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May, 27, 2105 -- Commandants have set the standard that Army War College graduates will be immediately of value to gaining units. For four members of the resident class of 2015, their test -- and their ability to contribute value -- is more imminent than expected.

*Commandant Maj. Gen. Bill Rapp congratulates new USAWC grad Col. Sean Berg, with Provost Dr. Lance Betros and Dean Dr. Richard Lacquement who created a special graduation ceremony for Berg and three colleagues.*

The USAWC Commandant, Provost and Dean graduated four Army students today in a special ceremony in the Bliss Hall in front of family, friends, and class of 2015 colleagues and faculty: Col. Robert S. 'Sean' Berg, Lt. Col. Steven P. Basilici, Col. Benjamin C. Jones, and Lt. Col. Edward J. Fisher. They received the United States Army War College diploma and the Master's degree in Strategic Studies.



In a rare exception to the norm, these four students were graduated today, and will be released early to meet immediate military requirements.

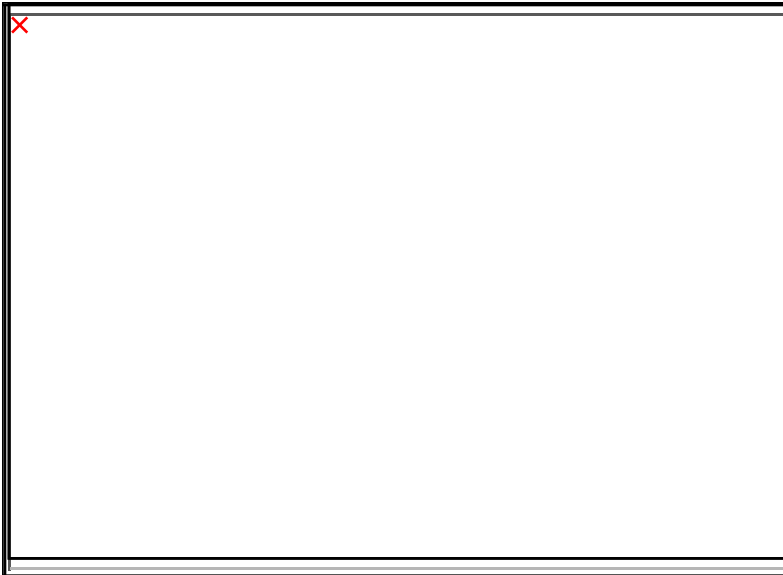
*Below, Col. Ben Jones accepts his diploma.*

*Below, Lt. Col. Ed Fisher walks the stage to receive his diploma and master's degree ... and below right, the whole seminar took part in this special event.*



*Lt. Col. Steve Bacilici enjoys the moment of achievement with USAWC leadership, below. Col. Ben Jones with his seminar mates, right.*

*COL Ben Jones with Maj. Gen. Bill Rapp, Dr. Lance Betros and Dr. Richard Lacquement, left. Lt. Col. Steve Bacilici makes the stage a family and seminar affair.*



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