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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Mayor Buol Participates in National Security Seminar**

CARLISLE BARRACKS, Penn. – Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol recently participated as a member of an Army War College seminar during the 55<sup>th</sup> annual National Security Seminar (NSS) in Carlisle, Penn.

Buol was one of approximately 160 business, government, academic and community leaders from across the country who participated in the week-long seminar from June 1 to 5. The seminar is the capstone event of the 10-month curriculum at the Army War College, the Army's senior educational institution.

The principal purpose of the seminar is to give participants an opportunity to meet and exchange views with the nation's future military leaders. Army War College students learn from various citizen viewpoints on defense and security matters. NSS guests participate as new members of one of twenty student seminars to discuss national security issues.

"I was extremely honored to be selected to participate in this year's National Security Seminar at the Army War College," said Buol. "It was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life and his given me, through discussion with senior military officers, a tremendous insight into the unequalled quality of our armed forces and the difficult issues they deal with on a daily basis.

Featured speakers during the week included retired: Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, former Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Southern Command, and Director, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy; Mr. Christopher C. DeMuth, senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute; Dr. Richard K. Betts, the Saltzman Professor of War and Peace Studies at Columbia University; Prof. Susan Herman, president of the American Civil Liberties Union; and Representative Lee H. Hamilton, president of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

The U.S. Army War College was established in 1901 "not to promote war, but to preserve peace," in the words of Elihu Root, then Secretary of War. As the Army's senior

service college, it prepares lieutenant-colonels and colonels to serve in the highest command and staff positions in the armed forces of the United States. Annually, it provides educational outreach to nearly 7,000 students, program participants and senior visitors.

The 336 members of the Army War College Class of 2009 included 261 officers from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, including active, reserve and National Guard; 42 international officers and 33 senior civilian employees of the federal government. Maj. Gen. Robert M. Williams, commandant of the U.S. Army War College, hosted the seminar.

For more information about the U.S. Army War College, visit the website at <http://www.carlisle.army.mil>.

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