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Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan presents the 2012 USAHEC General of the Army Omar N. Bradley lecture “Transforming the Army of the 90s: Strategic Leadership in Challenging Times” in Bliss Hall Aug. 15.

Aug. 15, 2012 -- The similarities of the problems the Army faced in the 1990’s and the hard decisions faced by the strategic leaders of the times aren’t all that different from the challenges facing the Army today, said the guest speaker for the 2012 Omar N. Bradley lecture.

Retired **Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan**, the 32nd Chief of Staff of the Army, delivered the talk entitled “Transforming the Army of the 90s: Strategic Leadership in Challenging Times,” in Bliss Hall Aug. 15.

“It’s fitting that I am speaking about strategic leadership at the Omar Bradley lecture, because when you think of great strategic leaders, you think of Omar Bradley,” said Sullivan.

He discussed many of the issues that he and other strategic leaders faced in the 1990’s, many of which are still applicable today.

- Capabilities with new technology
- Doing “more with less”
- Proliferation of precision weapons
- The importance of leader development at all levels
- Providing the right training and equipment for Soldiers

“You have to think about these issues and challenges not only in the short term, but in the long-term. Balance is the key,” he said. “The Army must be prepared to face these challenges head-on and do

what we have done for more than 200 years, protect and defend our nation.”

He also issued a challenge to the students of the Class of 2013, many of whom were in the audience.

“As a strategic leader you must be willing to be unpopular and lead change,” he said.

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