



INFORMATION BRIEF ON ARMY WAR COLLEGE NIGERIA

BACKGROUND

1. *The Army War College Nigeria (AWCN) was conceptualized to develop the capacity of NA officers in Operational Art including Campaign Planning (Campaign Design) and Management of War (Campaign Management) as well as the development of basic strategic skills. The College is therefore envisioned to build professionals who are proficient at deterring and prosecuting war, where deterrence fails.*

2. *The AWCN is the premier NA educational institution concentrating on operational art, military leadership, strategy and inter-agency cooperation. It conducts professional military education for officers to prepare them for responsibilities in current and future operational leadership positions. It also builds capacities for the efficient development and employment of land power in a complex, joint, multi-national and inter-agency environment. The College is a centre of excellence where participants write analytical*

papers on key operational issues and policies in support of NA operational efforts/ activities.

3. *The Establishment Order for the AWCN was conveyed vide AHQ DAPP/G5/220/267 dated 28 Feb 17. The College curriculum was designed to prepare senior military officers for responsibilities at operational level. This has been expanded to cater for equivalents in other MDAs of government and allied countries. To this end, the curriculum attempted to bridge the observed knowledge gaps between tactical and strategic levels by developing participants' skills in Operational Art, Operational Design, Campaign Planning, Decision Making process as well as the Theories of War. This was with a view to enhancing the capacity of future leaders of the NA in the successful employment of land powering a joint, multinational and inter-agency environment.*

4. *In order to provide overall guidance and direction, the College Board is constituted as below:*

- a. *Chief of Army Staff - Chairman.*
- b. *Director Army (MOD) - Member.*
- c. *Commander TRADOC NA - Member.*
- d. *Chief of Training (Army) - Member.*
- e. *Commandant Army War
College Nigeria - Member.*
- f. *Director Legal Service (Army) - Member.*

g. Deputy Commandant/DOS
AWCN - Secretary.

5. The current staff of the College are:

a. **Headquarters.**

- (1) Maj Gen IB Maina - Commandant.
- (2) Brig Gen AM Umar - Dy Comdt/DOS.
- (3) Brig Gen RO Agbi - DOA/Logistics
- (4) Brig Gen OA Ogunleye - DHMSIR/DS.
- (5) Col A Abdullahi - D Coord/DS.
- (6) Col MO Edide - DWS/ DS
- (7) Col AN Eze - DR&D/L / DS
- (8) Col MS Bappaiya - D Curriculum Development.
- (9) Lt Col UF Abdulraheem-Ag Director Finance.
- (10) Maj UN Adamu - MA-Comdt.
- (11) Maj DY Chiwar - SO2 Records.
- (12) Maj M Mohammed- College Librarian.
- (13) Maj HS Abdullahi - College PRO.
- (14) Maj IM Okoro - Ag CO ST.
- (15) Maj AA Ogbu - QM.
- (16) Capt CO Agbi - Ag OC MIR.
- (17) Capt PJ Dogo - OC MP.
- (18) Capt O Ogunrinde - Ag SO2 ICT.
- (19) Lt OG Kudihinbu - OC PT Det.
- (20) Lt AU Sadiq - Cat Offr.
- (21) Lt UB Shehu - 2iC Prov Coy.

b. **Directing Staff.**

- (1) Brig Gen EM Albara (Rtd).
- (2) Brig Gen GG Shipi (Rtd)(Seconded to Plateau State Government).

- (3) Brig Gen GH Hassan Seconded to AFWCN)
- (4) Brig Gen FO Onu (Seconded to NWCN)
- (5) Brig Gen OA Ogunleye.
- (6) Brig Gen SOG Aremu.
- (6) Col A Abdullahi.
- (7) Col AO Balogun.
- (8) Col MO Edide.
- (9) Col AN Eze.
- (10) Col NC Okafor.
- (11) Col NE Okoloagu. -
- (12) Capt(NN) AO Obisesan(Seconded from NWCN).
- (13) Col AU Abdul.
- (14) Col IB Buhari.
- (15) Col AM Dikko.
- (16) Col SA Mohammed.
- (17) Gp Capt E Benson (Seconded from AFWCN).

c. **Research Fellows.**

- (1) Dr Moses Saleh
- (2) Dr Joel Ebute

LOCATION

6. The AWCN is located at WU Bassey Barracks, Asokoro, Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory. The choice of Abuja was premised on its serenity and central location which is accessible from all parts of Nigeria by road, rail and air. All major airlines in the country have flights to Nnamdi

Azikiwe International Airport Abuja. The airport also operates international flights to many cities of the world.

