

## USAWC Department of Distance Education Class of 2021 Orientation

### Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Where is the DDE resident Orientation Program held?** Friday's session is held at the Army Heritage and Education Center (AHEC), located at 950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle, PA (this is not on Carlisle Barracks proper, but it's nearby).
- 2. What is the uniform for Orientation weekend?** "Carlisle Casual" is the uniform for Orientation Weekend. Men in slacks or khakis, sport shirt and/or sweater; women in slacks, khakis, or skirt with top or casual dress.

On Day 2 (Saturday) students will take their biography photo. This is the only time students will wear military uniform.

For the photo only, students will wear Class B or service equivalent, i.e.,

- USAF: Short Sleeve Blue Shirt
- USMC: Summer Service "C"
- USN: Summer Khaki w/ ribbons
- Civilian: Business attire (coat and tie or female equivalent)

No utility or field uniforms are permitted.

- 3. Who pays for my TDY to Carlisle?** You are responsible for the cost of the voluntary resident orientation. If your unit chooses to put you on orders and pay for your orientation, the per diem rate for Carlisle and surrounding area is \$149.00. Maximum lodging allowance is \$94.00, and the meal rate is \$50.00. The partial meal rate is \$32.00 for the first and last day of TDY. TDY for Department of the Army Civilian Students is paid for by HQDA.
- 4. Is attendance mandatory?** No. Attendance is highly encouraged, but not mandatory. The orientation is designed to allow new students to meet AWC faculty/admin and ask questions about the program. Key sessions are recorded and will be available online under the Course DE2300 tab so students can review the topics covered.
- 5. Where will I stay?** We have blocked a number of rooms at hotels around Carlisle. Please see the "HOTEL INFORMATION" link on the orientation page for further details.
- 6. Do I need a rental car if I plan to fly?** Yes. No transportation is provided for these weekends.
- 7. Are meals provided?** No. On Friday, a catered lunch will be available for purchase at AHEC. They will offer a burger bar, sandwiches, soup, and salad items. On Saturday the Joint Deli, conveniently located in Root Hall, will provide a number of breakfast and lunch items. The Joint Deli will offer sandwiches, and a soup and salad bar. The bowling alley, which is a five minute walk from your building, offers short order items. There are also several Carlisle area restaurants you may choose from.
- 8. Will I need to bring books / supplies / laptop / etc.?** You may wish to bring note taking materials to include a tablet. Wireless access is available during the orientation. If you wish to configure **ONE** laptop with the assistance of the local technical support

personnel **please inform our staff on the registration form.** Support personnel will be available to assist you with the configuration. You must have completed Block 1 of DE2300 to be eligible for technical support at Orientation Weekend.

**9. Who do I contact if I have further questions?** The POC for the program is LTC Jen Bower, (717) 245-3577 or [jennifer.i.bower.mil@mail.mil](mailto:jennifer.i.bower.mil@mail.mil). If you have administrative questions please contact Mr. Amos Myers at (717) 245-3592 or [amos.s.myers.civ@mail.mil](mailto:amos.s.myers.civ@mail.mil) or Mr. Mike Semrau at (717) 245-3578 or [mike.r.semrau.civ@mail.mil](mailto:mike.r.semrau.civ@mail.mil).

**10. What can I do now to prepare myself for this course?** If you haven't done any academic writing recently, you may want to review Army War College writing requirements here: <https://ssl.armywarcollege.edu/dde/ews/index.cfm>