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*Former Army War College Deputy Commandant Col. Bobby Towery and his wife, Lisa, were honored at a formal retirement ceremony June 1 at 11 a.m. on the parade grounds of historic Carlisle Barracks. Towery said he will always remember and treasure the honor of reviewing the Old Guard at the Opening Ceremony of the Army War College resident education program*

*each August of the past four years.*

Colleagues from Mississippi, Louisiana, Kansas, Iraq and Carlisle helped wish godspeed to former Army War College Deputy Commandant now-retired **Col. Bobby Towery** and his wife, **Lisa**, Saturday, June 1 at 11 a.m. at the Wheelock Bandstand on the historic parade ground of Carlisle Barracks. His son Army ROTC Cadet **Patrick Towery** presented Towery's retirement flag.

"It's very satisfying being a part of all of the many great things The War College has accomplished in the last few years," he said. Towery came to The War College in 2008 as the 50<sup>th</sup> Chief of Staff, before assuming his duties as the 49<sup>th</sup> Deputy Commandant in June 2009.

**Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo**, 49th Commandant, officiated. accompanied by . Towery will be honored with the Distinguished Service Medal, a Presidential Letter, U.S. Army War College presentations, the Mississippi Magnolia Medal presented by **Col. David Smith** of the Mississippi Army National Guard, and a Letter from U.S. Sen. Pa. Toomey.

Lisa Towery was honored for a lifetime of service on behalf of military families with the Secretary of the Army Public Service Award, the Margaret Corbin Medal and a Letter from the Chief of Staff of the

Army.

The ceremony marks the end of Bobby Towery's 30-year Army career that began with commissioning as an Armor Officer through the University of Mississippi ROTC program and continued through command of 2 companies in the 5th Infantry Division, Fort Polk; command of the 3rd Forward Support Battalion, 3d Infantry Division, as it deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and then into Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and varied staff positions. After graduation from the Army War College Class of 2006, he commanded the 61st Ordnance Brigade at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Both Bobby and Lisa Towery were deeply engaged in the Carlisle community during the past five years in which he served in the command group of the Army War College: Carlisle Chamber of Commerce, Military Liaison Committee, Lamberton Middle School and Carlisle Area High School school activities, the Army Heritage Center Foundation supporting USAHEC, the Army War College Foundation and the Omar N. Bradley Foundation. Lisa was a lifelong supporter of Army families and Army communities; as director of the Facilitating Leadership and Group Skills program, here, she helped launch a new generation of community leaders.

"The community here is more welcoming than any other place we'd ever been," he said. "The school systems here are fantastic. It's really a great place to be with your family."

The Army War College counts multiple Towery initiatives to enhance the student academic experience and the military family experience at Carlisle Barracks. He introduced information technology innovations to streamline knowledge sharing throughout the College; championed Army War College social media; and created an online forum to link alumni with USAWC resources and experts.

"By taking advantage of technology we were able to condense seven different calendars into one, bring together in one place all of our publications and to better align the support from the foundation, we were able to create a better experience for our students and their Families," he said.

Bobby and Lisa Towery plan to return to Mississippi.