



ARMY FOREIGN LIAISON NEWSLETTER



For Members of the Washington Corps of Military Attachés

Summer 2012

From the Director:

Dear Members of the Washington Corps of Military Attachés,

Summer officially arrived on 20 June and we are in season of changes for the Attaché Corps. Many attachés are nearing the end of their tours of duty here in the United States, and their replacements will be arriving. We wish all of those departing all the best and hope that they leave with good memories of the United States, and the American people. To those attachés just arriving, we welcome you and look forward to working with you.

Notice that I did not say that the summer break is approaching. Let me assure you that summer is no break for us here in Foreign Liaison. We are here working to facilitate and improve communications between Army Headquarters and the Attaché Corps throughout the year! That said, some of us do like to take a short break during the summer, so bear with us as we respond to your requests.

The U.S. Army celebrated its 237th Birthday this month. Next month the country celebrates the 236th Birthday of the nation. The 4th of July is the quintessential American holiday. I encourage all of you to attend one of the many parades, picnics, fireworks, or other celebrations that will be held throughout the country.

If you are taking a break this summer, I encourage you to see America beyond the Beltway! There is much to see across the country: beaches, mountains, national parks! Whatever you do to enjoy the summer, please do so safely.

Sincerely,

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

Upcoming Events:

4 Jul: National Holiday – Independence Day
3 Sep: National Holiday – Labor Day
10-12 Sep: Orientation Trip to U.S. Army Training and
Doctrine Command
25 Sep: Attache Information Brief
28 Sep: Fall Attaché Reception
30 Sep: WAMA Welcome Day
8 Oct: National Holiday – Columbus Day

18 Oct: WAMA Luncheon
27 Oct-3 Nov: Fall Attaché Orientation Trip
12 Nov: National Holiday – Memorial Day
22 Nov: National Holiday - Thanksgiving
7 Dec: WAMA Winter Ball
11 Dec: Attaché Information Brief
25 Dec: National Holiday - Christmas



WAMA DEAN'S CORNER

Greetings Fellow Attachés,

As the temperatures start to rise, and with it the associated humidity levels, we can all feel the onset of the Washington summer. Since my last newsletter it has been a great pleasure to welcome the arrival of Lieutenant General Mary Legere into her post as the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2.

Within the WAMA organization we have all been very well looked after and enjoyed a tremendous lunch at the fabulous Russian Embassy, for which I wish to thank Colonel Yevgeny Bobkin for allowing us to dine together in such a wonderful location. Another highlight of the past four months for all of WAMA was the Spring Ball held with the kind permission of Colonel Dave Rundle at the Canadian Embassy. The work of the organizing committee must also be highlighted for both our praise and thanks. A special mention to the extra-ordinary talents of the musicians from the Strolling Silver Strings who were, once again, an absolute delight to listen, and for some, to dance to.

Aside from social activities, the first Army sponsored Attaché Trip of the year took place in May taking a group to the North East of the United States. The visit program was very well balanced allowing our members to visit Fort Dix, Natick Soldier Systems Center, the Vermont National Guard, and 10th Mountain Division alongside cultural events in Boston, Vermont and Sackets Harbor before a wonderful concluding cruise on the beautiful St Lawrence River through the Thousand Islands. None of this would have been possible without the hard work that Major Mike Cushwa and his team, which put into achieving so much in such a small space of time and I would like to take this opportunity to publically thank him for all his magnificent efforts.

In the coming months I hope you will all come along with your families to a Soccer Game which we are planning sometime this July and support our annual outdoors event at the WAMA Welcome Day which be held at the Locust Shade Park near Quantico on 30 September and I hope to see you all there. We will also get together for lunch in the Fall and can all look forward to the Winter Ball in December to end our year together.

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 welcome to join 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.

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 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:

The summer will see some changes in the WAMA leadership. Colonel Brice Houdet of France, the Regional Director for Western Europe will depart. The Dean has appointed Colonel Miguel Conde Lopez of Spain as his replacement. On the Executive Committee, LTC Hiroyuki Kawaguchi of Japan and LTC Rob Wildenberg of the Netherlands will depart. Joining the Executive Committee will be LTC Kaname Yamashita of Japan.

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:	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 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, has initiated a 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/category/general-raymond-ray-odierno-chief-of-staff-of-the-army/>

Attaché Coordination:

Summer Greetings from Attaché Coordination!



Dear Colleagues,

Summer is upon us, and with it comes the heat and humidity for which Washington D.C. is famous. Jackie, Robin and I send you pleasant summer greetings, and hope that you and your families are able to enjoy the local attractions and summer activities that the area has to offer.

Thank you to those who joined us on the spring attaché orientation trip to the Northeast U.S. I think you would agree when I say that the hosting organizations did a wonderful job showcasing the Active Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserve in the region. Ms. Shannon Graham (Army Foreign Liaison Protocol) and I are now busy planning the short summer orientation to U.S. Army TRADOC at Joint Base Langley Eustis, as well as our fall trip to the Western United States (California and Colorado). I hope many of you and your spouses will be able to join us on those trips.

Once again, Happy Summer 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:

Cameroon – COL Barbara Elie

Guatemala - BG Odber Argueta

Kuwait - LTC Fawaz Alsharhan

Kuwait – CDR Bashar Awadh

Rwanda – BG Innocent Kabandana

Switzerland – LTC Daniel Rousselot

Uruguay – MG Domingo Antonio Montaldo

Departures:

Burma - COL Tin Aung

Ecuador – COL Cristobal Carrillo

Finland – LTC Sami Nurmi

France – COL Brice Houdet

France – COL Vincent de Kytspotter

Gabon – CAPT Alain MOUNGUET

Greece – COL Taxiarchis Sardellis

Hungary – MAJ Laszlo Rubik

India – BRIG Bhupesh Jain

Japan – LTC Hiroyuki Kawaguchi

Lithuania – COL Antanas Jurgaitis

Malaysia – BG Othman Abdullah

Malaysia – LTC Hishamuddin Zahrullayali

New Zealand – LTC Robert Gillard

Serbia – CAPT Ljubomir Nikolic

South Africa – COL Duncan Mmbi

Switzerland – LTC Lukas Fuerrer

Zambia – BG Martins Mwenda

Military Attaché Orientation Program Notes:

Attaché Information Briefings:

We had a very timely and informative briefing on 12 June, with Mr. Rickey Smith briefing “Adapting the Army for 2020”. 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 25 September 2012 at Ft. Myer.

Attaché Orientation Trips:

We recently conducted Spring 2012 Attaché Orientation Trip to the Northeastern United States, 12-18 May. We visited Boston, MA and the Natick Soldier Systems Center, Fort Dix, NJ and the 99th Regional Support Command, Burlington, VT and the Vermont National Guard, and Fort Drum, NY and the 10th Mountain Division. Each unit did an outstanding job hosting and showcasing their respective organizations. Our upcoming summer trip takes place 10-12 September to U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC). It will include cultural time in Williamsburg, VA, a visit to TRADOC, as

well as a battlefield staff ride of Yorktown, VA. Invitations will be published in July. Our fall trip will take place 27 October – 3 November to the Western United States. We will visit Fort Carson, CO and the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Irwin, CA and the National Training Center, and Joint Force Training Base Los Alamitos, CA and the California National Guard's 40th Infantry Division and U.S. Army Reserve's 79th Sustainment Support Command.

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

Extended Visit Requests: 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. 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 .

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 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 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 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 (for countries from A-K) or to 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 or 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, 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: 703-692-1464/1458/1455
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 26 June 2012

Pentagon Parking Facilities Map

Attaché Program Planning Calendar for Calendar Year 2012