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Brazilian military leader, USAWC grad, discusses challenges facing region, world



Brazilian Maj. Gen. Sergio Jose Pereira, Commander of the Brazilian Army Command and General Staff College, discusses the issues and challenges facing his nation during the Gen. Mark Clark - Marshal Mascarenhas de Moraes Lecture Series Sept. 13 in Bliss Hall. Pereira is a Class of 2000 USAWC graduate. Photo by Megan Clugh.

Sept. 13, 2011 -- Brazilian Maj. Gen. Sergio Jose Pereira, Commander of the Brazilian Army Command and General Staff College, spoke to Army War College students and faculty in Bliss Hall Sept. 13 as part of the Gen. Mark Clark - Marshal Mascarenhas de Moraes Lecture Series.

Pereira is no stranger to Carlisle Barracks, as he is a Class of 2000 USAWC graduate and a former member of Seminar 17.

“When I arrived here yesterday I remembered all of the good memories of my time here,” he said.

Pereira provided an overview of the Brazilian Army, including how it is adapting to face challenges that face his country.

He said that nations operate in a complex world and change occurs at a fast pace. He stressed that international cooperation and broad relationships between countries are very important.

He said that factors like scarce natural resources, organized crime, nuclear proliferation and cyber attacks

are some of the issues that face nations across the world. He outlined educational and doctrine changes, new equipment capabilities for the Brazilian Army and international cooperation as keys to the nation's future.

He also said that the immense size of the Amazon region poses its own challenges and that work with the other nations is critical to the security of the entire continent.

The U.S. Army Chief of Staff established the General Mark Clark - Marshal Mascarenhas de Moraes Lecture Program in 1981. It commemorates Brazilian - U.S. Army cooperation during World War II and the current relationship between the U.S. and Brazilian Armies.

Before he left, he shared some thoughts on his USAWC experience.

“This school changed my way of seeing the world. It opened my mind and helped me in my career. I hope it will do the same for each of you. ”

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