CSCDEP 8901, 8902, 8903, 8904 WEEKEND SEMINAR SCHEDULE AY 2026

8901 — THEORY AND NATURE OF WAR

MONTH ONE – October

Saturday Lesson 1: Fundamentals of Military Theory

Lesson 2: Napoleonic Warfare, Clausewitz, and Jomini

Sunday Lesson 3: The Modernization of War in America

Lesson 4: The Early Twentieth Century: Modern War Comes of Age in Europe

Course Assessment Released

MONTH TWO - November

Saturday Lesson 5: Military Change in the Interwar Period

Lesson 6: World War II

Sunday Lesson 7: The Cold War, Sun Tzu, and John Boyd

Lesson 8: Contemporary and Future War

Course Assessment Due

8901 Course Close Out Due 31 November

8902 — NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES

MONTH THREE – December

Saturday Lesson 1: Foundations of National and International Security Strategy

Lesson 2: Course Assessment Discussed

Sunday Lesson 3: Instruments of National Power

Lesson 4: National Security Decisionmaking

MONTH FOUR – January

Saturday Lesson 5: National Strategic Guidance

Lesson 6: Alliances and Coalitions

Sunday Lesson 7: Strategic Case Study: Suez Crisis (1956)

Lesson 8: Joint Strat Planning and the Planning Execution System

8902 Course Assessment Presentation

8902 Course Close Out Due 2 February

8903 — JOINT OPERATIONS

MONTH FIVE – February

Saturday Lesson 1: Evolution of Jointness

Lesson 2: Service Warfare

Sunday Lesson 3: Combatant Commands

Lesson 4: Joint Force Organization

Approved:

Scott Erdelatz, Dean CDET By direction

MONTH SIX – March

Saturday Lesson 5: Higher-Level Staff Work

Lesson 6: Interorganizational Cooperation

Sunday Lesson 7: The Joint Operating Environment

Lesson 8: Joint Functions Case Studies

8903 Course Assessment Due

8904 — OPERATIONAL ART

MONTH SEVEN – April

Saturday Lesson 1: Operational Art

Lesson 2: Operational Leadership

Sunday Lesson 3: Joint Operational Planning

Lesson 4: Operational Design

8903 Course Close Out Due 2 April

MONTH EIGHT – May

Saturday Lesson 5: Campaigning and Campaigning

Lesson 6: Information Operations and Operational Design Practical Exercise

Sunday Lesson 7/8: Operational Design Practical Exercise

8904 Course Assessment Practical Exercise – Refinement and Presentation

8904 Course Close Out Due 5 June