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Graduating from a distinguished university is a monumental occasion for most students, especially those who graduate and earn awards for their academic achievements.

Twenty-five Army War College students, International Fellows and Fellows from the 2013 class are among 385 graduates who have distinguished themselves by winning various writing, speaking and research awards.

This year's award winners represent the U.S. Air Force, Marines, Army, Army Reserves, Army National Guard and Department of State as well as two International Fellows from the Austrian and Pakistani Armed Forces.

Congratulations to the award-winning students, recognized during the USAWC graduation ceremony June 8. Air Force **Col. Jonathan C. Rice**, awarded first place for the 2013 Secretary of Defense National Security Essay Competition for the essay, "Four Core Questions for U.S. Cyberattack Guidance."

Army **Lt. Col. Brian E. Linvill**, Stanford University fellow, awarded third place for the 2013 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff National Defense and Military Strategy Essay Competition for the essay, "Retaking the Lead: A New Role for America in Libya."

The Commandant's Award for Distinction in Research is awarded to multiple students:

- o Navy **Capt. Scott A. McClellan**, for the essay "The Shanghai Cooperation Organization: Should the U.S. Be Concerned?"
- o Army **Col. Timothy D. Mitchell**, for the essay "The Army FAO Training Program: Time to Break More Glass"
- o Austrian **Col. Rudolf Zauner**, for the essay "Cooperation and Integration: Keeping Austria's Forces Relevant for 21st Century"
- o **John M. Finkbeiner**, Department of State, for the essay "Malaysia's Great Power Balance and the South China Sea Disputes."

The Army War College Foundation Award for Outstanding Strategy Research Paper has multiple awardees:

- o Army **Col. Douglas W. Winton**, for the essay “China’s Economic Statecraft in Africa: Implications for the U.S. Rebalance”
- o Pakistani **Brig. Gen. Muhammad Arif Malik**, for the essay “Militancy in Pakistan: Rebottling the Genie”
- o Army **Col. Jon R. Drushal**, Atlantic Council of the United States fellow, for the essay “Additive Manufacturing: Implications to the Army Organic Industrial Base in 2030”
- o Army **Col. Scott L. Efflandt**, for the essay “Under Siege: How Private Security Companies Threaten the Military Profession.”

Army **Col. Charles C. Rimbey**, awarded the Army War College Foundation Daniel M. Lewin Cyber-Terrorism Technology Writing Award for the essay, “Off We Go Into the Wild Digital Yonder Building Cyber Forces.”

Air Force **Col. Gregory P. Gilbreath**, awarded the Army War College Foundation Col. Francis J. Kelly Counterinsurgency Writing Award for the essay, “America’s Targeted Killing Policy: Is it Right? Is it Working?”

Army **Lt. Col. Daniel C. Hodne**, awarded the Army War College Foundation Dr. Sara L. Morgan Civilian Development and Management Writing Award for the essay, “We Want You: It Takes a Village to Market the Army.”

Marine Corps **Lt. Col. Stanton L. Chambers**, awarded the Army War College Foundation Col. Jerry D. Cashion Writing Award for the essay, “Force Multiplier: The Military’s Future Role in U.S. Border Protection.”

Army **Col. Frederick M. O’Donnell**, awarded the Army War College Foundation Anton Myrer Strategic Writing Award for the essay, “Developing Strategic Leader Competencies in Today’s Junior Officer Corps.”

Army **Col. Enrique Camacho**, awarded the Col. Don and Mrs. Anne Bussey Military Intelligence Writing Award for the essay, “Regionalization: The Cure for an Ailing Intelligence Career Field.”

Army **Col. John A. Vermeesch**, awarded the Carlisle Barracks and Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) Award for Excellence in Public Speaking, for the speech “U.S. – Iranian Relations: A Stalemate of Mistrust.”

The Military Officer Association of America (MOAA) Writing Award has multiple awardees:

- o Army **Col. Patrick D. Reardon**, for the essay “US-Vietnam Mil-Mil Relations: How to Elevate the Relationship”
- o Army **Col. Michael J. Philbin**, for the essay “Cyber Deterrence: An Old Concept in a New Domain.”

Army **Lt. Col. Roger P. Hedgepeth**, awarded the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Institute for Land Warfare

Award for the essay "Avoiding the Leviathan: A Strategy to Limit Post-conflict Normative Breakdown."

Army National Guard **Lt. Col. Robert A. Crisostomo**, awarded the Military Order of the World Wars Writing Award for the essay "Strategic Guam: Past, Present, and Future."

Army Reserve **Lt. Col. Joseph V. Ignazzitto II**, awarded the Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes Reserve Components National Security Strategy Writing Award for the essay "The Army's Use of Spirituality in the Prevention of Suicide."

Army **Col. George R. Smawley**, awarded the U.S. Military Academy's William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic (SCPME) Writing Award for the essay "Stewardship and the Retired Senior Leader: Toward a New Professional Ethic."

Army **Col. Daniel J. W. King**, awarded the Armed Forces Communications-Electronics Association (AFCEA) Writing Award for the essay "Enabled Masses: Challenge and Trust within Modern Social Networks."

Marine Corps **Lt. Col. Brian L. Gilman**, awarded the Gen. Thomas Holcomb Writing Award for the essay "Worthy of His Sufferings": How Strategic Leaders Learned from Failure."

Army Col. Stephen J. Maranian, awarded the Army War College Alumni Association Lifetime Membership Award.

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