7. *Abuja has 2 climatic seasons, namely the dry and rainy seasons. The rainy season starts around mid-March and ends in October, during which temperatures range between 22^oC to 30^oC. The dry season is characterized by hot sunny conditions, with intervals of windy cold days, beginning from October to March of the following year with temperatures going as high as 40^oC. Abuja has many places of interest that provide recreational facilities. These include shopping centers, hotels, restaurants, beautiful rock formation sites, international organizations headquarters and national centres like the National Mosque, National Ecumenical Centre, Centre for Arts and Culture amongst others.*

MISSION STATEMENT AND OBJECTIVES

MISSION STATEMENT

8. *The mission statement of the AWCN is **“To produce well-trained, educated and inspired operational level leaders for the NA”**.*

COURSE OBJECTIVE

9. *To develop the capacities of participants in basic military strategic thinking skills as well as operational planning and management for effective application of land power.*

INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING OBJECTIVES

10. *To accomplish its mission and course objective, the curriculum is designed with the following institutional Learning Objectives (LO):*

a. *Developing cognitive and communication competencies required by military operational leaders with emphasis on strategic thinking.*

b. *Enabling participants appraise the constituents of National Security Strategy as well as national interest, while also analyzing military capabilities to achieve national defence objectives.*

c. *Developing the capacity of participants to relate and function effectively in multi-agency, multi-dimensional and joint environments in the use of national power to safeguard national interests and security.*

d. *Building and synthesizing the critical elements of theory of war and strategy*

through the application of strategic thinking skills.

e. Analyzing and distinguishing the uniqueness of military strategic level leadership and apply competencies required of strategic leaders.

f. Applying strategic insights from military history to the contemporary environment by synthesizing critical elements, enablers and processes.

g. Developing competencies to formulate theatre strategies and campaign plans for the employment of military power in a joint, multi-agency, multi-dimensional and multi-national environment.

h. Developing competencies to evaluate and formulate strategies to effectively function at the strategic and operational levels in sub-regional, regional and global Peace Support Operations (PSO).

COLLEGE LOGO MOTTO AND BROOCHES

*11. The College Logo is derived from the NA Colours and the National Colours. There is an Eagle placed on a crossed sword and pen. At the base is a scroll in yellow parchment bearing the **College Motto:** Knowledge, Dedication and*

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Service. The College brooches are derived from the logo with the addition of half laurel and full laurel for graduates and DS respectively:

COLLEGE LOGO



COLLEGE BROOCH

FELLOWS



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COLLEGE FLAG

12. The College Flag was designed with the operating environments of the Nigerian Army in focus. The dark blue, green, brown and sky blue were selected to represent maritime, jungle, desert

