



ARMY FOREIGN LIAISON NEWSLETTER

For Members of the Washington Corps of Military Attachés



Winter 2012

From the Director:

Dear Members of the Washington Corps of Military Attachés,

Winter is upon us, and in Washington D.C., that can mean just about anything regarding the weather. We can be in T-shirts one day and shoveling snow the next. One thing is for sure, and that is the fact that this is a great city in which to celebrate the winter holidays. On behalf of all of Foreign Liaison, let me extend our best wishes for the New Year!

Thanks to all of you who attended our Fall Attaché Orientation Trip to the U.S. Army Pacific in Hawaii last month. It was a great opportunity to learn more about U.S. Army Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard units and facilities in Hawaii, as well as get a glimpse of the joint environment of U.S. Pacific Command and the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command. I hope that you all found the trip to be educational and rewarding.

I hope that many of you will be able to join us in the spring, as we travel to the Northeastern United States. Stops will include Boston, MA, Burlington, VT, and Ft. Drum, NY. As usual, the itinerary will include Active Army, Army Reserve, and National Guard units and installations, as well as opportunities to experience the unique geography and culture of that region of the country.

To further highlight our Attaché Orientation Program, we recently completed a truly enlightening attaché information briefing. Three Attachés from the Middle East graciously agreed to speak to the Washington Corps of Military Attachés about their countries' perspectives on the Arab Spring. It was truly a unique and rewarding opportunity.

Finally, I encourage each of you to enjoy this festive season in Washington, or somewhere else in the United States. I know that some of you plan to travel to warmer climes. I hope that you each get to spend some quality time with your families. Thank you all for your service, and I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Sincerely,

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

Upcoming Events:

26 Dec: National Holiday – Christmas Day
2 Jan: National Holiday – New Year's
10 Jan: Attaché Accreditation
16 Jan: National Holiday – Martin Luther King
18 Jan: International Military Student Reception
26 Jan: WAMA Annual General Membership Meeting

20 Feb: National Holiday – Presidents' Day
1 Feb: International Military Student Reception
29 Feb: International Military Student Reception
6 Mar: Attaché Information Brief
13 Mar: Attaché Accreditation or Farewell
28 Mar: International Military Student Reception

WAMA DEAN'S CORNER



As we come to the end of another year it is worth all of us reflecting on just what a busy year it has been. Certainly there has not been a lack of events taking place around the world to keep us focused on our purpose here in Washington. But sitting, as we are, in the wonderful capital of this large country we are certainly well placed to see how these events unfold. In our tasks we are all helped by our US hosts, and we, I am sure, can all agree that we are most generously looked after. We need look no further than the number of Attaché Trips that the US Army organizes for us to appreciate the effort the US expends in looking after us. So, on all of your behalves I express to our US hosts our collective thanks for all that they have done for us over the last year.

There have been many changes in our attaché community since last year. Many of our colleagues have departed for their home countries at the end of their appointments, and we have welcomed a number of new attachés. Our own association, the WAMA, has grown in strength with attendance at events as strong as ever, and in some cases, we have exceeded previous records. As I write I am informed that our official membership stands at 120, which represents just about two thirds of all attachés who are eligible to be members. I would like to see that number increase because I really do believe, and so do my fellow Regional Directors, that there is both social and professional value in membership. So I would ask those who are not members to think about joining, and those who are members to contact those who are not to discuss the value that you think membership brings – and hopefully this time next year our membership will be even higher.

Over the last year WAMA has continued to organize a number of social and professional events on behalf of its members. Professionally, these have included three lunches at which senior US General Officers have presented topics of current interest. On the social level we have organized a highly popular Spring Reception, kindly hosted in the Canadian Embassy, a Welcome Day for all Attachés and their families and, of course, the ever popular Winter Ball. There has also been a new initiative to organize a soccer competition which I would encourage you all to support in the future. And to keep you in touch with what is going on in WAMA a new website dedicated to our Association has been set up at <http://www.wama-dc.com>. I encourage you to go to this site where, amongst a host of useful information you will see that you can purchase exclusive WAMA polo shirts at a very reasonable cost.

