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Aug. 10, 2012 -- The Class of 2013, the largest class to date, will be in residence from August 6, 2012 through graduation on June 8, 2013, when the students earn a USAWC diploma and many will also earn a Master of Strategic Studies degree.

The U.S. Army War College educates and further develops leaders for service at the strategic level and advances knowledge in the global application of Landpower. Since 1901, the Army War College has educated the senior leaders who served at the nation's highest military positions in war and peace.

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Class of 2013 breakdown

The U.S. Army War College Class of 2013 consists of 386 students, which include 225 Army (includes Reserve and Guard); 32 Air Force (includes Reserve and Guard); 15 Navy (includes Reserve); 17 Marine Corps (includes Reserve); and one Coast Guard officer. U.S. military officers are board selected and typically have approximately 20 years of service, having reached the rank of lieutenant colonel or colonel.

Twenty-five civilians from the Defense Department, the Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of the Army, Department of State, the National Security Agency, and the Veterans' Administration are also in attendance.

Rounding out the class are 71 International Fellows, senior military officers from 67 different nations representing Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Austria, Australia, Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saudi Arabia,

Senegal, Serbia, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, and Zambia.

New this year are officers from Benin, Armenia, Vietnam and Kyrgyzstan.

The War College class also includes 90 Army War College Fellows. Each year the Department of the Army selects a limited number of officers as Senior Service College Fellows. The selected officers to take part in a unique 10-month program that partners the Army and various universities, allied service schools, civilian "think tanks", corporations, and government agencies, in lieu of residence at a senior service college.

This year also sees a further enhancement of prior years efforts to more fully integrate the Fellows into the USAWC. Each of the fellows is assigned to a USAWC resident program seminar and integrated into the first week of social and academic activities for the resident class.

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