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June 7, 2011 -- Approximately 150 new members, citizens drawn from across American life and various fields of endeavor, are attending the Army War College 57th annual National Security Seminar, June 6-10, here.

The Seminar is the capstone event of the 10-month curriculum at the Army War College, the Army's senior educational institution. Each New Member is assigned to one of 20 student seminar groups and becomes an active participant in seminar discussions, sharing from their own background, experience, beliefs and perspectives on these issues

The Seminar enables these representative citizens to get to know some of the prospective leaders of their Armed Forces and, in turn, allows the students to better understand the society they serve.

Featured speakers for the week include Maj. Gen. John "Mick" Nicholson, deputy chief of staff for operations, ISAF and U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, who opened the week with a keynote presentation on operations in Afghanistan. Professor Susan Herman, president of the American Civil Liberties Union, focused the Seminar on the state of civil liberties. Dr. Paul Kan, USAWC associate professor of national security studies, addressed the Mexican drug war and cartel violence; and *Foreign Affairs* editor Gideon Rose introduced a discussion on how wars end.

The National Security Seminar also includes an historian-guided Gettysburg Staff Ride and multiple opportunities to discuss several national security issues facing our country today.

The U.S. Army War College was established in 1901 "not to promote war, but to preserve peace," by developing, inspiring and serving strategic leaders for the wise and effective application of national power in a joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational environment, emphasizing development and employment of land power. The College educates more than 1000 officers annually in its Resident and Distance programs and specialty courses for strategists and strategic leaders.

The USAWC graduating class of 2011 consists of 336 students representing a cross-section of the joint

military, federal agency and multinational security environment: 198 Army officers, 15 Navy, 32 Air Force, 17 Marine Corps and two Coast Guard officer, representing Active, Reserve and National Guard. The Class includes 49 international officers, and 23 senior civilians of federal agencies.

For more information about the U.S. Army War College, visit the website at <http://www.carlisle.army.mil>, or share the expertise of the War College at [www.youtube.com/usarmywarcollege](http://www.youtube.com/usarmywarcollege)

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