WAMA does not run itself, and I know that a number of you are great supporters, whether by offering to host one of our professional or social events in your Embassies, or by helping organize the events with someone else – to you I am most grateful. However, the members of my Regional Directors Committee and my Executive Committee deserve my special thanks for giving up their time on your behalf to organize events for you. And, of course, we must not forget the help that we get from the US Army, especially the Foreign Liaison Team – their efforts on our behalf are most appreciated.

But in this dynamic world in which we live change and adaption seem to be the norm. It is the same with the WAMA. I am very keen to ensure that our Association remains relevant and useful. Therefore I very much encourage you all to think about what more you would wish the WAMA to do for you, and if you have some ideas then please pass them to a me or a member of one of my Committees. Alternatively, turn up for the Annual General Meeting on Friday 27th January 2012 and let us all know your ideas. Remember, as I always say, the WAMA exists because of you and for you.

So, as we approach the end of this year, and look forward to what next year may bring, may I wish you and your families all the very best of happiness over the holiday season, and a very successful, healthy and safe New Year. I very much look forward to catching up with you all in the year ahead.

Major General Mohamed Elkeshky
Egyptian Defense, Military, Naval and Air Attaché
Dean of the Washington Association of Military Attachés

Leadership Updates

HQDA Personnel Changes of Interest:

The President has nominated Major General Mary A. Legere for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and assignment as Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2, United States Army. She is currently serving as Commanding General, United States Army Intelligence and Security Command, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Due to an internal reorganization, Brigadier General Leslie A. Purser's title has changed from Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2 to Director, Intelligence Operations, Plans and Policy.

Army International Affairs Personnel Changes:

G-35-R, Army International Affairs had one desk officer depart and one new desk officer arrive. LTC Chun Learn, the desk officer for Japan and Korea departed. He was replaced by LTC Thomas Hauser. Additionally, the Asia-Pacific Branch got additional support in the form of Mr. Brian Schwatken, who does not have specific countries assigned as of now. Please see the attached listing to make sure that you know the desk officer responsible for your country.

Security Cooperation Integration and Exports Personnel Changes:

Security Cooperation Integration and Exports Directorate (SAAL-NI) in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Defense Exports and Cooperation (DASA (DEC)) updated their desk officer roster on 15 December. Please see the attached roster for the latest desk officer contact information.

U.S. Army Uniform Policy Change:

Headquarters, Department of the Army already revised the uniform policy that we announced in the last newsletter. For some organizations, such as the Office of the Secretary of Defense and some parts of the Army Secretariat, the Army Combat Uniform (ACU) is no longer be the standard duty uniform for Army personnel at the Pentagon. Instead, the Class A or B Army Service Uniform (ASU)/Army Green Uniform is the standard duty uniform. For most Soldiers assigned, attached, or with permanent duty at the Pentagon, the ACU is the standard uniform except on Fridays when the Class A or B Army Service Uniform (ASU)/Army Green Uniform will be worn. The Beret is the primary headgear worn with the Class A and B Uniform. The Service Cap may be worn during ceremonies or when circumstances warrant.

Military Attaché Corps Leadership:

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

Dean: MG Mohamed Elkeshky, Egypt
Vice Dean: MG Humberto Oviedo, Chile

Regional Directors:

Africa:	BG George Amamoo, Ghana
Americas:	MG Humberto Oviedo, Chile
Asia-Pacific:	BG Abdul Moeen, Bangladesh
Central/Eastern Europe:	COL Idriz Haxaij, Albania

Middle East/North Africa:
Western Europe:

MG Aisha Bint Al Hussein, Jordan
Colonel Brice Houdet, France

Executive Committee:

Executive Secretary and Spring Dinner Organizer: LTC Mitch Kent, Australia
Membership Secretary and Winter Ball Organizer: COL John Rouse, 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:

Winter and Holiday Greetings from Attaché Coordination!



Dear Colleagues,

As we brace ourselves for another unpredictable Washington D.C. winter, Jackie, Robin and I wish you warm holiday greetings, and a happy New Year! The city and surrounding area have many wonderful winter sights and cultural activities, and we hope that you will be able to enjoy them with your families.

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Fall 2011 Attaché Orientation Trip to the U.S. Army Pacific in Hawaii. There was a large turnout with 42 attachés and 34 spouses. The trip was a success, and I appreciate the professionalism you all displayed as we visited numerous Army and Joint organizations in Hawaii. I truly hope that you all found the trip to be both a personally and professionally rewarding experience.

