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Two Utah National Guard Colonels Graduate from U.S. Army War College

DRAPER, Utah – Two Utah National Guard senior officers, Col. James Bledsoe and Col. Scott Fuller, graduated recently from the U.S. Army War College, based at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

The two received master's degrees in strategic studies after completing a two-year, Web-based, distance-learning course, which included two, two-week resident phases at the school.

According to its Web site, www.carlisle.army.mil, the purpose of the U.S. Army War College is "to produce graduates . . . who are skilled critical thinkers and complex problem solvers in the global application of landpower."

The graduating class of 348 students included 309 Army officers, 19 Marines, two from the Navy Reserve, two Air Force officers and 11 civilians.

Bledsoe, of Salt Lake City, was commissioned in 1990 and currently serves as the Utah Guard's director of Aviation and Safety. In his career he has served as commander of the Utah Guard's Army Aviation Support Facility in West Jordan and as commander of the 1-211th Attack Helicopter Reconnaissance Battalion.

A St. George native, Fuller has served in the military for 31 years and is currently deployed to Afghanistan. His most recent command assignment was as commander of the 65th Fires Brigade from 2010 to 2013. In his civilian employment he is a deputy fire chief for the City of Las Vegas Fire and Rescue.

In keeping with tradition for War College graduates, Bledsoe recently presented a piece of artwork to Utah National Guard senior leaders, commemorating heroic leadership displayed by members of the U.S. military. The print portrays Col. Joshua Chamberlain of the 20th Maine at the Civil War battle of Little Roundtop in Gettysburg, Pa., in 1863.