

## George, Beth Woods awarded the Norwegian Defence Service Medal

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*Senior Norwegian leaders honored the Woods, May 2, with Norwegian Defence Service Medals. Pictured, l-r, are Maj. Gen. Kristin Lund, Dr. George and Beth Woods, Amb. Kaare Aas, and Maj. Gen. Odin Johannessen, with the King's Royal Guard Quintet, behind*

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USAWC Professor George Woods and his wife, Beth, were awarded the Norwegian Defence Service Medal, May 2, for their support to Norwegian servicemen and their families while serving in Carlisle.

Norwegian Ambassador Kaare Aas hosted a reception at his residence in Washington DC to honor the Woods. Maj. Gen. Kristin Lund and Maj. Gen. Odin Johannessen, presented the medals on behalf of the Norwegian Chief of Army. The medals were signed by Norwegian Chief of Defence Admiral Haakon Bruun-Hanssen.

Johannessen, class of 2011, is Chief of the Norwegian Army; Lund, class of 2007, is Head of Mission and Chief of Staff of UNTSO Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO). Both generals are USAWC International Hall of

Fame fellows, and both have been sponsored by the Woods.

In his speech, Johannessen emphasized how important the Woods' support has been. "George and Beth opened their homes and their hearts to us," he said.

The Woods have volunteered to sponsor the Norwegian Fellow and family during Army War College academic years for 10 years.