

HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Hennepin County Sheriff attends **U.S. Army War College training**

June 13, 2011 (Minneapolis) – Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek recently participated as a new member of the Army War College 57th Annual National Security Seminar (NSS) in Carlisle, Pa.

Sheriff Stanek was one of approximately 160 business, government, academic, and community leaders from across the country who took part in the week-long seminar from June 6-10, 2011. 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 National Security Seminar is to give civilian participants an opportunity to meet with the nation's future military leaders and it allows Army War College students to better understand the society they serve. Each civilian is assigned to one of 20 seminar groups which consist of top military leaders.

"I was particularly impressed with the depth of discussions on national security issues including combating global terrorism, drug cartels, and responding to large-scale disasters," said Sheriff Stanek, "It was an extraordinary learning opportunity to discuss these critical concerns that have an impact on both the military and local law enforcement."

Because the seminar was an exchange of ideas, the civilian participants were asked to share their expertise about topics such as community-based policing and leading large organizations.

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 senior military officers to serve in the highest command and staff positions in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Sheriff Stanek has prior experience working on issues concerning national security. He is attending ongoing FBI training, Leadership in Counterterrorism. He serves on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Interagency Threat Assessment and Coordination Group (ITACG) which, through a Presidential directive, allows for the sharing of terrorism-related information. He is a member of the national Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council (CICC), advising the U.S. Attorney General and U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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