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April 30, 2014 -- Northwestern State University will award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Bert B. Tussing, director of Homeland Defense and Security Issues Group at the Center for Strategic Leadership at the U.S. Army War College, at spring commencement exercises Friday, May 9. Tussing will be honored at the 10 a.m. ceremonies.

The first journal sponsored by the Homeland Defense & Security Issues Group is now available at



<http://www.csl.army.mil/homelanddefensejournal/JournalHome.aspx>. A peer-reviewed journal published by the Army War College Press, the USAWC Homeland Defense Journal is senior managed by editor-in-chief Bert Tussing.

Tussing joined the United States Army War College's Center for Strategic Leadership and Development in October of 1999. His focus areas include Homeland Defense, Homeland Security, Terrorism and Civil-Military Relations. Since the spring of 2001 he has led and served in multiple forums and studies focused on homeland defense, homeland security and military support of civil authorities.

Tussing graduated with honors from The Citadel and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Marine

Corps. During a 24-year career in the Marines, Tussing served operationally with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, the 2nd Marine Division, Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One, Marine Helicopter Squadron One where he was designated a Presidential Command Pilot and with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable). He participated in multiple humanitarian relief exercises in the Caribbean including Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada, operations as a part of the Multinational Force in Beirut, Operations Provide Promise and Deny Flight in Bosnia and the final withdrawal of U.S. forces from Somalia.

Following his operational assignments, Tussing was assigned to the Pentagon where he served as Marine Corps Analyst to the Secretary of the Navy in the Office of Program Appraisal. While there, he participated in the Secretary of the Navy's focus group for the Commission on Roles and Missions of the Armed Forces and served as a consultant on the Defense Science Board on "Tactics and Techniques for the 21st Century." Tussing was subsequently selected for a Brookings Legislative Fellowship, through which he served on the staff of the Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee's Personnel Subcommittee. Following the fellowship, he assumed duties as Deputy Legislative Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with a Combat V, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Presidential Service Badge, the Department of the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service and the Department of the Army Superior Civilian Service Award.

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