

General Ann E. Dunwoody Honored by the Industrial College of the Armed Forces

The Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) recognized General Ann E. Dunwoody, United States Army, a graduate of the ICAF Class of 1995, at the sixth annual Honors Banquet held at the Fort Myer Officers' Club in Washington, D.C., on March 7, 2009. Rear Admiral Garry E. Hall, Commandant of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, hosted the event which brought a large group of alumni and faculty together to celebrate one of their own. General Dunwoody was recently appointed as Commanding General, U.S. Army Materiel Command, and is the first female four-star in the United States military.

Following numerous award presentations to General Dunwoody, including the title of "Honorary Commandant" and the prestigious Eisenhower Award, she expressed a sentiment common among ICAF graduates, "I am blessed to have attended ICAF, and to have benefited from the superb preparation I received." Also participating in the ceremony was Dr. Paul G. Kaminski, last year's honoree (and Honorary Commandant of ICAF) and a Class of 1977 ICAF graduate. Dr. Kaminsky was the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology from 1994 to 1997 in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and is currently the Chairman and CEO of Technovation, Inc., and a Senior Partner in Global Technology Partners.

ICAF graduates filled the ballroom with "war stories" of sports competitions and reminiscences of student days. "When I think about my fellow ICAF alumni," said General Dunwoody, "I think about the different paths we've taken -- different backgrounds -- different roles, but I know we all share one trait -- we are all patriots.... And while I'm being recognized tonight, I want you to know that it is your demonstrated sense of duty, honor, and country; and your dedication to training our nation's next cohort of leaders that inspires folks like me."

Speaking of the challenges faced by our military and preserving our heritage for the generations to follow, General Dunwoody said, "We must make sure we have the best manned, best equipped, best trained and best led military in the world. And that leadership dimension is the central work of ICAF...."

General Dunwoody said, "I hold this institution in the highest regard. I understand its important role in preparing military officers and civilians for senior leadership positions so they can be good stewards of our national power." The Banquet attendees included many alumni of general/flag officer and senior executive service rank who clearly depicted the success of ICAF's mission – *to prepare selected military and civilians for strategic leadership and success in developing our national security strategy and in evaluating, marshalling, and managing resources in the execution of that strategy.*

General Dunwoody concluded with a word to the ICAF leadership, faculty and staff and to all those who serve when she said, "I want to personally thank you for what you do every day and for making a difference in our country. This institution, its men and women, its dedicated staff continues to serve our nation, and represents the kind of service that can never be taken for granted."

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