

NSS brings civilians, future Army senior leaders together

June 2, 2014 – More than 160 people representing a cross-section of America joined Army War College student seminars as participants in the 60th National Security Seminar held here June 2-5.



“You are walking in the footsteps of history,” said Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo as he welcomed the NSS members and the 385-member War College student body. Cucolo gave an overview of the history of Carlisle Barracks and the Army War College, and its mission to prepare strategic senior leaders.

“Our niche is the strategic level of war. We consider ourselves the home of strategic thought in the U.S. Army,” said Cucolo. “In the war of ideas, we are always looking for a fight.”

National Security Seminar incorporates social and academic engagements for citizen participants and their military leaders to better understand each other.

The National Security Seminar is the capstone event for the academic year for the Army War College

resident Class of 2014. The annual event provides graduating students and international fellows an opportunity to dialogue with Americans who represent every corner of our nation. The week is designed to encourage the guest NSS participants to learn more about the military and its future senior leaders, as well as help the students to better understand the beliefs and attitudes of the people they serve.

NSS participants are nominated by current and former Army War College students, faculty, staff, NSS participants and friends of The War College.

“This is our effort to talk to the American population at the strategic level,” said Cucolo.

Each NSS member joins one of 24 seminar groups and is invited to interact with students in seminar discussions, inspired by expert commentary scheduled daily:

-Retired Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey will give the keynote address, *The Role of U.S. Power in the World*.

-Dr. Rachel Maddow will discuss her perspective on military power from her latest book, *Drift: The Unmooring of American Military Power*.

-Dr. Peter Singer will talk about *The Future of National Security*.

-Army War College experts will lecture on a variety of topics to include



Geopolitical Challenges and Opportunities, China Economic Power, Critical Thinking, Africa and U.S. Policy, and Transnational Crime in the Americas.

