

TODAY at The War College

The Army War College year officially began today for 386 resident students and 90 Army Fellows of the Army War College class of 2013.

The resident class is the largest to date, with the highest number of international officers in USAWC history -- and the highest across the senior service colleges.

The resident student body includes 225 Army, 32 Air Force, 17 Marine, 15 Navy and 1 Coast Guard officer. Joint Professional Military Education standards cap the Army population at no more than 60 percent of students, no more than 60 percent of faculty.

Critical to the diverse experiences within the student body are the Civilian students and International Fellows. The class incorporates 25 federal; Civilians from DoD, DA, DoS, VA, and interagency partners in the national security community. The International military officers -- known as Fellows to recognize the unique contributions they make to the class -- number 71 IF, representing 67 nations. Four nations are represented here for the first time: Armenia, Benin, Kyrgyzstan, and Vietnam.