

# Australian Fellow promoted after USAWC graduation

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*Brig. Don Roach, Australian International Fellow, had his rank pinned on by his wife, Sue,*

*and his daughter, Georgia, following the Army War College Resident Graduation June 6. Photo by Thomas Zimmerman.*

June 6, 2009 –Australia's Fellow Col. Don Roach was promoted to the rank of Brigadier by Army War College Commandant Maj. Gen. Robert Williams, following the Army War College Class of 2009 Graduation June 6,

"This is a glorious opportunity for all of us," Williams said. "It proves the partnership of U.S. and Australian forces. He wants to be promoted, and I want to promote him," he added with a laugh.

"Don is a natural leader and a fine soldier, and he has an amazing family," Williams said of Roach's wife, Sue, and their three children, Barclay, Georgia and Jackson.

After having his newly-achieved rank pinned on by his family, Roach made a point to thank those who helped in his success.

"First, I would like to thank the War College Commandant, Ambassador Efird, and all the other leadership that makes this place what it is," he said.

"I would also like to thank my fellow students and their families. It has been a long, fun ride and we look forward to inviting every one of you to Australia to come visit and continue the friendships we made here. Lastly, I would like to thank my kids, and my wife, Sue."

Williams also noted to Roach, "We all look forward to your leadership in the future. You have always been there, willing to take on any task."

The diverse perspectives of senior officers from other nations enriches the seminar experience. The International Fellows help prepare US students, and each other, for effective coalition operations.

US students and International fellows form relationships that will carry forward to the future. The International Fellows Hall of Fame celebrates the accomplishments of many of the USAWC former students who have been promoted to the highest ranks of their militaries and civilian governments.

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