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Captain Milner Graduates from The National Defense University, National War College

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On June 12, 2025, Yuma County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) Detention Captain Kelly Milner graduated from the National Defense University's National War College earning a Master of Science in National Security Strategy.

Captain Milner, also a Lieutenant Colonel with the Arizona National Guard with over 30 years of service in the U.S. Military, was competitively selected to attend the 10-month-long program.

The National War College, located at Fort Lesly J. McNair, was founded in 1946 to prepare senior military and civilian leaders for high-level strategic responsibility. Its alumni include generals, ambassadors, and national security leaders worldwide. The curriculum focuses on strategic leadership, global threats, interagency coordination, and the application of national power to complex security challenges.

Captain Kelly Milner

Captain Kelly Milner joined the Sheriff's Office on October 28, 2002 as a Detention Officer and was promoted to Deputy Sheriff in 2004.

In 2012, Milner was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to a supervisor position in the Foothills. In 2016, Milner was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, while being both a member and squad commander of the YCSO bomb squad.

Throughout the years, Milner served as a Field Training Officer, a member of the Collision Accident Reconstruction Team, and the Special Response Team as an entry team member, breacher, and assistant team leader. He is also a certified instructor in multiple fields, including firearms, defensive driving, and physical fitness.

As of September 2020, Milner was promoted to his current rank of Captain and was assigned as the Detention Bureau Commander. Milner currently oversees the day-to-day operation of the Yuma County Detention Center.

On behalf of Sheriff Leon Wilmot and the Yuma County Sheriff's Office, we would like to extend our congratulations to Captain Milner on his latest achievement.

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