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Gen. Martin Dempsey, Chief of Staff of the Army, talks to Army War College students in

Bliss Hall Aug. 18. He spoke to the Army War College Class of 2012 about leadership lessons, challenges they will face and skills they will need to develop. Photo by Megan Clugh.

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Aug. 18, 2011 -- Gen. Martin Dempsey, Army Chief of Staff and the next Chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff, spoke to the Army War College Class of 2012 about leadership lessons, challenges they will face and skills to develop in Bliss Hall Aug. 18.

“We are going to have to think our way out of the challenges we face today,” said Dempsey about the 368 students and international fellows. “We are giving them an opportunity and we need them to take the time to think about these issues during their

time here at the Army War College. “

“I can think of no one better qualified to speak to us about this topic,” said student Lt. Col. Joe Gleichenhaus. “He brings a wealth of knowledge from his experiences that we can all learn from.”

Dempsey discussed the fiscal, organizational and operational challenges the students will face as they continue their careers. Some of the students in the room will one day serve in positions like his, he noted, and must take advantage of time here to “get smart” on how to analyze complex issues.

He advised students to become students of history since many of the challenges that will face them are not new but are “variations on the theme.”

Dempsey took time to thank the faculty, with whom he has worked with in his roles at the Training and Doctrine Commander and CSA and acknowledged the joint and international students who will play a key role in their future.



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