



# 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: Business Casual

## 6 May 2026

Time	Event	Location
0830-0900	Registration and Refreshments	AUSA, 4th Floor
0900-1000	Opening Remarks	AUSA, 4th Floor
1015-1145	Panel 1: The Foundations: Lost Opportunities?	AUSA, 4th Floor
1145-1300	Lunch	External
1300-1430	Panel 2: The Surge: The Challenges of Large-Scale Counterinsurgency	AUSA, 4th Floor
1445-1615	Panel 3: A Small Footprint: Transition to Advising and Counterterrorism	AUSA, 4th Floor
1700-1900	Social	Courthaus Social

## 7 May 2026

Time	Event	Location
0915-0945	Registration and Refreshments	AUSA, 4th Floor
0945-1115	Panel 4: The Taliban Theory of Victory: How did they Win?	AUSA, 4th Floor
1130-1230	Afghanistan War Commission Panel	AUSA, 4th Floor
1230-1330	Lunch	External
1330-1500	Breakout Panels:	AUSA, Breakout Rooms
	A: Lessons for Ground Combat B: Lessons for Special Operations	C: Lessons for Security Force Assistance D: Lessons from the Withdrawal
1515-1645	Panel 5: Organizational Lessons from the Long War	AUSA, 4th Floor
1645	Closing Remarks	AUSA, 4th Floor
1700	IWI Social	Courthaus Social

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