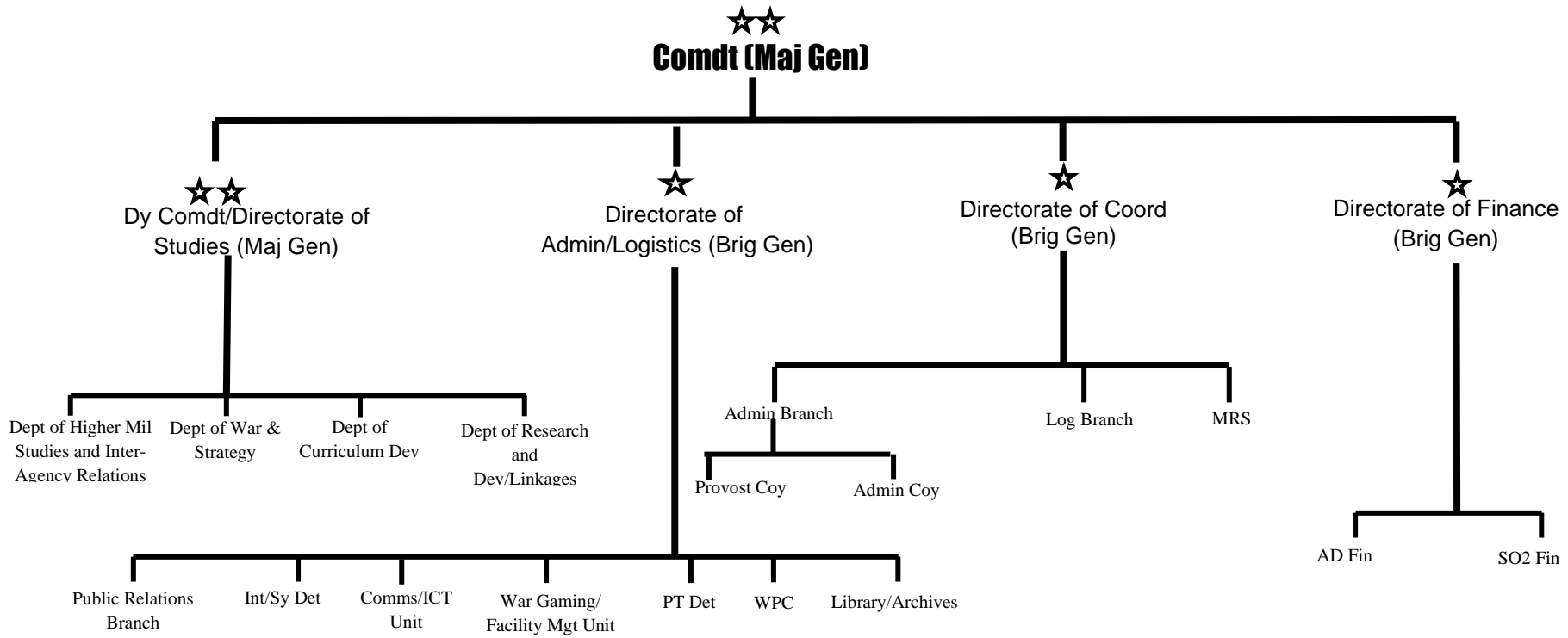
and aviation operating environments of the Nigerian Army respectively.



ORGANISATION OF ARMY WAR COLLEGE NIGERIA

13. The AWCN is organized into a Headquarters, the Directorates of Studies, Administration/Logistics, Coordination and Finance. The College is headed by a Commandant of the rank of Maj Gen. The directorates are headed by officers of the rank of Brig Gen.

ORGANOGRAM FOR THE ARMY WAR COLLEGE NIGERIA



ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

14. **Academic Faculty.** *The Academic Faculty is headed by the Director of Studies with the substantive rank of Maj Gen who doubles as the Deputy Commandant. The Faculty comprises 4 departments as follows:*

a. **Department of Higher Military Studies and Inter-Agency Relations.** *The Department of Higher Military Studies and Inter-Agency Relations (HMSIR) is headed by a Brig Gen and has 8 directing staff of the rank of Brig Gen. The Department is responsible for the Foundation as well as the National Security and Organisation of Defence Modules. It is also responsible for the Inter-Agency Cooperation and Coordination in Military Operations and the PSO Modules.*

b. **Department of War and Strategy.** *The Department of War and Strategy (DWS) is headed by a Brig Gen with 8 directing staff of the rank of Brig Gen. It is responsible for the Theory of War and Strategy, Leadership, Military History and Operational Art/Campaigning Modules.*

c. **Department of Curriculum Development.** *The Department of Curriculum Development is headed by a Brig Gen and has an Assistant Director Curriculum Development of the rank of Lt Col. The Department is responsible for the coordination of all curriculum related activities. It is also responsible for reviewing and updating the College's Course Curriculum and academic programmes as well as evaluation and feedback on modules delivery.*

d. **Department of Research and Development/Linkages.** *The Department of Research and Development/Linkages (DRD/L) is headed by a Brig Gen and has an Assistant Director R&D/Linkages of the rank of Lt Col. The Department is responsible for evaluating the 8 modules taught in the course. The Department is also responsible for collaborating with other training institutions/establishments both local and international as well as Ministries, Departments and Agencies and other relevant organisations.*

15. **Course Outline.** *The War Course covers 35 weeks organized into 8 Modules of 3 terms. The modules are:*

a. **Module 1:** *Foundation.*

b. **Module 2:** *National Security and Organization of Defence.*

c. **Module 3:** *Inter-Agency Cooperation and Coordination in Military operations.*

- d. **Module 4:** Theory of War and Strategy.
- e. **Module 5:** Leadership.
- f. **Module 6:** Military History.
- g. **Module 7:** Operational Art/Campaign.
- h. **Module 8:** Peace Support Operations.

