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Members of the Distance Education Class of 2010 pose for a group photo with their Strategy Implementation Seminar guests. Photo by Megan Clugh.

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July 21, 2010 -- The annual Strategy Implementation Seminar kicked Tuesday July

20 with a keynote address by Vice Admiral Carl V. Mauney, deputy commander, United States Strategic Command.

The seminar, which serves as the capstone event of the Army War College Distance Education Program, consists of a series of guest speakers and panel presentations by nationally recognized subject matter experts on topics involving national security strategy and policy that 84 civilian guests take part in alongside USAWC students.

The civilian guests are nominated by a variety of sources including previous attendees, students, staff and faculty of the USAWC. The invited guests are a select group of representatives from academia, the media, government, business, and other prominent organizations and represent a cross section of experience, contemporary interests, and views.

Approximately four guests are assigned to each of the 21 student seminar groups. The guests are invited to become active participants in the discussions and are encouraged to probe and examine the seminar group's ideas vigorously and critically so as to give the students the benefits of their experience and perspectives.

Besides the guest speakers and the seminar discussions, guests also have the opportunity to hear additional presentations during optional lunch time lectures on various national security related topics. More informal discussions will take place at several social events. In addition, guests are provided the

opportunity to take a "staff ride" to the Gettysburg Battlefield with some of the USAWC's experienced historians.

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