

### School of Advanced Military Studies Expansion is Complete

The School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS) program at the Command & General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth has effectively prepared officers for the uncertainties of the future for the past twenty-five years. The school continues to make adjustments to its construct to ensure it provides the vital graduate level education/intellectual rigor in a manner that effectively converts intellectual power into combat power in an era of persistent conflict.

The most recent adjustment is the completion of the expansion of the Advanced Military Studies Program (AMSP) at SAMS. On 7 July 2009 SAMS completed the expansion of its Advanced Military Studies Program from six to nine seminars and is now educating 137 officers in addition to educating 16 Senior Service College students in the school's Fellowship program. SAMS is also educating in a more comprehensive approach with all elements of the Total Army, the joint forces, key coalition partners and inter-agency partners all at the school.

This expansion will provide the Army with more SAMS graduates, further enabled by the implementation of a summer and winter dual-start strategy which is more aligned to the ARFORGEN model, modularity, and the greater needs of the force. Through this adaptive expansion effort, SAMS will produce approximately sixty additional graduates every year in an effort to win the war of ideas in the contemporary and future operating environments.

The school educates the future commanders and leaders of our Armed Forces, our Allies, and the Inter-agency at the graduate level to be agile and adaptive leaders who think critically at the strategic and operational levels to solve complex ambiguous problems. The Advanced Military Studies Program (AMSP) and the SSC Advanced Operational Art Studies Fellowship (AOASF) focus on developing operational artists who are great operators, expert designers & planners and officers who can successfully command combat formations. The program continues to focus on producing doctrinal experts who are innovative and capable of synthesizing the elements of US national power in a comprehensive manner.

This strategic initiative at SAMS will continue to best prepare an officer to meet the broad challenges of the 21st Century and will help ensure the intellectual health of our Army is sustained and enhanced as we move ahead.