Air War College (AWC) Air Reserve Component Seminar (ARCS)

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Lt Cols have the opportunity to enhance their AWC distance learning (DL) professional military education (PME) during the Air Reserve Component Seminar (ARCS). AWC ARCS is a blended-learning program consisting of two, two-week seminars (phases) conducted at McGhee-Tyson ANGB, TN. AWC ARCS is offered in December and June each year, however AF Reserve officers are only eligible to participate in the June session. The AWC ARCS program offers an in-resident experience to those total force officers without the opportunity or time to attend a resident PME program.

AWC ARCS participants follow the AWC DL curriculum and are required to complete certain pre-requisites before they participate in Phase I. During the period between seminars, members are expected to complete certain curriculum requirements at home station. These requirements are pre-requisites for attending Phase II the following year.

Upon successful completion of the AWC ARCS program, students will have satisfied their SDE requirement. Only non-resident SDE credit will be reflected in AWC ARCS student personnel records.

The AWC ARCS program provides an enriched learning environment that uses student-led seminars and guest lectures.

For ANG and full-time Reservists, the ARCS TDYs are completely unit funded. For IMAs and other Reservists, ARCS attendance is centrally funded by AFRC.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

For ANG officers, a Course Announcement/Call for Applications will be released from the Director, Air National Guard to TAGs in each state. It will be distributed via the Force Development Superintendents (FDSs) and Unit Training Managers (UTMs). The course announcement will include all application directions and specific program details.

For AF Reserve officers, specific application instructions for the AWC ARCS program will be listed in the Reserve School Selection Board (RSSB) announcement.

**AWC ARCS PROGRAM INFORMATION:**

- New AWC ARCS (Phase I) students must complete the AWC Elective via Air University (AU) Blackboard with a passing grade in the system **BEFORE** attending Phase I at McGhee-Tyson ANGB. The AWC elective is the pre-requisite to attend Phase I. Applicants are **strongly**
encouraged to begin working on their AWC elective **BEFORE** official ARCS selection notification. During Phase I, students will complete the Foundations of Strategy (FS) course.

- Phase II students must successfully complete the International Security Studies (ISS) course **BEFORE** attending Phase II. The ISS course is the pre-requisite to attend Phase II. During Phase II students will complete the Warfighting (WF) course and begin work on the Joint Strategic Leadership (JSL) course. Upon completion of Phase II, students will continue to work with their senior mentor to finish the JSL course from home station to complete the AWC DL curriculum. Phase II students **DO NOT** need to re-apply to the ARCS program the following year. Once selected for the ARCS program, students are considered accepted into both phases of the program.

**AWC ARCS eligibility information:**

* Open to all ANG and AFRC 0-5s or Lt Col selects

**ACSC ARCS Program Director:**
Lt Col Lori E. Rasmussen, ANG Advisor to Spaatz Center for Officer Education
DSN 493-9820
Comm (334)953-9820
Email: loralie.rasmussen@us.af.mil