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August 6, 2010 -- They perform for presidents, and this is the rare occasion when the Army Drill Team, the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, and the United States Army Band "Pershing's Own," performs together outside the National Capital Area.



**Netherlands Col. Wilfred S. Rietdijk, International Fellows President, Lt. Col. Richard Edwards, Commander of Troops, 3rd U.S. Infantry, and Col. Scott D. King, President, USAWC Class 2011, review the troops during the opening ceremony.**

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The 3rd U.S. Army Infantry Regiment's (The Old Guard) salute to the 337 members of the Army War College's 2011 class's opening ceremony partnered the excellence of the Old Guard units with the excellence of the competitively-selected students and international fellows. Through performances in the United States and abroad, the Old Guard units reflect the constancy and highest standards of the U.S. Army. Their performance was marked by constant applause by students and family members for exciting solo and team drills, precision marching, a Pass and Review, and stirring renditions of traditional and patriotic music.

The convocation and the opening ceremony formally begin the 10-month curriculum that prepares senior field grade officers and their civilian counterparts to assume strategic leadership responsibilities in the joint, interagency, intergovernmental and multinational environment.

**Members of the 3rd United States Infantry (Old Guard) fix bayonets prior to the pass and review of troops, during the opening ceremony for the USAWC class of 2011.**

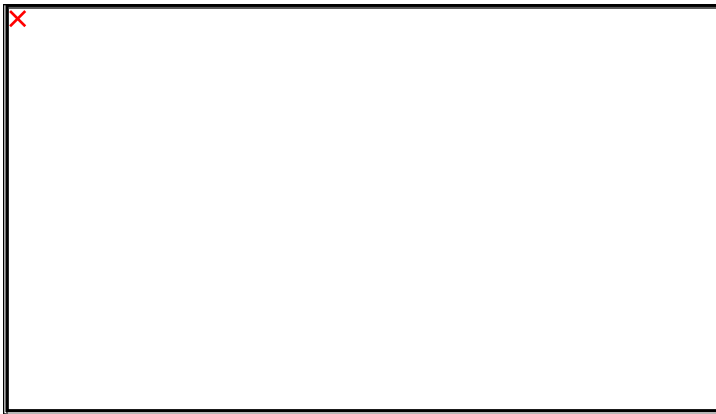


All U.S. armed services are represented in the class with

members of the Active component, Reserve and National Guard. U.S. military students include 198 Army officers, 32 Air Force officers, 17 Marine Corps officers, 15 Navy officers and 2 Coast Guard officers. U.S. military officers typically have served approximately 20 years, and reached the rank of lieutenant colonel or colonel.

Civilian students are selected senior members of federal agencies engaged in national security. The 23 civilians represent the Defense Department, the Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of the Army, Department of Homeland Security, Department of State, the National Security Agency, U.S. Agency for International Development, and the Veterans' Administration.

The 50 International Fellows are senior military officers representing 49 nations: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Korea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan (2), Philippines, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates.



**Members of the Army Drill Team throw their 1903 Springfield rifles in the air during a performance held on Indian Field. The Drill Team exhibition was part of the opening ceremony held for the USAWC class of 2011.**