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March 31, 2011--The U.S. Army War College honored two alumni who have reached the pinnacle of their nation's armed forces at an induction ceremony on March 31, Bliss Hall auditorium.



Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin, commandant USAWC, stands with Lt. Gen. Peter Blay, chief of the Defense Staff, Ghana, and Lt. Gen. Peter Devlin, chief of Land Staff, Canada, after their induction into the International Fellows Hall of Fame. *Photo by Charity Murtoff.*

The College welcomed back Lt. Gen. Peter A. Blay, chief of the Defense Staff, Ghana; and Lt. Gen. Peter Devlin, chief of Land Staff, Canada.

Blay, a member of the Army War College class of 2000, received his basic military training at the Ghana Military Academy and continued on to the Royal Military Academy in Sandhurst, United Kingdom.

He was commissioned into the Ghana Army in October 1971 as an infantry officer.

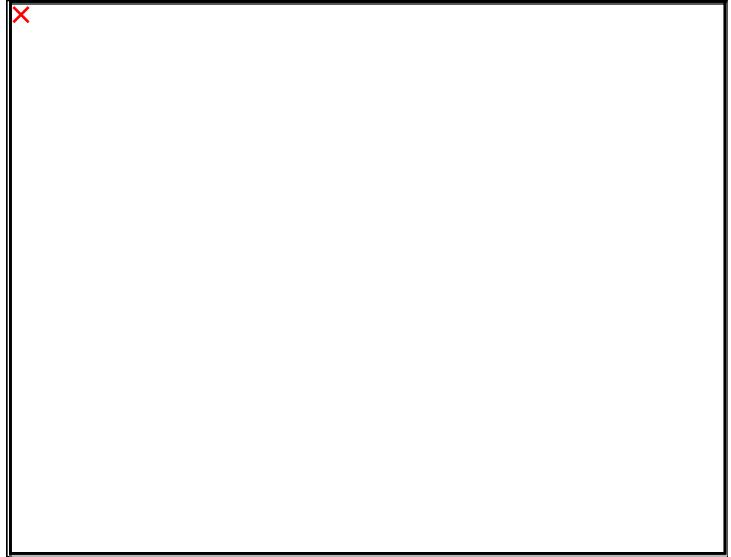
Prior to becoming Ghana's Chief of the Defence Staff, Blay was the Defence Advisor at the Ghana High Commission in Abuja, Nigeria.

Blay referred to the Army War College "as a place of opportunities and inspiration, which enhances

one's self discovery, and propels the individual on to new horizons.”

“The College is also a place for sharpening strategic competencies and wisdom that if held positively impacts on ones environment and propagates growth and development,” said Blay.

Lt. Gen. Peter Devlin, chief of Land Staff, Canada, shares a joke with Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin, commandant USAWC, prior to Devlin's induction into the International Fellows Hall of Fame. *Photo by Charity Murtoff.*



Devlin, a member of the Army War College class of 2005, was commissioned as an infantry officer into The Royal Canadian Regiment in 1978.

Devlin has several operational tours, including two NATO tours in Bosnia, one in Cyprus, and from 2006-2008 her served as the Deputy Commanding General of the Multi-National Corps –Iraq.

In discussing strategic leaders, Lt. Gen. Devlin said, “Character is everything, as a leader nothing that you do goes unseen. The true weapon system of the general is influence and coup d’oeil,” said Devlin. “I recommend that you surround yourself with great and highly motivated people. Be a pragmatist not a purist,” he said.

Blay and Devlin join a uniquely prestigious alumni group as the 34th and 35th members of the U.S. Army War College International Fellows Hall of Fame.

“Their connection to this institution to each other, and to you as future strategic leaders of your own nations remains paramount as we face the dangers, and new threats of the 21st century,” said Maj. Gen. Gregg F. Martin, commandant of the U.S. Army War College.