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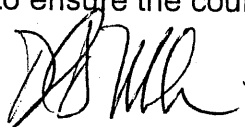
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MEMORANDUM FOR Commanding General, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013-5238

SUBJECT: Strategic Plans and Policy (FA 59) Qualification Course

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to assign the U.S. Army War College the mission to establish a qualification course for newly assessed officers into Functional Area 59.
2. The Army War College serves the Nation as it prepares senior leaders to pursue mastery of the art of strategy in a unified, joint, or multinational environment. The institutes of the Army War College support the educational mandate, research operational and strategic issues, and conduct outreach programs that benefit the college, the U.S. Army, and the Nation. Thus, the Army War College is best qualified to develop and manage a FA 59 qualification course that ensures the transformed Army has the proper learning environment to create leaders with a firm strategic and operational foundation.
3. The Army War College is directed to implement the approved proposal as outlined at the enclosure. The FA 59 Qualification Course will be part of the overall FA 59 Intermediate Level of Education experience that includes a common core course and the Joint Professional Military Course II at the Joint Forces Staff College. Two full-time instructors, serving as educators and mentors using the Army War College educational experience model, will develop and lead the small group instruction, providing the students a unique student-teacher interactive educational experience. The program of instruction will be based on strategic theory and practice principles, exercises, rigorous study and evaluation, and access to visiting lecturers and academic forums at the Army War College.
4. The Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3, DAMO-TR, will transfer, in coordination with DAMO-SS, the FA 59 Qualification Course funds currently validated in the TFAO MDEP for POM 04-09 to the FAWC MDEP to ensure the course is resourced.

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