



**Command and General
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Grand Opening Ceremony

for the

**Col. Arthur D. Simons
Center for the Study of
Interagency Cooperation**



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Sequence of Events

Guests Arrive

Remarks

Col. Bob Ulin, USA Ret.
CEO, CGSC Foundation

Lt. Gen. Robert Arter, USA Ret.
Chairman, CGSC Foundation

Mr. Hyrum W. Smith
President, CGSC Foundation

Mr. Ross Perot

Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen, Jr.
*Commanding General, Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth
Commandant, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College*

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Reception

Tour Office Spaces

Col. Arthur D. Simons Center for the Study of Interagency Cooperation

The Col. Arthur D. Simons Center for the Study of Interagency Cooperation is a research, analysis, studies and publication center focused on interagency issues at the tactical and operational levels of war. Funded through the Command and General Staff College Foundation with a generous gift by Mr. Ross Perot, it provides direct support to the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in fulfilling its mission of educating and developing leaders for full spectrum joint, interagency and multinational operations.

The Center capitalizes on the College's exceptional faculty and recent operational experiences of its students, as well as proximity to doctrine and training development efforts conducted at Fort Leavenworth. The Center fosters greater dialogue and shapes ideas concerning how the U.S. government can more effectively execute policies at the application level by conducting research, hosting professional forums, publishing professional papers and periodic journals, and fostering relationships with the interagency community.

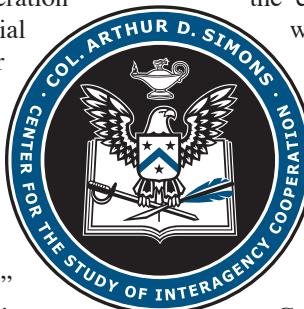
Mission

To foster and develop an interagency body of knowledge to enhance education at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College while facilitating broader and more effective cooperation within the United States Government at the operational and tactical levels through study, research, analysis, publication and outreach. Promote awareness of and engagement with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; sponsor discourse; inform doctrine; educate; and promote development of leaders.

The Logo

The Col. Arthur D. Simons Center for the Study of Interagency Cooperation is named after renown Special Forces officer, Col. Arthur "Bull" Simons. The teal color in the logo is representative of the teal in the U.S. Army Special Forces patch. The eagle is reflective of the U.S. government eagle and represents the "interagency" aspect of the Center's mission.

In the eagle's claws a pen is crossed over a sword, reminding all of the age-



old axiom that the pen is mightier. Behind the eagle is an image of a book, which represents the Center's key mission to promote the intellectual rigor required in its mission and to publish works that contribute to the professional body of knowledge. Above the eagle is the Lamp of Knowledge, which reminds us of the Command and General Staff College lamp, and is symbolic of study and learning.

Col. Arthur David "Bull" Simons

United States Army
June 14, 1918 – May 21, 1979

Arthur David Simons was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in Field Artillery in 1941. His first assignment was with the 98th Field Artillery Battalion as a platoon leader and later, battery commander, and was deployed to New Guinea in the early stages of World War II. In 1943, Captain Simons was assigned to the newly forming 6th Ranger Battalion where he served as a company commander and battalion executive officer.

During his duty with the 6th Ranger Battalion, Simons participated in several hazardous landings in the Pacific, including leading a demining team in the Leyte Channel before the Philippine invasion. He earned a Silver Star for his actions in the famous Cabanatuan Raid that rescued approximately 500 prisoners of war, most of whom were survivors of the Bataan Death March. At the conclusion of the war, Major Simons left the active Army.

In 1951 Simons was recalled to active duty to serve as a Ranger instructor at Fort Benning, Georgia. Simons subsequently served tours with the Military Assistance Advisory Group, Turkey; the XVIII Airborne Corps; and the 77th Special Forces Group, before becoming the Deputy Commander/Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army Special Warfare Center in 1960. From 1961-62, Lieutenant Colonel Simons commanded the Operation

White Star Mobile Training Team in Laos, and from 1962-64, he served as the first commander of the 8th Special Forces Group in Panama. After Panama, he was assigned to the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam Studies and Observations Group, which conducted numerous clandestine missions in Southeast Asia.

In 1970, Colonel Simons was hand-picked by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs to be the ground commander of Operation Ivory Coast, a joint special operations effort to rescue American Prisoners of war from the Son Tay prison in North Vietnam. While the mission rescued no prisoners (due to an intelligence failure), it did force North Vietnam to consolidate all the prisoners into a few central compounds in Hanoi and improve their treatment. President Richard Nixon presented Simons with the Distinguished Service Cross for his outstanding leadership of this mission.

Colonel Simons retired from the Army on July 31, 1971. In late 1978, H. Ross Perot requested Simons' assistance to help free two of his employees who were arrested and imprisoned in Iran. Simons organized a rescue mission and ultimately freed the two men, fleeing across the mountains into Turkey, returning to the United States in February 1979. Three months later, while on vacation in Vail, Colorado, Colonel Simons died of heart complications at the age of 60.

