

# WAR COLLEGES

## **Intermediate Service Colleges**

Lieutenant commanders are eligible to attend one of the armed forces intermediate level service colleges, known as a "War College." These programs develop mid-grade officers for greater responsibilities through advanced military education. Each program is unique and eligibility criteria vary by school. Completion of each program earns you **JPME Phase I** credit.

### **United States Air Force Command and Staff College (ACSC)**

(Montgomery, AL). ACSC, part of Air University, focuses on preparing the world's best joint strategic leaders through air, space and cyberspace education. Students learn the profession of arms, air power history, international security, the requisites of command, the nature of war and the application of air, space and cyberspace power at the operational level of war through nine major courses. Graduates earn a **Master of Military Operational Art and Science** degree.  
[Click here for more information on ACSC.](#)

### **United States Army Command and Staff College (CGSC)**

(Fort Leavenworth, KS). CGSC's goal is to provide career officers with a larger context of unified action—multi-service, interagency, and multinational operations. Additionally, prominent local colleges have created numerous cohort programs tailored to meet the schedule needs of CGSC students. Accredited Master's programs range from Business Administration, Management, and Human Resources, to Information Management and qualify for Navy Tuition Assistance.

### **United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College (CSC)**

(Quantico, VA). CSC, part of Marine Corps University, trains joint, multinational and interagency professionals to overcome diverse 21<sup>st</sup> Century security challenges. Curriculum consists of Warfighting from the Sea, Cultural and Interagency Operations, and a Leadership Course. Graduates earn a **Master of Military Studies**.

### **United States Navy College of Naval Command and Staff**

(Newport, RI). Students pursue studies in each of the Naval War College's three core subject areas: Strategy and Policy, Joint Maritime Operations, and National Security Decision Making. Graduates earn a **Master of Arts, National Security and Strategic Studies**.

### **Maritime Advanced Warfighting School (MAWS)**

(Newport, RI). MAWS is an integral component of the NWC educational mission to develop strategic and operational leaders with the skills required to plan, execute, and assess combined, joint, and naval operations. In a 21<sup>st</sup> century of complicated threat and opportunity, joint, Navy component, and numbered fleet commanders increasingly require officers who are warfare proven, skilled in operational planning, and able to apply maritime power effectively. Graduates earn a **Master of Arts, National Security and Strategic Studies** and **JPME Phase I** credit.

## **Senior Level Opportunities**

### **Senior Service Colleges**

Commanders are eligible to attend one of the Armed Force's senior service colleges, known as a "War College." These programs develop senior officers for greater responsibilities through advanced military education. Each program is unique and eligibility criteria vary by school. Completion of each program earns you **JPME Phase II** credit.

### **United States Air Force**

#### **Air War College (AWC)**

(Montgomery, AL). This program, as part of Air University, develops senior leaders for strategic-level employment of air, space and cyberspace forces. The curriculum emphasizes coalition warfighting and national security. The course includes seminars, simulation exercises, electives, international travel and a national security symposium. Graduates earn a **Master of Strategic Studies** degree.

### **United States Army**

#### **War College (USAWC)**

(Carlisle Barracks, PA). USAWC is the Army's ultimate professional development institution that prepares selected military, civilian, and international leaders for the responsibilities of strategic leadership in a joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational environment. The USAWC holistically views the development of strategic leaders. In broad terms, the programs and curricula of the USAWC are built around the concept of mastering the strategic art. Graduates earn a **Master of Strategic Studies** degree.

### **United States Marine Corps**

#### **War College (MCWAR)**

(Quantico, VA). MCWAR prepares selected officers and civilians for decision-making across a range of military operations in joint, interagency, and multinational environments through the study of: national military strategy, theater strategy and plans, and military support to those strategies within the context of national security policies, decision-making, objectives, and resources. Graduates earn a **Master of Strategic Studies** degree.

### **United States Navy**

#### **College of Naval Warfare**

(Newport, RI). Students pursue studies in each of the Naval War College's three core subject areas in the following order of presentation: National Security Decision Making, Strategy and Policy, and Joint Military Operations. During the first two of these trimesters, College of Naval Warfare students will be joined in lectures and in seminars by international students of the Naval Command College. Graduates earn a **Master of National Security and Strategic Studies** degree.

### **The Eisenhower School [Previously known as: Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF)]**

(Washington, DC). The Eisenhower School, part of the National Defense University (NDU), is a senior service school providing graduate level education to senior members of the US armed forces, government civilians, foreign nationals and private industry. These future executives will be better prepared for leadership and success in developing national security strategy and policy, with a focus on evaluating, marshalling, and managing national resources. Upon successful completion, graduates are awarded a **Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy**.

### **National War College**

(Washington, DC). The National War College is part of the National Defense University (NDU). The mission of the National War College is to educate future leaders of the Armed Forces, State Department, and other civilian agencies for high-level policy, command, and staff responsibilities. To do this, NWC

conducts a senior-level course of study in national security policy and strategy for selected U.S. and foreign military officers and federal officials. The curriculum emphasizes the joint and interagency perspective and graduates earn a **Masters of National Security Strategy**.

### **Joint Advanced Warfighting School (JAWS)**

(Norfolk, VA). JAWS produces graduates who can create campaign-quality concepts, plan for the employment of all elements of national power, accelerate transformation, succeed as joint force operational / strategic planners and be creative, conceptual, adaptive and innovative. JAWS is envisioned to populate the Joint Staff and combatant commands with officers expert in the joint planning processes and capable of critical analysis in the application of all aspects of national power across the full range of military operations. Students must be capable of synergistically combining existing and emerging capabilities in time, space and purpose to accomplish operational or strategic objectives. Graduates earn a **Master of Science degree in Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy**