brazil replaced MG Oviedo as the Vice Dean and Regional Director for the Americas. COL Rouse's replacement, COL Richard Smith, succeeded him as the Membership Secretary and Winter Ball Organizer.

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

Regional Directors:

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

Executive Committee:

Executive Secretary and Spring Dinner Organizer:	LTC Mitch Kent, Australia
Membership Secretary and Winter Ball Organizer:	COL Richard Smith, United Kingdom
Treasurer:	LTC Pat McAdam, Canada
Dean’s Representative:	LTC Housam Elshahawy, Egypt
Welcome Day Organizer:	LTC Eric Offermann, Germany
Luncheon Organizer:	LTC Robert Wildenberg, Netherlands
Member:	LTC Hiroyuki Kawaguchi, Japan

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

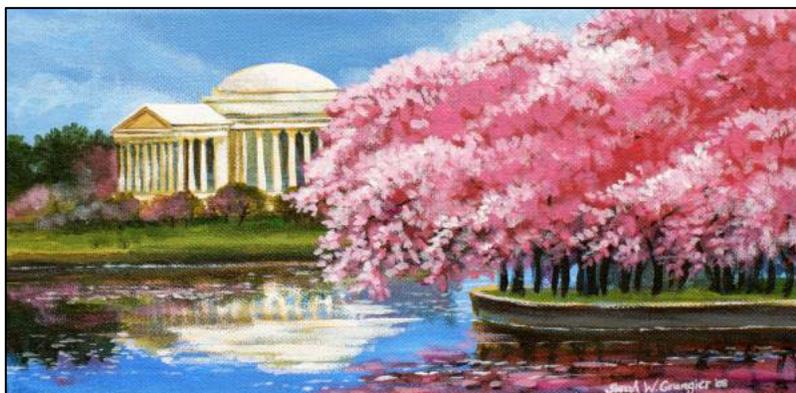
GEN Odierno, the Chief of Staff of the Army, has initiated a blog in order communicate with the rest of the Army. In his initial post, he explained why he is doing this.

“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/category/general-raymond-ray-odierno-chief-of-staff-of-the-army/>

Attaché Coordination:

Happy Spring from Attaché Coordination!



Dear Colleagues,

It seems that spring has sprung early this year, despite Punxsutawney Phil calling for six more weeks of winter, and Leap Year giving us an extra day of it. Jackie, Robin and I send you warm spring greetings, and hope that you and your families are able to enjoy the cherry blossoms and other spring activities that Washington D.C. has to offer.

I hope that many of you will be able to join us for our spring attaché orientation trip to the Northeast U.S. Ms. Becky Fielder (Army Foreign Liaison Protocol) and I have been working closely with the hosting organizations to ensure all of you and your spouses have a great experience, both personally and professionally.

Once again, Happy Spring 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:

Benin – COL Touhota Tawes

Nicaragua – COL Armando Alaniz

Bosnia & Herzegovina – LTC Dzevad Buric

Niger – COL Abdoulaye Badié

Chile – LTG Guillermo Porcile

Oman – CDR Mohammed Al Kharousi

Israel – LTC Assaf Navot

Peru – MG Leonardo Longa Lopez

Kazakhstan – CAPT Nurken Urmantayev

United Kingdom – COL Richard Smith

Nepal – COL Jaswant Rana

Vietnam – MAJ Nhu Duc Nguyen

Departures:

Nicaragua – COL Ronald Torres

U.A.E. – LTC Sulaiman Al Kaabi

Oman – LTC Said Al Hajri

United Kingdom – COL John Rouse

Peru – MG Hugo Cornejo Valdivia

Vietnam – COL Hien Dinh Luu

Rwanda – COL Ferdinand Safari

Military Attaché Orientation Program Notes:

Attaché Information Briefings:

We had some very timely and informative briefings on 6 March, with MG Phillip McGhee briefing the 2013 Army Budget, and Mr. Bill Metheny briefing the 2012 Army Posture Statement. 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 briefing will be on 12 June 2012 at Ft. Myer.

