



Five Years Later: Remembering the Lessons of Afghanistan



6-7 May 2026
AUSA Conference Center
Arlington, VA

Registration:



The Modern War Institute, in partnership with the Irregular Warfare Initiative and the Association of the US Army, presents “Five Years Later: Remembering the Lessons of Afghanistan,” a USMA Class of 1992 War Council.

The conference is intended to complement the work of the Afghanistan War Commission by focusing on lessons for the US Army. Attendees are encouraged to contribute to the summer 2026 edition of the *Modern War Journal*, which will capture the lessons of Afghanistan for future generations of military leaders.

Dress Code: Panelists—(Mil) Class-As or (Civ) Business; Attendees—(Mil) ACUs or (Civ) Business Casual

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Time	Event	Location
0830-0900	Registration and Refreshments	AUSA, 4th Floor
0900-0920	Opening Remarks	AUSA, 4th Floor
0930-1100	Panel 1: The Foundations: Lost Opportunities?	AUSA, 4th Floor
1115-1215	Keynote	AUSA, 4th Floor
1215-1330	Lunch	External
1330-1500	Panel 2: The Surge: The Challenges of Large-Scale Counterinsurgency	AUSA, 4th Floor
1515-1645	Panel 3: A Small Footprint: Transition to Advising and Counterterrorism	AUSA, 4th Floor
1730-1900	Social	Courthaus Social

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0900-0930	Registration and Refreshments	AUSA, 4th Floor
0930-1100	Panel 4: The Taliban Theory of Victory: How did they Win?	AUSA, 4th Floor
1115-1215	Afghanistan War Commission Discussion	AUSA, 4th Floor
1215-1330	Lunch	External
1330-1500	Breakout Panels:	AUSA, Breakout Rooms
	A: Lessons for Small Unit Operations B: Lessons for Special Operations C: Lessons for Security Force Assistance	D: Lessons from the Withdrawal E: The Future of Counterterrorism in Central Asia
1515-1645	Panel 5: Organizational Lessons from the Long War	AUSA, 4th Floor
1645	Closing Remarks	AUSA, 4th Floor

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