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War College alumni travelled from around the country, including South Dakota, Michigan and Delaware to attend the class of 2011 plaque dedication ceremony. The ceremony took place in Bliss Hall's foyer on Oct. 4.



Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, Army War College Commandant, Lt. Col. Shawn Harris, vice-president of the resident class and Col. Ron Czmowski, president of the distance class unveil The War College class of 2011's plaque in Bliss Hall on Oct. 4, 2012. Photo by Megan Clugh.

Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, War College Commandant, told the audience why The War College doesn't post graduates' names online.

"I see the plaque as a physical manifestation of commitment. Commitment by the institution and commitment by individuals," he said.

"As you look at your plaque take its place next to the others, you really need to take pride of being part of an elite group of professionals who are committed to the defense of the nation. Congratulations to the class of 2011," he said.

Lt. Col. Shawn Harris, vice-president of the resident class and Col. Ron Czmowski, president of the distance class spoke on behalf of their 2011 classmates.

"Take time with your family, get your SRP done before Christmas and win Jim Thorpe," said Harris to the current students at the ceremony. "For the class of 2013, this will be the best year of your military career. Enjoy your time here."

Lt. Col. Shawn Harris, vice-president of the resident class of 2011 talks about his time at The Army War College as Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo looks on. The plaque dedication



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Col. John Howard, a fellow from New Zealand and Col. James Learmont, a fellow from the United Kingdom joined their 2011 classmates for the dedication.

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