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AWC Orientation Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who pays for my TDY to Carlisle? You are responsible for the cost of the voluntary resident orientation. If your unit chooses put you on orders and pay for your orientation, the per diem rate for Carlisle and surrounding area is \$141.00. Maximum lodging allowance is \$85.00, meals and incidentals is \$56.00, and the partial meal rate is \$31.00 for the first and last day of TDY.

2. What is the uniform for Orientation weekend? The Class B uniform or service equivalent is preferred. Students/faculty may wear Class B (service equivalent) or coat and tie w/ females wearing the equivalent. We will have a photographer available to take your class bio photo.

3. Is it mandatory to attend? 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 Course 2300 so students can review the topics covered after the fact.

4. Where will I stay? We have blocked a number of rooms at the “Park Inn” Harrisburg West in Mechanicsburg, PA in addition to a small number at Army Lodging (Ashburn Hall), Carlisle Barracks. Your lodging location will be designated for you when registering on the web site. Your registration, however, is not complete until you contact your designated hotel. Please contact them using the information provided in the Registration link as soon as possible to officially reserve your room. All rooms set aside but not reserved by a student for Orientation can be released by the hotels 30 days prior to orientation. Tell the hotel you are with the Army War College DDE Orientation Weekend and **verify** you are receiving the government rate. Maximum daily lodging rate is \$85, total per diem for the area is \$141.00.

5. Do I need a rental car if I plan to fly? No. We will provide transportation from Harrisburg International Airport (Airport designator MDT) to the Park Inn, Harrisburg West, and to the airport on your day of departure. Please ensure you complete the transportation portion of your registration. We will not provide transportation to / from DC, Baltimore or Philadelphia airports.

6. Are meals provided? No. On Friday, the Joint Deli, conveniently located in Root Hall, will be open for lunch from 1130-1300. They offer reasonable price deli made sandwiches, a hot meal bar and soup & salad items. On Saturday the Joint Deli will provide a number of breakfast items to include coffee from 0700-0800. The Joint Deli will offer deli made sandwiches, box lunches and a soup & salad bar.

7. Will I need to bring books / supplies / laptop / etc? Generally no, you may wish to bring standard note taking materials that you are comfortable using during the Orientation classes. If you wish to configure **ONE** Laptop with the assistance of the local technical support personnel please make a notation on the registration form. Support personnel will be available to assist you with the configuration.

8. What must I bring to Orientation if I want to be issued a CAC?

To receive a CAC card you must bring two forms of approved ID, one of which must bear your photo. A current or expired CAC is considered a valid form of ID.

http://carlislebarracks.carlisle.army.mil/services/deers_idcard_cac.cfm