



## US Army War College

Mick Guttau spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on Saturday, August 2. He said that each branch of the service has its own war college. He was invited as one of 130 civilians invited to attend the US Army War College. There were 350 student attendees who are Colonels and Lt. Colonels. Many of them will become Generals or their staff. 72 of the students were foreign officers. It was held at Carlisle Barracks in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

As part of the War College, they were taken to a Civil War cemetery. They also had an 8 hour lecture on the Civil War. Mick said he learned that a lot of the people on both sides of the war were friends who had to fight each other.

The focus of the War College was on officers relating to people in the civilian world. They had 2-3 speakers per day, including the President of the American Civil Liberties Union and a news anchor.

After each speaker they would break into groups of about 20 for discussion. There were four civilians in Mick's group, including a Lutheran pastor from Las Vegas and a talk show host from Georgia. They also had Colonels from Chechnya, Nigeria, and Paris. The Colonel from Nigeria had a very colorful uniform. Mick's escort worked on bank security and he was from Council Bluffs.

To be invited to participate, a person must not have had any relationship with the military for 25 years. Mick was invited by the DoD liaison to Iowa.