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### **Sheriff Kilkenny graduates from prestigious U.S. Army War College with master's degree in Strategic Studies**



**Norristown, Pa., (July 22, 2016)** – Montgomery County Sheriff, U.S. Army Reserve Lieutenant Colonel and paratrooper Sean P. Kilkenny graduated from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., with a master's degree in Strategic Studies on July 22, 2016.

“Based on the intense coursework and collaboration with other high-level military officials in the program, I feel even more prepared to manage emergency situations for the citizens of Montgomery County,” said Kilkenny.

The U.S. Army War College's 24-month curriculum educates and develops senior military officers from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard as well as senior foreign military officers and civilian officials from a variety of federal agencies, to serve in strategic level command staff positions worldwide.

Kilkenny was selected for this elite degree program from 3,000 applicants, who are also senior military officers. He graduated from a class of 340 fellow senior officers out of 450 officers who originally matriculated into the program. Kilkenny completed the challenging curriculum while running for Sheriff of Montgomery County and starting a law firm made up of five attorneys, based in Norristown, Pa.

Kilkenny joined Villanova's Army ROTC program in 1991 and was commissioned as an officer in 1995. His 21 years of U.S. Army service include overseas duties in Iraq, Kosovo, Bosnia, Germany, and South Korea. He later worked as a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Army trying homicide, rape and serious crimes for over 20 years. Kilkenny is currently assigned to the 153<sup>rd</sup> LOD in Horsham, Pa.

Some notable Army War College Alumni include President Ulysses S. Grant, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Secretary of State Colin Powell, General Norman Schwarzkopf, and General Ray Odierno.

Kilkenny is also one of the top municipal and land use attorneys in Montgomery County, Pa. He has served as solicitor to Whitemarsh Township, the Municipality of Norristown, East Norriton Township, the Boroughs of Jenkintown, Lansdale, Phoenixville and Morrisville and the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority, and is special tax counsel to Upper Merion Township and the City of Allentown. Kilkenny also represents the members of Laborers Local 135, Norristown.

He formerly served as Jenkintown Borough Council President, and is currently a trustee of Montgomery County Community College. Kilkenny received his undergraduate degree from Villanova University. He earned a Master of Public Administration from the University of South Carolina and is also a graduate of Temple University School of Law. Kilkenny resides in Jenkintown, Pa., with his wife Betsy and their daughters Madeline and Gabriele.

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