Attaché Orientation Trips:

We recently published the invitation for the Spring 2012 Attaché Orientation Trip to the Northeastern United States. The trip will take place 12-19 May. We will begin the trip in Boston, MA, and will visit the Natick Soldier Systems Center in Natick, MA. We will also visit the Active Duty component at Ft. Drum, NY, the National Guard in Vermont, and the Army Reserve Component at Ft. Dix, NJ. We will have an accompanying spouse program and numerous cultural highlights in Boston, Massachusetts, the Lake Champlain region of Vermont, and the Thousand Islands region of New York. We hope that many of you will be able to join us on what should prove to be an exciting and informative trip.

From Army Foreign Disclosure:

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.

Obtaining ID Cards for Extended Visitor Dependents

When submitting Extended Visitor Requests, please be sure to include the following information in the Case Details: the name of the incumbent officer or personnel and the type of position the visitor will fill (Military Personnel Exchange Program, Cooperative Personnel Program, Foreign Liaison Officer, Security Assistance Liaison Officer, or Engineer and Scientist Exchange Program). In the Embassy Remarks section of the visit request, the Extended Visitor's sponsored family members must be listed. Identifying information for all sponsored family members must include: the family member's full name, passport number, gender, birth date, country of citizenship and relationship to the sponsor.

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.

Visit and Information Requests:

Please note that official visit requests and information requests go 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.

Visit request should be submitted to Foreign Disclosure at least 30 days before the start of the visit. 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, the earlier the request is submitted the easier it is to process.

The online computer-based Foreign Visit System (FVS Embassy) remains the preferred method to submit visit requests. For information and contact information for this system, reference previous section, "Benefits of Using the Online Computer-Based Foreign Visit System".

When submitting Extended Visitor Requests, please be sure to include the following information in the Case Details: the name of the incumbent officer or personnel and the type of position the visitor will fill (Military Personnel Exchange Program, Cooperative Personnel Program, Foreign Liaison Officer, Security Assistance Liaison Officer, or Engineer and Scientist Exchange Program). Additionally, please send a biography and official photograph of the Extended Visitor to **usarmy.pentagon.hqda-dcs-g-2.mbx.dami-cd-guardian@mail.mil** the same day the Foreign Visit Request is submitted. This important administrative requirement provides the hosting U.S. Army Command the information required for the proper preparation and management of resources necessary for hosting extended visitors. Without this information, the Extended Visit Request will be returned without action.

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-CDD) Desk Officer. They are all listed in the roster attached to this newsletter and are prepared to assist you in your submittals.

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/offices/AttacheGuide.aspx>

Military Attaché Guide:

The latest version of the Social Directory and an updated Administrative Guidance has recently been printed. We will distribute the updated guides over the next few weeks. 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 US Army Foreign Liaison Directorate Newsletter Spring 2012

robin.a.proudie.civ@mail.mil (for countries from A-K) or to jacqueline.m.green.civ@mail.mil (for countries from L-Z).

Protocol:

Invitations:

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.
- **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.
- 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 or shannon.l.graham12.civ@mail.mil.
- When sending invitations to a number of people for a single event, we recommend you email a pdf or electronic version of the invitation, along with a complete list of invitees, to Foreign Liaison Protocol at rebecca.a.fielder.civ@mail.mil AND shannon.l.graham12.civ@mail.mil, or fax a complete list of invitees to Foreign Liaison Protocol at 703-697-8412.

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 rebecca.a.fielder.civ@mail.mil and shannon.l.graham12.civ@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.

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 or Army Service Uniform (Blue) with Black Bow Tie
Informal	Business Suit	Army Service Uniform (Blue)
Casual	Sports Jacket with or without Tie (Invitation should stipulate this)	Army Class B Uniform (Blue) 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 "Spring 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 1 April 2012

Pentagon Parking Facilities Map

Attaché Program Planning Calendar for Calendar Year 2012