



ARMY FOREIGN LIAISON NEWSLETTER



For Members of the Washington Corps of Military Attachés

Winter 2013

From the Director:

Dear Members of the Washington Corps of Military Attachés,

With the arrival of winter in Washington DC comes a lot of uncertainty. Will we have another blizzard-filled season like we did three years ago? Will our political leadership come to an agreement to avoid the so-called "fiscal cliff"? What new challenges will 2013 bring? Though we may not have the answers to these questions, I can tell you that Army Foreign Liaison will continue to work hard in the coming year to support you in your engagements with the U.S. Army.

As we take a moment to reflect at the end of the year, I would like to thank each of you for your professionalism and hard work towards building fruitful relationships between the U.S. Army and your respective countries. It has been a pleasure for us to work with you, whether it was through Washington Association of Military Attachés (WAMA) events, Orientation Trips, Information Briefings, embassy events, or a combination of all of these!

I do have one administrative request. Several of you continue to engage directly with our senior leadership resulting in them becoming your action officers. This is not fair and is unprofessional. Please respect our seniors as you would want us to respect yours. I ask that you reach out initially to us here in FL and to G-35-R International Affairs and allow us to address your issues, concerns, office calls and meetings and let us continue to support you in the way we should.

As we proceed into 2013, we will continue with our mission to provide you with the best programs and support that we possibly can. I encourage each of you to participate in as many Army-related activities as you are able, to include WAMA events. I think you will find that the more of these activities you participate in, the more you will get out of your tour in Washington DC.

Finally, I hope that each of you is able to take some time to relax and spend time with your families during this holiday season. I wish you all the best, and look forward to working with each of you in the coming year.

Sincerely,

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

Upcoming Events:

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 Jan: National Holiday – New Year’s Day | Apr: WAMA Spring Dinner |
| 16 Jan: International Military Student Reception | 17 Apr: International Military Student Reception |
| 21 Jan: National Holiday – Martin Luther King Day and Presidential Inauguration | May: WAMA Luncheon |
| 31 Jan: WAMA Annual General Meeting | 22 May: International Military Student Reception |
| 18 Feb: National Holiday – Presidents’ Day | 18-25 |
| 6 Mar: International Military Student Reception | May: Spring Attaché Orientation Trip |
| 7 Mar: Attaché Information Brief | 27 May: National Holiday – Memorial Day |
| 20 Mar: International Military Student Reception | 11 June: Attache Information Brief |



WAMA DEAN'S CORNER

Greetings WAMA Members,

And so another historic year soon closes. This has, for many of us, been one of the busiest years; conflict in Afghanistan, the Middle East and the on-going impact of the Arab Spring has meant many in the attaché community have been working very long hours to keep the US informed of developments and in return explain US sentiments back to our respective capital cities. If that wasn't enough to deal with we then had to steel ourselves for Hurricane Sandy. Thankfully (for us) the storm hit higher up the Atlantic coast but for those in its path the effects have been devastating. Sadly, as I write this piece, the country in general and the people of Newtown Connecticut specifically are slowly coming to terms with the aftermath of the horrific shooting of so many young children and their teachers. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of those families affected by this tragic event.

Turning to things on a brighter note, nearly one hundred WAMA members and their partners gathered in the Westin Hotel on the evening of Friday 7th December to celebrate the holiday season with our annual Winter Ball. This function lived up to its billing of the social event of the year with fine food, great music, some impressive dancing and always the wonderful company of the WAMA family. I must say a huge thank you to Richard and Joanne Smith and the rest of the Executive Committee for the work they put into making this premier event such a success.

Looking forward, I hope you will all have put the date of our Annual General Meeting and the subsequent lunch down in your new diaries – the event will be held at the Embassy of Canada on 31 January 2013. Coffee will be served from 1030hrs onwards with the meeting starting at 1100hrs. Please come and join us and decide the way in which you want your association to be run.

The calendar for 2013 is shaping up nicely and we will inform you of all the events at the AGM. Please also note that we will always endeavour to meet at Fort Meyer on the last Friday of the month for a very friendly game of either football or volleyball. This has been great fun and creates very good camaraderie amongst all those that participate – please do come along and join us on 25 January.

Military Attachés can join WAMA by submitting the application form that they received at their Accreditation Ceremony, or they can download an application form from our website at www.wama-dc.com. Remember that, if you have staff, who are not attachés, they are more than welcome to join WAMA as Affiliate Members. Also, I encourage wives and partners to join the Military Attaché Wives Association (MAWA), which they can do by going to www.sites.google.com/site/mawawashington/ for contact details. For those comfortable with social media we now have our own Facebook page – 'WAMA DC'. This site is a great place where our children can find friends facing similar challenges of being in a new city in a new country.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support of our WAMA family. I wish you and all your families wherever they are in the world a very peaceful and enjoyable holiday season and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

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

Military Attaché Corps Leadership:

Soon after another successful WAMA Winter Ball, Colonel Mitch Kent returned home to Australia. His replacement, Lieutenant Colonel Rob Crawford takes his place 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 & Membership Secretary; Winter Ball Organizer:	COL Richard Smith, United Kingdom
Spring Dinner Organizer:	LTC Rob Crawford, 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

Important Announcements

Foreign Liaison Personnel Changes:

Ms. Becky Fielder left Foreign Liaison and government service to spend more time with her family. We wish her and John all the best.

