

USAWC honors New Zealand's Chief of Army Maj. Gen. Timothy J. Keating, class of 2004



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Maj. Gen. Timothy Keating holds the Certificate of Honor after his induction into the International Fellows Hall of Fame, Mar. 22, 2012, Bliss Hall.

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**Maj. Gen. Timothy J. Keating,
Chief of Army New Zealand,**

becomes the 39th International Hall of Fame Inductee

"A leader of tremendous talent and passion, Gen. Keating was destined for greatness from the onset of his career," said Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin, who welcomed the former New Zealand fellow to the IHOF.

Maj. Gen. Keating joined the Army in 1982 and became the Chief of Army in February 2011.

Keating deployed as commander of Task Group Crib 6 to Afghanistan in 2005; was appointed as the assistant chief of general staff, Office of Strategy Management, where he was awarded the Queen's Birthday Honour and became a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in Jun. 2008; after promotion to brigadier, Keating assumed the role of Deputy Chief of Army; and was appointed as the chief of staff to the Chief of Defence Force, Headquarters New Zealand Defence Force, Wellington in 2010.

"I've tried to follow the philosophies that have been taught here," said Keating. I agree that if it's underpinned what has made me Chief of Army today what I took out of here when I had that time to reflect on the principles that are taught here, it's given me such wonderful skills but it wasn't from my learning it was from my shared learning. I suppose, it was both from the faculty but also from my fellow students.

Keating shared a long-held memory from his USAWC studies, about former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara's memoirs about the lessons of Vietnam.

"McNamara talked about this concept of empathy and one thing that I got out of that he said you got to learn how to emphasize with your enemy and that does not mean ladies and gentlemen "sympathize." But until you can stand in those other persons shoes and see it from their perspective, you ain't going to win because you are fighting two fights," said Keating.

"I thank you Commandant and the faculty here for your continued role to train tomorrow's leaders and upholding this enlightened sense of purpose that we see here, which is really what it's all about, "Not to promote war but to preserve peace" which is our ultimate aim," said Maj Gen. Keating.



Maj. Gen. Timothy Keating addresses the audience, Class of 2012 students, staff and faculty after being inducted as the 39th member of the IHOF.