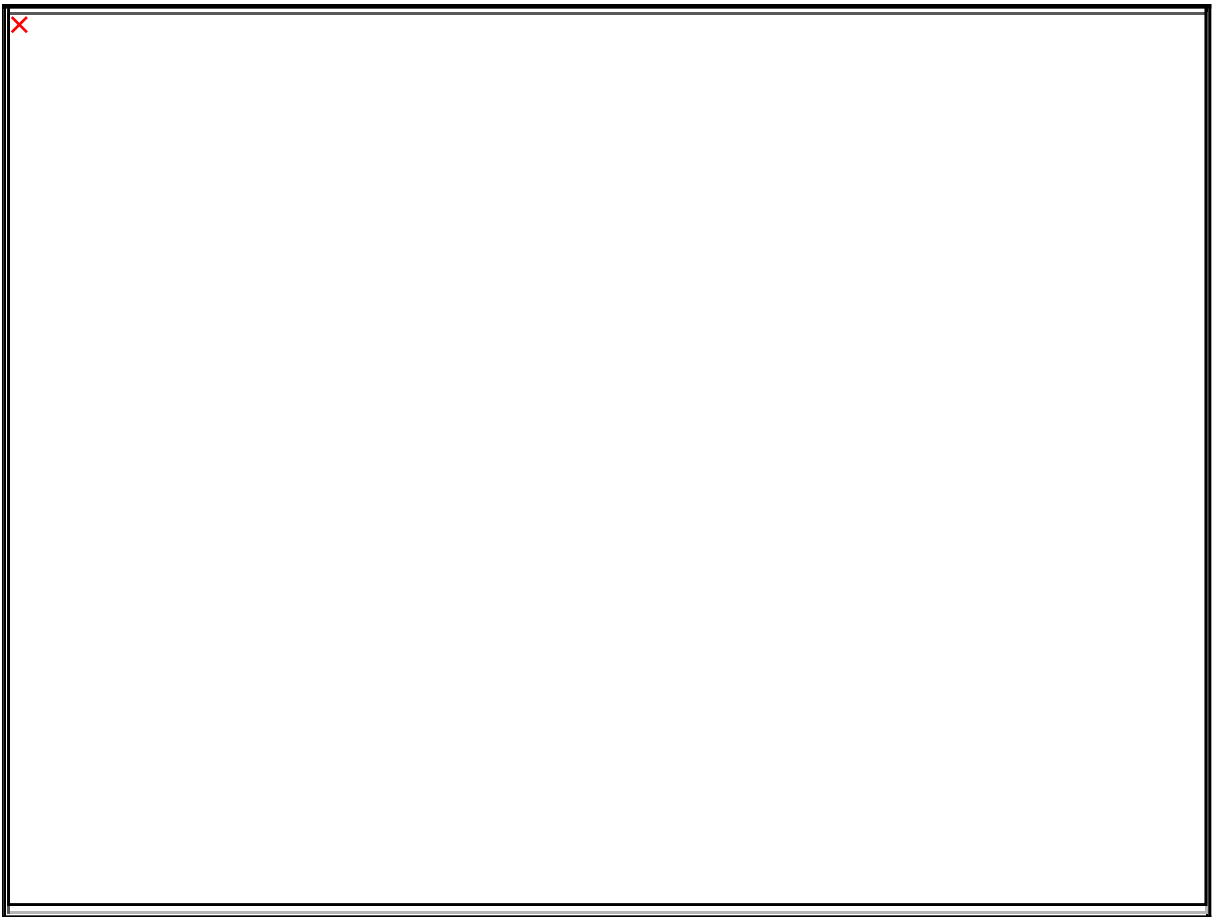


# Army War College honors contributions of US Ambassador Helen Reed-Rowe

July 28, 2014 -- United States Ambassador Helen Reed-Rowe highlighted her admiration for the Army War College as she said goodbye to friends and colleagues at an awards ceremony, July 25, marking the end of her assignment as ambassador to the Army War College and the beginning of her transition to



retirement.

The commandant and deputy commandant gave her a military send-off, to include the Department of the Army Superior Civilian Service Award for her contributions to the education program, her support and guidance to the International Fellows and members of the interagency in the student body and on faculty.

“I enjoyed being here immensely -- working with you all, working with the students and with 77 international students,” she said. “With the State Department, I couldn’t talk enough about what you’re doing in international dialogue and engagement by having 77 international officers in the student body.

“I was here during a time of change,” she said, with compliments to the tempo and engagement in a single year. “I want to thank you all deeply for adding this great, great chapter in my career as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer.”

*US Ambassador Helen Reed-Row accepts the Army Superior Civilian Service Award from USAWC Deputy Commandant Col. David Funk.*

“Ambassador Reed-Rowe’s expert knowledge of international affairs and professional acumen distinguished her tenure with The War College,” said Deputy Commandant Col. David Funk, who spoke about her dedication to advancing education.

Funk noted the importance to the Army War College of both her commitment and background which prepared her well to perform the unique ambassador’s role: interface with the Department of State; subject matter expert for curriculum about interagency relations; and experienced proponent of the State Department role in nations around the world. Prior to assuming duties here, she served as the first resident United States Ambassador to the Republic of Palau. In that position, Reed-Rowe represented U.S. interests and interacted with all levels of Palauan civil society. In addition, she worked extensively with U.S. Pacific Command in support of U.S. military initiatives in the region such as the U.S. rebalance to the Pacific, she said.

In recognition of her contributions to the Army War College, drawing upon her extensive experience in senior positions in the State Department that have focused on advancement of democracy and human rights, promotion of economic development, the rights and empowerment of women, and national security, the College granted Ambassador Helen Reed-Rowe an honorary master’s degree in Strategic Studies.