



On November 13, we will co-host the 38th reception for the International Fellows and their Spouses at the U. S. Army War College. This much-anticipated event continues to forge the relationship between the International Fellows Program and our Association. To enhance the understanding of this program, I will present a brief overview of the objectives and proposes of the International Fellows Program and to suggest ways for individual members who might wish to increase their engagement.

Since 1978, over one thousand international officers from over one hundred countries have graduated from the program. As related to me during a discussion with the IF director about ten years ago, the International Fellows are indeed students enrolled in the one-year academic program; however, their participation in the seminars take on special contributions in that they are expected to bring their nation's perspective into the classroom. According to a published statement, "the International Fellows Program adds another dimension to the U.S. Army War College which significantly broadens the academic environment for both students and faculty." Additionally, a stated objective of the program is "to establish mutual understanding and good working relationships between senior U.S. officers and senior officers of selected foreign countries."

What do the International Fellows get out of the program? They get to study, research and write under a renowned faculty at a highly respected graduate institution. Furthermore, they establish lasting relations with other international officers and their American counterparts. Lastly, they develop greater understandings of American society. As stated in the fourth objective, the program seeks "to improve the Fellows firsthand knowledge of the U.S. culture and institutions through study and travel."

The Fellows are assisted by a hardworking and dedicated staff; however, they are not alone. Scores of War College staff and retirees along with military and civilian volunteers serve as IF Sponsors. Several members of FPA also serve as civilian sponsors and in doing so, have established life-long relationships with officers from all continents. I have with a number of Fellows, and with larger class sizes, there is an increase in the need for more volunteers. So, do yourself a favor and contact the IF Program and consider becoming a sponsor. I am sure that you will find it as rewarding as I have.

Sincerely,

Dr. Clem E. Gilpin

The 38th Annual International Fellows Reception

U. S. Army War College

November 13, 2014
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

LeTort View Community Club
Carlisle Barracks

Buffet-Refreshments Included
Parking Adjacent to LeTort View Community Club

**Afghanistan - Albania - Armenia
Australia - Austria - Bangladesh
Botswana - Brazil - Bulgaria - Burundi
Canada - Chile - Columbia
Congo (DROC) - Croatia
Czech Republic - Denmark - Djibouti
Egypt - El Salvador - Estonia - Ethiopia
France - Georgia - Germany - Ghana
Hungary - India - Indonesia - Israel - Italy
Japan - Jordan - Kazakhstan - Kenya
Korea - Kuwait - Lebanon - Libya
Lithuania - Macedonia - Malaysia
Mexico - Mongolia - Morocco
Mozambique - Nepal - Netherlands
New Zealand - Nigeria - Norway
Pakistan - Peru - Philippines
Poland - Romania - Saudi Arabia
Senegal - Serbia - South Africa - Spain
Sweden - Switzerland - Taiwan
Tanzania - Togo - Tunisia - Turkey
Uganda - Ukraine - United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom - Yemen**

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