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Dec. 7, 2011 -- The U.S. Army War College mission is to develop, inspire and serve strategic leaders for the wise and effective application of national power, in a joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational environment, emphasizing development and employment of land power. That mission could not be done without the world-class faculty, many of whom were recognized during a ceremony Dec. 7 in Bliss Hall.

“We’re here to celebrate a team of all-stars,” said **Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin**, U.S. Army War College commandant, when talking about the entire USAWC faculty. “The faculty we recognize today help define the Army War College and propel us toward our vision for the future – the world’s best institution for developing strategic leaders and thought. Efforts like theirs will make us the international institution of choice.

The faculty members we single out today are on the front lines in executing the total Army War College mission – to develop, inspire and serve strategic leaders who will be prepared for the complex global security challenges of the 21st century. “

Martin then spoke to the honorees.

“You inspire us by your commitment to strategic leader education and strategic thought,” he said of the honorees. “You’re the rock stars of the military teaching profession. Your influence will endure through your studies, your publications … and through these students.”

Dr. Bill Johnsen, Dean of Academics, echoed Martin’s thoughts.

I am delighted that our student body can see the considerable pool of talent that our faculty represents,” he said. “Each of you has set that example, gone far beyond what was expected and produced an outstanding product with far ranging effects. You have truly touched thousands of readers, listeners, and students.”

Martin closed the ceremony by issuing three challenges to the students gathered in Bliss Hall.

“When we are confronted with inspiring people, we have a simple choice,” he said. “We can *wonder* at those who work at the speed of excellence. Or, we can *follow their lead*.”

“First get to know these experienced, wise, dedicated professionals. Maintain relationships, and they will be resources for you as you move through your careers,” he said. “Then strive to be like these role models. Tap into their knowledge about how to get published. Advance your ideas. Co-author with a faculty member. – And, apply your ‘Can-Do’ mindset to get published.

Finally, Recognize opportunity to give back. Our leadership is reenergizing the idea of the practitioner returning to the classroom. Our leaders want to instill a new principle: to follow the privilege of command with the responsibility of teaching. The best of the practitioners will come back to the institution and teach. It’s a time-honored tradition of the Army, and it’s time now for you to put that on your planning horizon. “

Those honored during the awards ceremony were:



The **Col. John J Madigan III Writing Competition Awards** were announced:

Articles

Dr. Tami Biddle - “Leveraging Strength: The Pillars of American Grand Strategy in World War II,” *Orbis*

Dr. Antulio J. Echevarria II - “American Operational Art, 1917-2008,” in *The Evolution of Operations Art*

- **Dr. Paul Rexton Kan**- “Making a Sandwich in Afghanistan: How to Assess a Strategic Withdrawal from a Protracted Irregular War,” *Small Wars Journal*, 24 February 2011:1-13
- **Dr. Kevin J. Weddle** - “The Fall of Satan’s Kingdom: Civil-Military Relations and the Union Navy’s Attack on Charleston, 1863,” *The Journal of American History* 74, no. 2 (April 2011)
- **Dr. Larry P. Goodson and Professor Thomas H. Johnson**- “Parallels with the Past: How the Soviets Lost in Afghanistan, How the Americans are Losing,” *Foreign Policy Research Institute E-Notes*, April 2011
- **Col. Richard Lacqueument** - “Integrating Civilian and Military Activities,” *Parameters* 40 no, 4

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Book

- **Dr. Max G. Manwaring** -“Gangs, Pseudo-Militaries, and Other Modern Mercenaries: New dynamics in Uncomfortable Wars,” *University of Oklahoma Press*.

Six officers were recognized for military tenure:

- **Col. Stephen C. Sobotta**, Department of Command, Leadership and Management
- **Col. Ricky T. King**, Department of Distance Education
- **Col. Deborah Hanagan**, Department of National Security and Strategy
- **Col. Michael V. McCrea**, Department of Command, Leadership and Management
- **Col. Jerry Cashion**, Department of Military Strategy, Planning and Operations
- **Col. Richard A. Lacquement**, Department of National Security and Strategy



Dr. John Bonin, Department of Academic Affairs was promoted to Title X faculty.

“This promotion recognizes Prof. Bonin’s long and faithful service to all aspects of the USAWC mission,” said Johnsen. “Equally important, it also recognizes



his many, significant, and unique contributions to Army and Joint Doctrine and force structure. Without exaggeration, no one in the world knows more about doctrine and force structure at the theater level. He is truly an Army and national asset.”



Four academic chairs were also announced:

Dedicated Chairs

- **Col. Thomas E. Sheperd**- The General Maxwell D. Taylor Chair of The Profession of Arms
- **Professor Harry A. Tomlin**- The General John J. Pershing Chair of Military Planning and Operations

Honorary Chairs

- **Mr. P. J. Crowley**- The Omar N. Bradley Chair of Strategic Leadership
- **Dr. Carol Reardon**- The Harold K. Johnson Chair of Military History



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