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**Gen. Daniel B. Allyn**, 50<sup>th</sup> Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, addressed the senior US and international military officers and civilian leaders in the Army War College student body as the key element of Army Leader Day, today. Allyn was accompanied to Carlisle by the principal Army Staff officers who followed the keynote discussion in seminar engagements, giving 16 students the opportunity for in-depth one-on-one discussion. Army Leader Day is an integral part of the War College resident educational experience. It is a unique opportunity for many of the U.S. Army's senior leadership, military and civilian, to come to Carlisle and interact with the class. The event allows students to talk directly with current senior Army leaders in order to learn more about the unique aspects of leadership required at the strategic level.

Army Leader Day creates opportunity for The War College students to understand from the Army's top leaders how they make decisions at the strategic level, how they operate in the interagency environment, and how they achieve lasting change in the large organization that is the Pentagon, said **Maj. Gen. Bill Rapp**, USAWC Commandant, in setting the tone for the class.

One of the Army leaders who took part in the event was **Lt. Gen. David Halverson**, commanding general of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command and Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management.

While his focus would seem to be on the brick and mortar aspects of his job, he reminded the students that the flesh and blood of the Soldiers, civilians and Family members are the most valuable part of the military.

"I have the greatest job you can have," he said. "I'm taking care of Soldiers and their families." Many of the topics he discussed during a two-hour discussion with a group of students focus on "human capital," and touched on leader development at all levels, how to retain outstanding young leaders and the challenges that budget cuts play in readiness, education and family programs.

Halverson, a 1998 Army War College graduate, shared his lessons at leadership at all levels, including

the strategic level at which the students will find themselves upon graduation. He pointed out that experiences like the oral comprehensive exams, makeup of the student's seminar and the diverse perspectives provided by the international fellows will all serve them well in their next assignment.

He also answered questions from the students on a possible round of BRAC in the future, the way ahead for energy efficient initiatives and how IMCOM can better support garrison command teams.

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