

That's not all . . .

Our Vision

A premiere program for USASMA spouses that expands their leadership capacity, broadens their opportunities for growth, and recognizes their significant contributions to readiness.



Course Accreditation

Informed, enthusiastic participation in class discussions and projects are the standard for all students.

In-class presentations culminates with the Certificate of Training.

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Spouse Leadership

Development Course

(SLDC)

Course Goals

Build upon the senior spouse's basic knowledge of leadership, group dynamics and teambuilding by enhancing awareness of current theories and models of human psychology.

Encourage and support expression of diverse ideas, opinions, and beliefs related to current issues and challenges facing families regarding Army living, programs and transformation initiatives.

Forge and maintain strong peer support groups among senior spouses and create a support network to sustain progress beyond the course.

"The professional face of modern military spouses has changed significantly."

Our Mission

Proactively educate USASMA spouses and promote a team-building approach by enhancing and developing leadership skills to support readiness, morale, and a successful command.

Our Course Map

- L901: Welcome/Opening Remarks & SLDC Orientation
- L902: Kolb Learning Styles
- L903: Farmers Exercise
- L904: Problem Solving & Decision Making
- L905: Diversity
- L906: Group Dynamics & the Senior Spouse
- L907: Leadership & the Senior Spouse
- L908: Effective Communication
- L909: Public Speaking
- L910: The Senior Spouse Overview of Army Family Programs
- L911: Senior Spouse Role in Recruiting & Thanking Volunteers
- L912: The Senior Spouse Role in the Family Readiness Group
- L913: Army Overview (Operational to Strategic Level)
- L914: Deployment Discussion
- L915: Trauma in the Unit/Casualty Assistance
- L916: American Red Cross
- L917: Survivor Outreach Services
- L918: Resilience
- L919: Dress for Success
- L920: Protocol and Etiquette
- L921: Public Affairs/Media Relations w/Online Conduct
- L922: Security & Social Media
- L923: Ethics
- L924: Benefits and Entitlements: Preparing for Retirement
- L925: Planning a Reception
- L926: Graduation Rehearsal
- L927: After Action Review
- L928: Senior Spouse Panel
- L929: Commandant & Spouse Panel
- L930: Graduation/Reception Set-up
- L931: Graduation Ceremony
- L932: Reception

Course Scope

The Spouse Leadership Development Course (SLDC) is a 42-hour resident Army Training Requirements Resources System (ATRRS) leadership support course designed for spouses of Sergeant's Major Course students, staff and faculty, Soldiers in both the active and reserve components. It prepares enlisted spouses for leadership support positions in the military community. Subject areas include programs in human psychology, human relations training, and leadership development.

Spouses learn healthy conflict management, protocol, public speaking, communication, effective listening, and team building. The senior spouse's role in the family readiness group is also part of the curriculum, as well as in-depth information on military benefits, entitlements, and health awareness.

The SLDC employs a combination of lecture, discussion, and the small group experiential learning models to facilitate an enriched learning experience. The course consists of 29 individual lessons. Students must complete all lesson material.

Registration for SLDC is: <https://blisa3sma1002.nasw.ds.army.mil> POC: Ms. Michelle Mebane (915) 744-1201

Examinations are not conducted in this course!