MADELEINE K. ALBRIGHT NAMED THAYER AWARD RECIPIENT – Feb. 20, 2013

WEST POINT, N.Y. – Dr. Madeleine K. Albright has been selected by the West Point Association of Graduates as the recipient of the 2013 Sylvanus Thayer Award.

“The U.S. Military Academy salutes the Association of Graduate’s selection of Dr. Albright as the fifty-fifth recipient of this prestigious award,” Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon, Jr., the academy’s superintendent said. “Dr. Albright’s extraordinary life of service to our nation is a strong example of West Point’s motto Duty, Honor, Country. The academy and U.S. Corps of Cadets look forward to hosting her for the ceremonies in October.”

Chairman of the Association of Graduates, Mr. Jodie Glore said, “we are honored that Dr. Albright will be forever associated with West Point through the Thayer Award. She has spent her life in the service of our national security.”

Albright served as the 64th Secretary of State of the United States. She was the first female Secretary of State and became, at that time, the highest ranking woman in the history of the U.S. government.

During her career Albright served as the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations and was a member of President Carter’s National Security Council and White House staff. She also served as Chief Legislative Assistant to U.S. Senator Edmund S. Muskie.

Albright received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor, from President Obama in 2012 and currently is a professor in the Practice of Diplomacy at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service.

The Thayer Award has been presented annually since 1958. The award’s purpose is to honor an outstanding citizen of the United States whose service and accomplishments in the national interest exemplify personal devotion to West Point’s ideals.

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