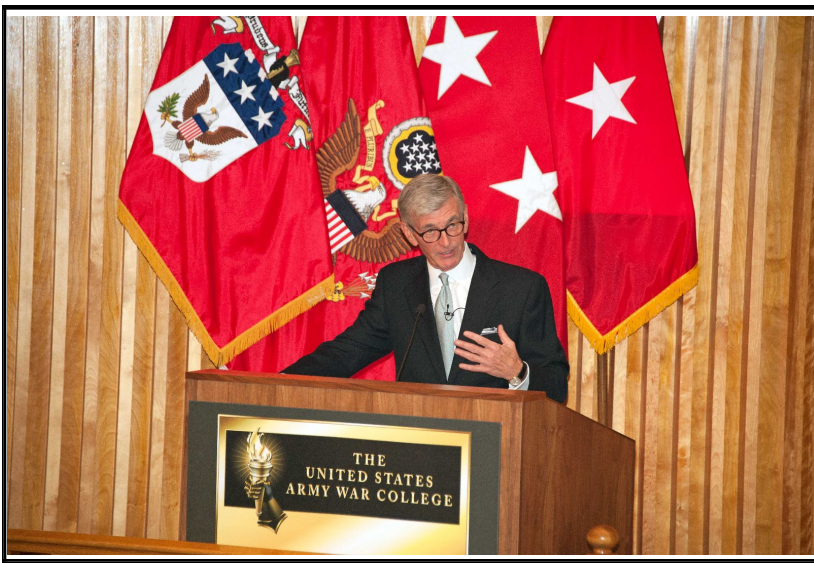


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Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh delivered the capstone address to the Army War College student body, July 23 in Bliss Hall, culminating the Distance Education Class of 2015's 2nd resident phase at Carlisle.



The two-year curriculum formally with the class's graduation, July 24 at 9 a.m.

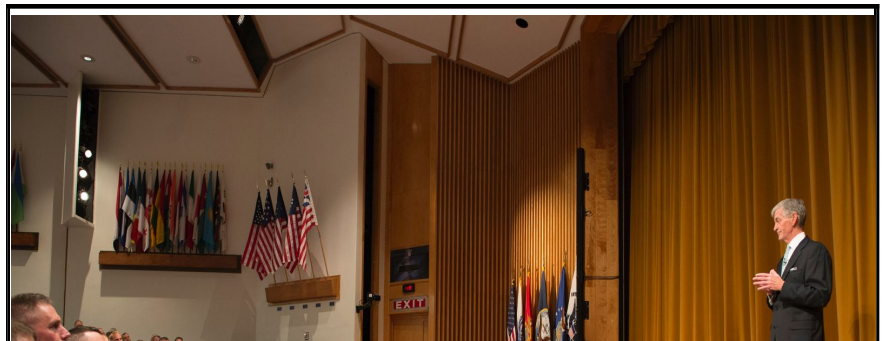
McHugh offered parting thoughts about future challenges, and acknowledged the graduating students' ongoing commitment to developing their own leadership skills to further benefit the Army and the nation.

McHugh delivers the capstone address to the Army

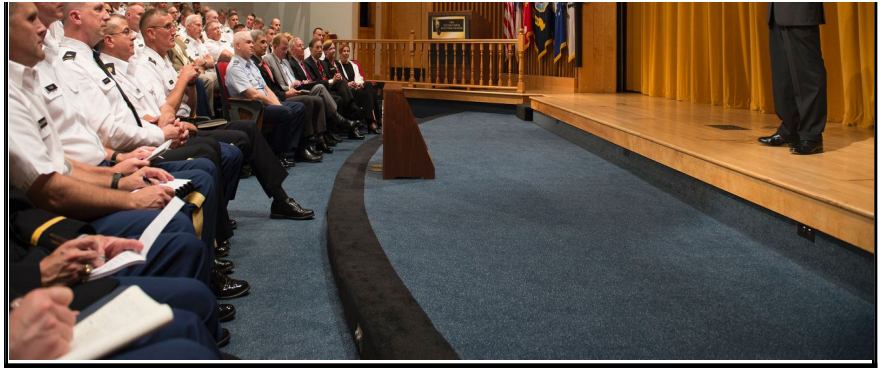
War College Distance Education Class of 2015, Bliss Hall, July 23.

"The kinds of leaders - the kinds of service men and women - we require are those who are able to adapt to a shifting security landscape. These are the sorts of individuals who do not just react to change and uncertainty but lead through it. They do not just manage risk and the unknown. Rather, they embrace it to generate opportunity. People who know how to take incredibly complex problems and deliver options, not ultimatums," said McHugh

For two years, the distance education students studied and participated in a multitude of online and virtual student-faculty



forums to prepare themselves for future leadership positions in a demanding international security environment with unknown future conditions.



Distance Education Class of 2015 and Army War College Staff listen to Secretary

McHugh's remarks during his capstone address, Bliss Hall, July 23.

McHugh is in his sixth year as Secretary of the Army, with statutory responsibility for all matters impacting 1 million military members and their families, 250 thousand civilian employees, and Army installations worldwide covering more than 13 million acres. McHugh previously represented northern and central New York State as a 9-term member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

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