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Ambassador Duncan Lewis, former Australian Secretary of Defence and a 1999 graduate, speaks to the Army War College Class of 2014 in Bliss Hall during his induction into the International Fellows Hall of Fame May 5.

May 5, 2014 – Ambassador Duncan Lewis, former Australian Secretary of Defence, Major General, Australian Army, retired, and current ambassador to Belgium, Luxemburg, European Union and NATO was inducted into the International Hall of Fame at the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pa.

The War College leadership, staff, faculty, students and distinguished visitors honored Amb. Lewis, a 1999 USAWC graduate and the 47th international fellow to be inducted.

Lewis' military career began after graduation from the Royal Military College, Duntroon in 1975. His last military appointment was as a Major General, Special Operations Commander – Australia, where he was responsible for Special Forces units in Iraq and Afghanistan. In October 2012 Lewis was appointed as Australia's ambassador to Belgium, the European Union, Luxembourg and NATO.

“The U.S. is a world-leading nation,” said Lewis. And so it is for the U.S. officers sitting here, at some point in their lives they will be the person to whom others will look to for leadership, he said.

“You should never underestimate the power of trust in personal friendships when you are conducting international business,” said Lewis. “The opportunity you have here is unique and priceless.”

