

Gen. David Hurley, Australian Chief of the Defense, inducted into IHOF

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Gen. David Hurley, Australian Chief of the Defense, becomes the 40th International Hall of Fame inductee, May 16, Bliss Hall auditorium

The Army War College recognized an outstanding international alum, Australian **Chief of the Defense** Gen. David Hurley, who became the 40th inductee into the International Fellows Hall of Fame here May 16.

"I am honored to host this event and delighted to honor an extraordinary graduate of our Army War College for his service as an exceptional strategic leader," said Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin, USAWC Commandant.

"Gen. Hurley has epitomized the tenets of the Army War College in leading his nation's armed forces and in doing so greatly honors his alma mater. "His connection to this institution is in each of you as future strategic leaders of your nation's remains paramount as we face the dangers and new threats of the 21st century."

Hurley entered the Royal Australian Infantry Corps in December 1975 and assumed his current appointment as the Chief of the Defense in July 2011.

His career path covers a variety of operational command and staff appointments. He served as the Exchange officer with the 1st Battalion Irish Guards (British Army); served as the Mechanized Infantry Adviser to the Australian Army project Team Malaysia in 1989; Commander 1st Royal Australian Regiment during Operation SOLACE (Somalia) 1993 and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross; served as the Director General Land Development, Head Capability Systems and Land Commander Australia; appointed as Chief Joint Operations Command; and appointed as the Vice Chief of Defense Force.

Hurley became a Companion of the Order of Australia for eminent service to the Australian Defense Force in 2010. The Companion is Australia's greatest civic honor.

Gen. Hurley expressed his sincere thanks to Maj. Gen. Martin for this honor and reflected that when he was an Army War College student that he didn't expect that one day he would lead the Australian Defense Force and be honored in the College's Hall of Fame.

"It is indeed a great honor to be part and parcel of that esteemed company of former graduates," said Gen.

Hurley.

Hurley told the USAWC Class of 2012 students that when he speaks to course members at the Australian Joint Command and Staff College, he tells them that they will fail if they do not get to know at least two international colleagues that they can contact.

"Looking back, my time here at the college allowed me to establish relationships with senior U.S. Army officers that I have continued to build over the years, said Hurley. "The importance of these working level associations cannot be overstated. "Ultimately the friendships you forge here will form the foundation of military and diplomatic alliances," he said.

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Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin and his wife Maggie join new IHOF inductee Gen. David Hurley and his wife Linda in the International Fellows Hall of Fame, May 16, Root Hall.



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