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CARLISLE, Pa. (June 1, 2017) – An annual awards ceremony recognized an exceptional group of Army War College faculty whose work throughout the last academic year warranted formal recognition. Fellow faculty, staff and students gathered in Bliss Hall Thursday to honor this group's excellence in teaching, scholarship and service to the Army, joint commands, and federal agencies.

"It's a good time to pause to recognize excellence of the faculty," said Dr. Lance Betros, Provost of the Army War College. "We're very proud of those who merit these awards, and I'm honored to join the commandant in presenting them this morning."

Betros, who will retire from the provost position in July, offered a personal reflection on the significance of this year's award ceremony. During his five year tenure as provost, Betros ushered in the first USAWC faculty council and, with the council, guided development of the college's three domains of faculty excellence: teaching, scholarship and service.

"As the provost, and the senior faculty member of the college, I want to say publicly how proud I am to be a member of this faculty," said Betros. "I'm truly blessed to be associated with such an outstanding group of professionals. It's been the highlight of my long career, 44 years either in or working for the Army.

"To my faculty colleagues, thank you for your hard work and commitment every day. It's an honor to serve with you."

The Army War College presented Excellence in Scholarship awards, named for Gen. John J. Madigan, to Dr. Antulio Echevarria, Dr. Frank Jones, Dr. Paul Kan, Dr. John Deni, and Mr. Clarence Bouchat. The Madigan Awards date to 1999, when the annual writing awards were named for the former publisher of Parameters Magazine.

Excellence in Teaching Awards were presented to Navy Capt. Wade Turvold, Col. Douglas Douds and

Col. Eric Crider for excellence in the USAWC core curriculum.

Excellence in Service Awards were announced for Prof. Bert Tussing, Prof. Charles Allen, Dr. R. Evan Ellis, Dr. Frank Jones, Prof. Albert Lord, Dr. Craig Nation, and Prof. James Shufelt. Service awards acknowledge contributions through lectures, conference presentations, consultation, and written scholarship.

The college recognized Assistant Professors Col. Ian Lyles, Col. Robert Hamilton, Dr. Gregory Cantwell, Sam White, and Louis Yuengert.

New this year is the [USAWC Chair of Strategic Leadership](#), awarded to Dr. Andrew Hill. These faculty members were acknowledged, as well, as academic chairs Dr. Christian Keller, General Dwight D. Eisenhower Chair of National Security, Dr. Frank Jones, General George C. Marshall Chair of Military Studies, Prof. Douglas Waters, General Brehon Burke Somervell Chair of Management, Dr. William Pierce, General Matthew B. Ridgway Chair of Leadership, Col. Edward Kaplan, General Hoyt S. Vandenberg Chair of Aerospace Studies, Col. John Mowchan, General Colin Powell Chair of Military and Strategic Studies, Col. Tarn Warren, General John M. Shalikashvili Chair of Joint Military Studies, Dr. Holly Mayer, Harold K. Johnson Chair of Military History, Dr. Genevieve Lester, Francis W. DeSerio Chair of Strategic and Theater Intelligence, Prof. Howard Taylor, National Security Agency Chair for Cyber Studies, and Col. Barrett Parker, John Parker Chair of Reserve Component Studies.

The college personnel honored [retired Col. Donald Shaw](#) with the most prestigious award given to former faculty members: Distinguished Fellow of the Army War College. His wife, Joan, with son Peter, accepted the award for Shaw, who died in 2002 and whose exceptional service to the college extended across 12 years.

Dr. James Gordon and Dr. W. Andrew Terrill were honored with Emeritus Professorships.

“It truly takes a dedicated and highly skilled team to educate and develop tomorrow’s strategic leaders,” said Maj. Gen. William Rapp, Commandant. “A world-class educational program like the Army War College requires both a world-class curriculum and a world-class faculty to deliver that curriculum. I know we have both here at the Carlisle Barracks, and I’m exceedingly proud to be counted among your ranks for these past three years.”

“You have to be the kind of educational leader who inspires our students to be among those who dedicate themselves to learn for a lifetime,” said Rapp, to the faculty.

“You’ve already led by example in research, scholarship and publishing -- and you’ve shown that you can have a positive impact on our profession, and to the vital mission of developing these leaders and ideas.”

“... Creative and innovative thought and the skills to translate them into organizational action are vital to create the optimum environment for the development of leaders ready for the rigors of the coming decades.

“I sincerely thank the faculty, not just the ones that we recognize today, but all of them,” he said, as he asked the Class of 2017 to join a round of applause for the faculty.

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