



SCSC enters partnership agreement with USAWC

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KABUL, Afghanistan – In a signing ceremony Nov. 8 at the Command and General Staff College, Dr. Yusuf Nuristani, 1st deputy minister of defense, and Maj. Gen. David Huntoon, commandant of the US Army War College, signed a partnership agreement between the war college and the Senior Command and Staff Course.

The first Afghan SCSC class started less than three weeks ago, with the goal of offering high-quality training to senior colonels and general officers in an intensive six-month training cycle held semi-annually. This visit and event will be a great boost to the program.

“This is a very important moment for us,” said Nuristani. “We welcome General Huntoon here and appreciate his validation of our course. In



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Maj. Gen. David Huntoon, commandant U.S. Army War College, and Dr. Yusuf Nuristani, 1st deputy minister of defense, sign a partnership agreement between the Army War College and the Senior Command and Staff Course.

time, this will be one of the most elite in Afghanistan.”

In addition to the signing ceremony, the visit included a tour of the facilities and an unexpected reunion.

Lt. Col. Abdul Ghias made history

as the first Afghan graduate of the USAWC, and was reunited with General Huntoon for the first time since his graduation earlier this year. Ghias is currently the SCSC deputy director.

With Ghias being a shining example, it's likely that there are other Afghans who would want to take advantage of this opportunity.

After an address to the current class by General Huntoon, 209th Corps Commander Maj. Gen. Baz Mohammad Jahid commented, “I'm very happy to have you here. I would like to be able to attend your war college one day.”

Clearly, SCSC is off to a great start and everyone involved is expecting nothing but great results. 

Lt. Col. Abdul Ghias, first Afghan graduate of the Army War College, happily welcomes Maj. Gen. Huntoon to the CGSC.



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