Our Spring Trip for 2012 will be to the Northeastern United States, 12-19 May. We will visit the Natick Soldier Systems Center outside of Boston, MA; U.S. Army Reserve training facilities at Ft. Dix, NJ; the Vermont Army National Guard in Burlington, VT; and the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, NY. We hope you will be able to travel with us on what is sure to be an exciting trip.

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

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

Attaché Arrivals and Departures:

Arrivals:

Brazil – COL Robert De Oliveira

Colombia – COL Luis Fula

Egypt – COL Sameh Eldegwy

Honduras – COL Adan Suazo

Indonesia – BG Witjaksono

Jordan – LTC Ashraf Alhourani

Mexico - BG Arturo Coronel

Mexico – LTC Ruben Montesinos

Pakistan – BG Abdullah Dogar

Poland- MG Andrzej Falkowski

Departures:

Kazakhstan – LTC Zhenis Nurgaliyev

Nepal – BG Shamsheer Thakurathi

Niger – COL Soumana Zanuina

Pakistan – BG Nazir Butt

Uruguay – COL Nelson Santos

Military Attaché Orientation Program Notes:

Attaché Orientation Trips:

We had an excellent Fall 2011 Attaché Orientation Trip to the U.S. Army Pacific in Hawaii 29 October – 5 November. We visited not only the Active Duty, Army Reserve and Army National Guard, but were also able to visit with the U.S. Pacific Command as well as the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command. Thank you to all who were able to make the trip. We trust that it was both a professionally and personally rewarding experience for all of you.

The Spring 2012 Attaché Orientation Trip will be 12-19 May 2012, and will be to the Northeastern United States. 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 publish the invitation by mid-March 2012.

From Army Foreign Disclosure:

Protection of U.S. Army Classified Information

Recently there have been incidents in which U.S. Army classified information was improperly secured. United States Army classified information should not be transported to home residences, stored on personal electronic devices, or transported over commercial internet. Each of these actions constitutes a serious security violation. Please communicate to your personnel the need for the careful, proper handling and protection of U.S. Army information in order to comply with U.S. Army security rules and regulations.

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 571-372-2429 or by email at DTSASPANSupport@dtsa.mil. **Please see attached memorandum regarding the FVS holiday moratorium.

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.

Attaché Success Tips for Visit Requests

Please submit visit requests 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 Defense Attaché Office must submit an official photograph and biography for all Extended Visitors in accordance with the Military Attaché Guide; Administrative Guidelines. The official photograph and biography must be submitted by email to: certified.visitors@mi.army.mil. 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 Foreign Liaison Officers.

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 the 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. Please see the Desk Officer listing included with the enclosures to identify your Desk Officer.

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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 Certified.Visitors@mi.army.mil. Without this information, the Extended Visit Request will not be approved, and the officer may not begin his assignment.

In order to avoid visit processing delays, please ensure your visit and information requests are submitted to Foreign Disclosure using the Request for Information email inbox: FDRFI@mi.army.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@us.army.mil or Robin.Proudie@us.army.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:

We released an updated social directory in May. If you still require a copy, please let us know so that we may provide you with one. 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.Proudie@us.army.mil** (for countries from A-K) or to **Jacqueline.M.Green@us.army.mil** (for countries from L-Z). We will publish an updated social directory within the next month.

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 becky.felder@us.army.mil or Shannon.lee.graham@us.army.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 becky.felder@us.army.mil AND Shannon.lee.graham@us.army.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 becky.felder@us.army.mil and Shannon.lee.graham@us.army.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 "Winter 2012 Newsletter."

Enclosures:

This newsletter contains the following enclosures:

1. Foreign Military Attaché Roster
2. Foreign Military Attaché E-mail Roster
3. Army Foreign Liaison Directorate Listing (DAMI-FL)
4. Army International Affairs Division Country Desk Assignments (DAMO-SSR)
5. Security Cooperation Integration Directorate Listing (SAAL-NI)

6. Army Foreign Disclosure Division Regional Desk Officers (DAMI-CDD)
7. Foreign Visit System (FVS) Holiday Moratorium Memorandum
8. U.S. Army Foreign Liaison "A" Guest List dated 14 November 2011
9. Pentagon Parking Facilities Map
10. Attaché Program Planning Calendar for Calendar Year 2012