

Opportunity of a Lifetime:

Since January 1, 2026, the CCA headquarters has buzzed with energy every Sunday afternoon. It's not just because we're serving lunch—it's because the CCA's Statesman Seminar Series are in session.

For the past eight weeks—with one weather-related pause during the great winter storm of 2026—12 outstanding cadet scholars have gathered around the conference table with nationally recognized leaders and public servants for something rare in our fast-paced world: thoughtful, face-to-face conversations.

Each seminar begins before the cadets walk through the doors. Preparatory reading is assigned two weeks in advance, so participants can arrive prepared for meaningful discussion. The setting is intentionally intimate and conversational: a roundtable, not a lecture hall. Over a shared meal, cadets and statesmen engage openly, exchange ideas, debate perspectives, and explore the realities of leadership. This format breaks down barriers, encourages candor, and allows each statesman to be approachable and accessible. What results is more than a class—it's mentorship, dialogue, and leadership development in their most personal forms.

Below is a glimpse into this year's conversations:

The Honorable Andrew Card

Labor Secretary, Former White House Chief of Staff

Title: Practical Statecraft

The Honorable Henry Cisneros '68

Former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Former Mayor of San Antonio

Title: National Policymaking in Practice

The Honorable Bruce Hamilton '78

President and CEO, CCA, Former Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board

Title: Western Civilization Origins of the American System of Government

General Patrick Gamble '67, USAF (Ret.)

Former President, University of Alaska System, Former Commander, U.S. Pacific Air Forces

Title: Will the Real Russian Army Please Stand Up?

The Honorable Rick Perry '72

Former Governor of Texas, Former U.S. Secretary of Energy

Title: Factions and Lawmaking in Practice

Mr. Rolando Santos '78

Former CEO, CNN Chile, Former Senior Vice President, Turner International

Title: The Role of the Press in Statecraft

Professor David Schlueter '68

Constitutional Law Professor, Former Legal Officer to Chief Justice Warren Burger

Title: The United States Constitution: Contemporary issues

General Stephen Wilson '81, USAF (Ret.)

Former Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force

Title: The Role of Force in Statecraft

The Statesman Series is more than an academic exercise. It is an investment in the next generation of leaders—men and women who will soon carry responsibility in our armed forces, communities, and nation.

Few programs offer cadets the chance to share a meal, ask candid questions, and learn directly from leaders who have shaped history. Quite simply, it is an opportunity of a lifetime, and one more way that the CCA is preparing Aggies to lead with character, wisdom, and courage.

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