

## **55<sup>th</sup> Annual U. S. Army War College National Security Seminar**

**June 2009**

Fire Chief Abraira recently attended the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual U. S. Army War College National Security Seminar, which is by invitation only, to discuss national security issues along with students of the U. S. Army War College. Only a small number of guests, from all walks of life, are invited to attend.

The purpose of the U. S. Army War College is to prepare selected officials and civilians for positions of responsibility within the Army, other Armed Services, and in the defense community. When asked his overall opinion of the college attendees, he said he was very impressed. There were officers from the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, the State Department, National Security, South Korean Army officers, and about 40 other representatives from foreign offices.

He said that the speakers, who are nationally prominent figures, were a bit intimidating with their knowledge and expertise, but they presented very in-depth views and information regarding international, domestic, and defense issues, very much unlike what we receive via the media.

Chief enjoyed the interaction with civilians, retired attorneys, columnists, politicians, international managers, and public relations personnel. He left with a broader perspective of the national security arena, and has a better grasp and understanding of local security needs.

Chief Abraira will have the opportunity to recommend an attendee for the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar in 2010.