

Australian Fellow in class of 2017: 'Know that you were never alone'

Robert Martin, USAWC PAO

Australian Fellow in class of 2016: 'Know that you were never alone'

“The phrase 9/11 will provoke forever a special meaning throughout the world, and for the United States of America in particular it would forever change your history,” said Australian Colonel Susan Coyle, the vice president of the resident class of 2017, who addressed the 15 years since September 11, 2001.



Today in front of Root Hall, members of both the Army War College and Carlisle communities joined to pay respect to those first responders who gave their lives during the attacks on 9/11, and to those who have fallen or wounded in the war on terrorism.

Australian Col. Susan Coyle speaks to the Carlisle Community during the USAWC 9/11 Remembrance, Sep. 9. Seated behind Coyle from left to right are: Chaplain Col. Woods, USAWC Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Martinez and USAWC Commandant Maj. Gen. William

Rapp.

“At 8:46 a.m. on the 11th of September, 2001, not only the United States, but the entire world would be transformed,” said Coyle.

“As we meet here this morning on the 15th anniversary of those tragic attacks, know that you were never alone,” said Coyle to her U.S. colleagues. “Today, 74 international fellows remember with you the kindness and the resolute that was born out of that faithful day.”

Five Carlisle Barracks individuals continued the age-old tradition of honoring fallen comrades with the sounding of a bell. Five individuals each rang the bell to commemorate five critical moments that between 8:46 and 10:28

a.m. on September 11, 2001. Carlisle Barracks Civilian of the Year Dale Clements represented the courageous civilians involved in 9/11. Carlisle Barracks Police Officer Roy Carte, Fire Fighter Dave Myers, and Emergency Medical Technician Andy Boyle represented the first responders on that day. And, Army Capt. Shavayey Cato represented Soldiers.

In his remarks, Commandant Maj. Gen. Bill Rapp welcomed Gold Star families who gathered with representatives of members of Congress, local government and the AWC Foundation.

“Our minds go back to Lincoln, who talked about not being able to assuage your sorrow, but hopeful there is a solemn pride in the sacrifice of your sons,” said the commandant to Gold Star family members Richard and Emily Hansen, Tom and Coral Miller, Cherriney Kondor, Ann Sherman Wolcott and, from the Vietnam War, Mrs. Alzrio McDonald.



Before the playing of taps, Command Sgt. Major Christopher Martinez formally acknowledged the Army War College alumni and local Soldiers whose lives were lost in combat in the global war on terrorism.

Cpl. Rex Sherman of West Virginia was represented by his mother Ann Sherman Wolcott. Richard and Emely Hansen were present on behalf of their son Senior Airman James Hansen, of Michigan. Tom and Carol Miller were attendance to honor their son Staff Sgt. Keith Bennett of Harve De Grace, Md., as well as Cherrieny Kondor from York who was here for her son Spec. Martin Kondor.

Carlisle has lost Sgt. Kimberly Voelz, Sgt. Andrew McConnell, Capt. Wesley Hinkley, and Sgt. Patrick Hawkins. Pfc. Kenneth Ziegler and Cmdr. Philip Murphy-Sweet were from Mechanicsberg; Petty Officer 3rd Class John Fralish from New Kingstown; Master Sgt. Scott

Ball of Mount Holly Springs,

Fallen alumni include Lt. Gen. Timothy Maude, Class of 1990, Col. Canfield Boone, Class of 2002, Col. Richard Rescorla, Class of 1988, Lt. Gen. Parami Kulatunge, Class of 2003, Col. Brian Allgood Class of 2002, Col. John McHugh, Class of 2009, and Maj. Gen. Harold Greene, Class of 2003.

Col. Susan Coyle is a 28-year Australian Army officer: a Signals officer. Most recently, she commanded the Australian Task Group in Afghanistan. She is a graduate of the Australian Defense Force Academy, the Royal

Military College Duntroon, and the Australian Command and Staff College. She holds post-graduate qualifications in a Master of Management and a Master of Organizational Development and Human Resource Management. She received a Conspicuous Service Cross for command of 17 Signal Regiment.

In 2001, Congress designated September 11 of each year as Patriot Day, and in 2009, Congress designated September 11 as National Day of Service and Remembrance.

U.S. Army War College Archives - News Article - 09 September 2016