16. **Method of Instruction.** The language of instruction in the College is English. The mission and objectives of the College are pursued through lectures, seminars, syndicate discussions, discussion in plenary and presentations. Additionally, participants are to conduct exercises, case studies and write papers on key strategic issues. There are also tours within Nigeria and to other countries to expose participants to the geo-strategic environment.

17. **Admission Policy.** The course is for Lt Cols/Cols and equivalents in other Services. Officers from paramilitary and other security agencies are allocated slots subject to Army Headquarters approval based on nomination from their organizations. Also, military officers from allied countries are given the opportunity attend the course. However, officers attending the course must have attended the Senior Staff Course to qualify. Officers from other agencies must also have attended the Senior Staff Course equivalent in their various agencies. Importantly, participants must be medically fit in accordance with the NA Medical Standards.

18. **Lectures and Syndication.** The methods of instruction are mostly through lectures by subject matter experts in different fields. This will be conducted through seminars, case studies, individual and group work. Lectures will take place at the College Auditorium and other lecture rooms as captured in the weekly training programmes. Copies of lectures and other instructional materials needed for the course are available to each participant on the College website and in some cases dropped in each participant's mail box. Participants are divided into syndicates for group discussions, assignments and exercises. They are expected to make valid contributions in their various syndicates to ensure exchange of knowledge. Each syndicate has at least 2 DS. The DS coordinates the discussions and activities of the syndicate.

19. **Library and Printing Press/Work Production Centre.** To aid academic work, the College is equipped with books, journals, reports and other publications in the fields of Military History, Military Leadership, Operational Art, Strategy, National Security etc. The College Printing Centre is equipped to produce quality documents. The College has a Works

Production Centre (WPC) for the production of all teaching materials for the College. The WPC is available to support syndicate or group assignments subsequent to a formal request to the D Coord. The College also has a business centre at the Participants' Quarters where individual and group jobs could be printed on commercial basis.

20. **Visits**. *The following visits are conducted during the course:*

- a. Tour of military establishments within the Federal Capital Territory.*
- b. Internal Security Study Tour of any state of the Federation.*
- c. Nigeria Study Tour to strategic institutions.*
- d. Geo-strategic Tour to selected countries.*
- e. Operational Theatre Visit to any ongoing operation in the country.*
- f. Staff Ride to Nigerian Civil War sites.*

21. **Exercises**. *There is at least one exercise in each module which would culminate in a final exercise (Ex STAR RIDE) at the end of the course. There are also at least 4 academic papers to test participants on different aspects of the course curriculum. Joint Operations Planning Exercise (JOPEX) with sister Services war colleges and National Defence College is also being conducted.*

FELLOWSHIP AWARD

22. *Successful completion of the War Course leads to the conferment of 'Fellow of the War College (fwc)'. Also, the award of Distinguished Fellow War College [fwc(+)] is conferred as an honour on a Comdt who has served for a minimum of 6 months in the College as well Director of Studies who has served for a period of not less than 12 calendar months and any Directing Staff who has taught for not less than 3 terms and served for a period of not less than 18 months. However, for DS on exchange programme from NWCN and AFWCN the eligibility to qualify for [fwc(+)] is after 2 teaching terms and must have served for a period of not less than 12 months in the College.*

CONTACT

23. **Website**. The College Website address is: *www.awcn.army.mil.ng*
Additional information about the College is available on the website.

24. **Mail**. The College postal address is:

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Area 10, Garki
ABUJA*

25. **Address, Telephone and E-Mail**. The official address, telephone number and E-Mail of AWCN are as follows:

a. Address:

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WU Basseyy Barracks
Asokoro
ABUJA*

b. Telephone - +234(0)8179074349.

c. E-mail - *awcn.edn@army.mil.ng*.

CONCLUSION

26. This brief has provided an insight into the history, mission and objectives of the College. It has also provided information on the organizational structure of the College and its academic activities. It is hoped that the information provided in this booklet will enrich the reader's awareness on the AWCN and its activities.