

Harrisburg Foreign Policy Association Welcomes USAWC International Fellows

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Col. Alexander Kiknadze of Georgia and Dr. Clem Gilpin of the HFPA carry on a discussion during the IF welcoming reception at the Army Heritage and Education Center, Oct. 26.



A Member of the Harrisburg Foreign Policy Association shares a good laugh with Lt. Col. Aomar Mouzaoui from Algeria during the IF welcoming reception at the Army Heritage and Education Center

Germany, India and Egypt all represented under one roof might be a scene you'd expect to find at the United Nations in Washington D.C., but no, this was the scene here in Central Pennsylvania at a reception recently held to welcome visiting students.

Continuing a 41-year tradition, the Harrisburg Foreign Policy Association welcomed 79 International Fellows of the Army War College 2018 resident class during an annual reception held here at Carlisle Barracks' Army Heritage and Education Center, Oct. 26.

"We welcome the 79 International officers of the class of 2018," said Dr. Michelle Sellitto, President of the Harrisburg Foreign Policy Association. "More than 60 percent of the over 1,500 international fellows that have graduated from the Army War College, to date, have gone on to become general officers. It is our honor to recognize the best and the brightest

military officers in the entire world,” she said.

A highlight of the event is the informal ceremony, in which the Association provides each International Fellow with a Pennsylvania Senate Proclamation that serves as a formal welcome to the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Senator John Eichelberger spoke briefly at the event. During his remarks, he described his experience as a performer with international touring group, “up with people,” and related how his experiences helped to develop his understanding of living and working in another country.

“I appreciate the need to understand other cultures, other languages, other ways of life and how we can work together better,” said Eichelberger. “If we have a network of people that we have some trust with and understanding of, I think the world could be a better and safer place for us all. The community appreciates what you are doing here and what we can learn from you,” he said.