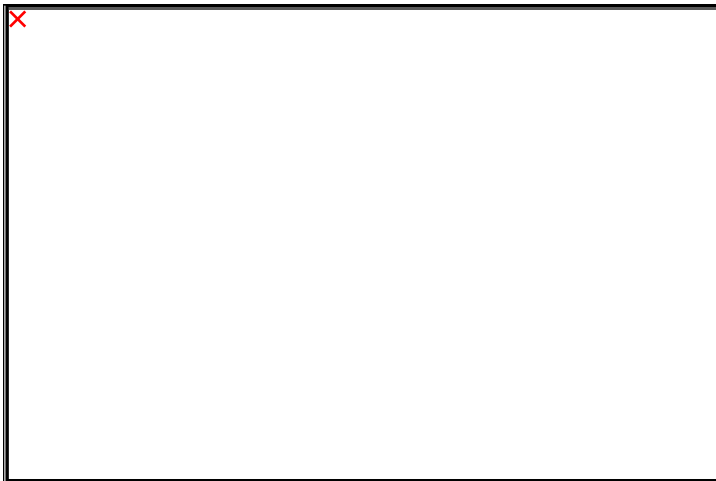


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March 11, 2011--The Army War College honored a distinguished member of the Class of 2001 with an induction into the International Fellows Hall of Fame, March 11.



Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin, USAWC commandant and Gen. Vijay Kumar Singh, the Chief of Staff of the Indian Army, remove the cover of the portrait of Singh that will be displayed in the Army War College International Fellows Hall of Fame. He is the 33rd IF to be inducted. *Photo by Megan Clugh.*

General Vijay Kumar Singh, the Chief of Staff of the Indian Army, the highest position in the Indian Army, became the 33^d International Fellow to receive the honor.

Singh was voted for induction by the fellow members of his USAWC class and the ceremony took place in front of the current USAWC class.

"General Singh had demonstrated professional competence and courage in leading his nation's armed forces and, in doing so, honors his alma mater, the U.S Army War College," said Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin, the Commandant of the Army War College. "His connection to this institution and to you, has never been more important, as our nations and partners face the dangers and new threats of the 21st Century."

"It is an honor for an IF to be inducted into IHOF at US Army War College, Gen. V.K. Singh is a visionary and inspirational leader," said Indian Brig. Gen. Balbir Singh, current Indian International Fellow, Class of 2011.

"I had the unique honor to work with him closely. His clarity of thought, professional acumen and humane

approach always inspired me to perform better. The Indian Army will grow from strength to strength under his dynamic leadership," said Singh.

After being honored Singh discussed strategic leadership and management with the students. He told them to always lead by example, and to avoid the status quo. "As a strategic leader you should not lead without a strong conviction and do not be indecisive," said Singh.

Singh also discussed the difference between management and leadership. "Management is about coping with complexity, while leadership is about coping with change including that brought about due to complexities."

He also told students the importance as strategic leaders to understand how to effectively use the media and how it will assist you.

In shaping and managing future leaders, Gen. Singh told students to, "lead by example, what you do is what others will do and emulate."

"Throughout his career, Singh has been at the forefront of change and transformation. In addition to his experience as a commander, staff officer and instructor, Singh has been deployed many times beginning with the 1971 Bangladesh War, and most recently during Operation Parakram in 2001.

He has also commanded the prestigious Strike Corps in Western Sector, before taking over the command of the Eastern Army in March 2008.

Singh became the 26th Chief of the Army Staff on March 31, 2010. He was the first commando to be appointed to that post and as a veteran of many battles, brought vast experience of counter-insurgency operations to the position.

Singh is a graduate of the Indian Defense Services Staff College, an honors graduate of the United States Army Infantry School, as well as, the U.S. Army Rangers Course.

Singh was awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal by the President of India in recognition of his exceptional and distinguished services on the eve of Republic Day 2009.

As the first Indian officer to be inducted into the U.S. Army War College International Fellows Hall of Fame, Singh joins a uniquely prestigious alumni group.