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Aug. 3, 2011 -- About 30 Army Reserve officers, mostly students in the Army War College Class of 2012, took part in the first Reserve Component Senior Leaders Forum Aug. 3 with a lunchtime discussion guest speaker and mentor Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Phillips, the assistant deputy chief of staff, G1 (IMA).



“Building upon earlier efforts to increase the presence of reserve component mentors for our students, we launched this program after general and flag officers in the February 2011 Senior Reserve Component Officers Course recommended extended opportunities to have contact with our students,” said Col. Greg Martin, Army Reserve Advisor to the Commandant. We were also mindful that we could do this as a program at no cost to USAWC.

In a free-form discussion, Phillips referenced his career to provide context for recommendations to fellow Army Reserve officers. He urged them to build relationships, recommending that they meet new contacts daily, and to communicate the value of the USAR.

“The USAWC mission statement says we will develop, inspire and support senior leaders. One of the best ways to do this is to expose our students to current senior leaders,” said Col. Greg Martin, Army Reserve Advisor to the Commandant. “Our non-attribution policy promotes frank discussions, and we constantly hear from these senior leaders that they benefit from the exchange as well.”

The next forum will include Maj. Gen. Nick Tooliatos, DCG TRADOC Army Reserve. It’s estimated that there will be about 20 forums held this academic year.

