

Army Chief of Staff to honor Army War College graduates

Army Chief of Staff to introduce new Leader Development Strategy to Army War College Class of 2013

Keynote speaker Gen. Odierno to honor, challenge graduates who will return to Joint Force



CARLISLE BARRACKS, Pa. – The formal graduation ceremony of the U.S. Army War College Class of 2013 here Saturday, June 8 at 9 a.m. on the historic parade ground will start with a faculty processional to seats in front of the Wheelock Bandstand where graduates will cross to receive congratulations by the Chief of Staff of the Army **Gen. Raymond T. Odierno**; the Commandant of the Army War College **Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo**; and War College Provost **Dr. Lance Betros**.

Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Raymond T. Odierno will be the guest speaker for the Army War College Class of 2013 graduation June 8.

Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, 38th Army Chief of Staff will be guest speaker for the Army War College graduation ceremony, and will celebrate the graduates achievements and remind them of the challenges ahead for them as they return to the Joint Force. He is expected to discuss the Army War College education in context of the Army's new Leader Development Strategy 2013 -- emphasizing the graduates' role in developing the next generation of young leaders through training, education and experience.

The graduating class represents the Joint Force: 385 students competitively selected from the joint U.S. military, federal agency, and multinational security environment: 225 Army officers, 15 Navy, 32 Air Force, 17 Marine Corps and one Coast Guard officer, representing Active, Reserve and National Guard. The Class includes 71 International Officers, and 24 senior civilians of federal agencies engaged in national security.

Neighboring Pennsylvania Army National Guard's Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 108th Field Artillery will honor the Army Chief with a 19--gun salute.

Through more than 36 years of service, Gen. Odierno served in a wide variety of command and staff positions. Of particular note, Gen. Odierno was Commander of United States Joint Forces Command from Oct. 2010 until Aug. 2011 and commanded Multi-National Force - Iraq and, subsequently, United States Forces - Iraq from Sept. 2008 until Sept. 2010.

A native of Rockaway, N.J., Odierno holds a bachelor of science degree in Engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, and a master's degree in Nuclear Effects Engineering from North Carolina State University. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College and holds a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

Located at Carlisle Barracks since 1951, the Army War College educates strategic leaders, to include generals Eisenhower, Patton, Schwarzkopf and Odierno, while advancing knowledge in the global application of Landpower.

[In case of inclement weather, gate signs will announce the decision to move the ceremony to Bliss Hall, with guest seating in Reynolds Theater, the Omar Bradley Room in Upton Hall and in Root Hall conference and seminar rooms. Handicapped seating will be in the Command Conference Room in Root Hall.]