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The U.S. Army War College extended a warm welcome to three international fellows from countries that have never sent representatives before – Gabon, Belize and Papua New Guinea -- and 76 other senior military officers from a total of 70 different countries. These 79 International Fellows will be attending the U.S. Army War College, integrated with the full student body of 384 US and international students. The academic year is full of studying, research, and fellowship as these officers pursue graduate-level studies in topics ranging from military concepts and doctrine to national and theater level strategies.



“My expectations are that you will seize the day, from the Latin phrase *carpe diem* ... take advantage of the year. We are going to ask you to do a lot things,” said Maj. Gen. Bill Rapp, Commandant of the U.S. Army War

College. “There is a lot of reading, a lot writing and a lot of discussion with your class mates to really expand your brain ... spend the time to get it done because you will be better for that experience.”

From left to right: Papua New Guinea Lt. Col. Andrew Dopeke, Belize Lt. Col. Asariel Loria and Gabon Lt. Col. Maurice Ntossui Allogo. They are their respective countries first representatives to the U.S. Army War College, Root Hall, June 25.

“You are critical in the seminars that we teach here, you provide an incredible breadth of knowledge and perspective that our American students do not always see,” said Rapp. “This is where your value comes in -- your value to that seminar to make yourself heard, not just

muster, actually study and be prepared to be thoughtful. You will represent your country to those students you sit with."

International Fellows listen intently during their inprocessing briefing at Bliss Hall, June 25.



The international students were also greeted formally by Ambassador Daniel Shields who is the former

U.S. ambassador to Brunei, and now serves as the diplomatic advisor to the U.S. Army War College Commandant.

"I am here to help with the diplomacy part of DIME," he said about the acronym for diplomatic-informational, military and economic elements of power. He continued to discuss the diplomatic interests of the Army War College curriculum: "how to make use of diplomacy to advance your nation, how does diplomacy fit in, what is the relationship between diplomatic and military," said Shields. "So that's the conversation I will have with you.



"One of my responsibilities to you is that of mentor, but I see you as a mentor to me too. If you are on the court of understanding how to integrate military and diplomatic movements I really want to have a conversation with you," he said.

Army War College Command Sgt. Maj.

Christopher M. Martinez (left) greets

Mongolian Lt. Col. Galbadrakh Togoo and his spouse during the International Fellows icebreaker, Letort View Community Center Tiki Bar, June 30.

The following is the list of countries represented in this year's class of 2016:

Afghanistan, Albania, Armenia, Australia, Bangladesh, Belize, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria (2), Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia (2), Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria (2), Norway, Pakistan (2), Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia (3), Senegal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Vietnam, Zambia.

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