

Chief of Staff of the Norwegian Army Maj. Gen. Lars Lervik returns to the War College

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Norwegian Army Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. Lars Lervik is greeted by Maj. Gen. David Hill prior to his induction into the Army War College hall of fame at Root Hall, 27 April.

On April 27th, 2023, the War College inducted Norwegian Army Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. Lars Lervik as the 78th member of the Army War College's International Fellows Hall of Fame. Lervik's induction is in recognition of obtaining the highest level of leadership in the Norwegian Army.

A resident student in the class of 2017, Lervik spoke of his time at Carlisle Barracks. He described it as a "fantastic experience," allowing him to investigate strategic issues and pursue his leadership interests. He emphasized the importance of the knowledge he gained at the War College, stating that it helped him understand our world and the challenges facing military leaders today.

Lervik's military career began in 1990 when he attended the Cavalry Officer Candidate School; then, after graduating from the Norwegian Military Academy in 1995, he served as a platoon leader. Lervik assumed command over the Norwegian Army in 2020. His prior assignment was as the Commander of the Norwegian Brigade North.

Lervik singled out his course on operations design, which he found particularly important in his current role as Chief of the Norwegian Army as he communicates issues to the joint force. Lervik also stressed that change is constant in the military, and strategic leaders must be prepared to navigate it.

In addition to his remarks about military strategy and leadership, Lervik emphasized the importance of friendship and trust. He noted that the relationships built during good times are the ones that can be counted on when things get tough.

Lervik's induction into the Army War College's International Fellows Hall of Fame demonstrates the trust and respect he has earned from his peers in the military community.

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