Ms. Sofia Stasishyn, who has been in Foreign Liaison for a couple of years working on the International Military Student Washington, DC Field Trip Program, has moved to one of the Protocol Officer positions, replacing Ms. Shannon Graham and Ms. Becky Fielder.

We are still in the process of filling the second protocol officer position and will let you know when that happens and when we get a replacement for Sofia Stasishyn in the Field Trip Program position.

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:

Winter/Holiday Greetings from Attaché Coordination!



Dear Colleagues,

As the winter season is upon us, Jackie Green, Robin Proudie and I send you warm Holiday greetings. We hope that you are able to take some time to spend with your families and enjoy a little respite after a busy year here in Washington DC.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for taking part in our programs throughout 2012. We hope that you have found them to be enjoyable and useful. We are also getting ready for an eventful 2013. We will continue with our quarterly information briefings beginning in March. Furthermore, we will execute three more exciting orientation trips, with the first one being planned for 18-25 May to U.S. Army Alaska, and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.

Happy Holidays to each 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:

Australia – LTC Rob Crawford

Nigeria – LTC Abubakar-Nura Mohammed

Dominican Republic – BG Pedro Valenzuela

Poland – LTC Michal Sprengal

El Salvador – LTC Enrique Acosta

Vietnam – LTC Pham Hung

Greece – COL Evangelos Papadopoulos

Yemen – Staff BG Mohammed Ibrahim

Guinea – BG Boundouka Conde

Departures:

Dominican Republic – COL Jose Castro Berg

Australia – COL Mitch Kent

Vietnam – SRCOL Nguyen Cahn Phuc

China – SRCOL Yongxuan Liu

Yemen – COL Taiseer Saleh

Dominican Republic – MG Andres Apolinar

Russian Federation – COL Vladimir Spirin

Military Attaché Orientation Program Notes:

Attaché Information Briefings:

We had a very informative set of briefings on Tuesday, 11 December. COL (P) Kimberly Field gave an Army 2020 update and LTG Mary Legere spoke about Army Intelligence 2020. Thank you to all who attended. 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 7 March 2013 at Ft. Myer, and 11 June 2013 at the Pentagon Library and Conference Center.

Attaché Orientation Trips:

We had an outstanding trip to the Western U.S. 27 October – 3 November 2012. Thank you to all who participated and engaged with the various commands that we visited. The next trip scheduled is the Spring 2013 Trip to the Northwest United States. It will take place 18-25 May. We will visit U.S. Army Alaska and the Alaska National Guard at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK; I Corps and the 7th Infantry Division at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA; the Washington National Guard at Camp Murray; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Seattle District; and the 364th Expeditionary Sustainment Command at Marysville, WA. We will also visit several cultural, historical, and geographical highlights along the way. We will publish the invitation in March, with registration and payment due by mid-April. We hope that many of you and your spouses can participate in this trip.

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 December 2012 version of the Social Directory has recently been printed and will be distributed soon. As you may well imagine, the information in the Social Directory is constantly changing due to changes in the Attaché Corps, so please continue to keep us informed of changes as they happen. Please send any updates to robin.a.proudie.civ@mail.mil (for countries from A-K) or to jacqueline.m.green.civ@mail.mil (for countries from L-Z).

Protocol:

Ms. Sofia Stasishyn is now on board in the Protocol Section. Please direct any invitations, correspondence, or protocol questions to her at sofia.stasishyn.civ@mail.mil or 703-692-1459.

Invitations:

General Guidelines:

Please direct any questions that you may have regarding protocol or invitations to the Army Foreign Liaison Protocol Section. We ask that you follow these guidelines concerning official social invitations extended to U.S. Army personnel:

- Please deliver invitations to Army Foreign Liaison at least 15 calendar days in advance of the event for the best U.S. Army representation.
- All invitations for Headquarters, Department of the Army personnel for official social occasions in the greater Washington, DC, area must be sent through Army Foreign Liaison. This enables Army Foreign Liaison to help you achieve your desired attendance. We ensure invitations are delivered promptly and monitor responses.
- To request the most current U.S. Army Foreign Liaison "A" List prior to sending your invitations, you may contact the Foreign Liaison Protocol Section at 703-692-1457 or 703-692-1459, or email your request to sofia.stasishyn.civ@mail.mil.

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 "Winter 2013 Newsletter."

Enclosures:

This newsletter contains the following enclosures:

Foreign Military Attaché Roster

Foreign Military Attaché E-mail Roster

Army Foreign Liaison Directorate Listing (DAMI-FL)

Army International Affairs Division Country Desk Assignments (DAMO-SSR)

Security Cooperation Integration Directorate Listing (SAAL-NI)

Army Foreign Disclosure Division Regional Desk Officers (DAMI-CDS)

U.S. Army Foreign Liaison "A" Guest List dated 28 December 2012

Pentagon Parking Facilities Map

Attaché Program Planning Calendar for Calendar Year 2013 (To be published at a later date)