USAWC Class of 2017 Resident Graduation; What You Need to Know

CARLISLE, Pa. (April 28, 2017) –The graduation ceremony of the U.S. Army War College Resident Class of 2017 is scheduled on Friday, June 9 at 9 a.m. at the Wheelock Bandstand on the historic parade ground Carlisle Barracks. This year's graduating class consists of 227 Army officers, 9 Navy, 26 Air Force, 16 Marines, 1 Coast Guard, 28 Civilians, and 74 International Fellows from 70 countries.

All family members and friends are welcome to attend and watch our graduation ceremony. For those unable to attend, the whole ceremony can be viewed live, 9 – 10:30 a.m. at http://armywarcollege.edu/live.

For family members and friends who are able to join us, these details will help you plan your visit.. For additional and updated information please continue to check our webpage at http://armywarcollege.edu, or please follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/usawc.

- Students must be in seats by 8:30, so you'll want to plan to arrive with them or at about that time. Before the ceremony begins, you can listen to a pre-event performance by the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Band, and watch our faculty member procession.
- · A shuttle will be running between 7:30 to 8:45 a.m., (and following the ceremony) between the parking areas and the parade ground. Students who live on base are encouraged to park at home and use the shuttle bus.
- · If you are driving yourself, enter Carlisle Barracks at the visitor's entrance, Claremont Gate. For navigation, please enter the <u>870 Jim Thorpe Rd.</u>, <u>Carlisle</u>, <u>PA 17013</u>, and follow the signs to the vehicle access point, and then follow Special Event signs. Security police and parking attendants will assist.
- · Those with disabilities or unable to walk distances will find seating at "Quarters Two." Parking attendants will direct the driver to the handicapped lot.
- · Shortly after the ceremony starts at 9 a.m., Pa. Army National Guard 108th Field Artillery will fire cannon on Indian Field in an honorary salute.
- · Bags are subject to security checks at entry to the parade field.
- · After the speakers, every student will cross the stage and professional photos of every students will be available at www.flickr.com/photos/usawc by the end of the day, June 9. Guests are welcome to take photos throughout the ceremony, as well, and a photo area near the stage is available for family/friends' photo-taking. A highlight video of the ceremony will be available at:

www.youtube.com/usarmywarcollege shortly after graduation.

- If your graduate will be promoted following graduation all promotion ceremonies will begin at 1 p.m.
- · Restrooms for spectators will be located in the Thorpe Gym, and porta johns will be situated at the rear of the ceremony site.
- · Please remember, there's no smoking, no selfie sticks, backpacks nor coolers at the ceremony. Water is provided on site.
- · We recommend hats and sun screen.
- Dunham Clinic will be open on Thursday, June 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for patient care and closed June 9 from 7:30 am to 1 p.m. (including the pharmacy), reopening at 1 p.m. and closing at 4:30 p.m.
- The uniform for those graduating will be service dress uniform or equivalent with no head gear for military and business attire for civilians. Faculty will wear academic regalia, service dress uniform or business attire. A final weather and jacket call will be made at 7 a.m. on June 9.
- The inclement Weather Location will be inside Bliss Hall Auditorium for students only. Closed circuit viewing will be provided for guests in the seminar rooms and other venues throughout the Army War College.
- During the ceremony Lovell Avenue, Guardhouse Lane, and Garrison Lane will be closed to traffic with the exception of emergency vehicles.
- · All residents are asked to leave their vehicles and their guest's vehicles at their quarters and ride the shuttle bus, unless they require handicap parking.
- · Faculty and Staff who normally park in the 314/315 lot, along Lovell Ave. and along Forbes Ave. in front of Building 122 can park along Letort Lane below the 314/315 lot, along Letort Lane between Barry Drive and Butler Rd (temporary parking will be identified along the drive) or in the Collins Hall lots.
- · Graduates will pick up their diplomas at the Letort View Community Center immediately following the ceremony. Graduates and their families can also pre-register before June 2, for a brunch to be held in the Letort View Community Center.
- · Liberal leave is encouraged for personnel of the Army War College in order to maximize parking, pending supervisor approval.
- · VIPs will move to the intersection of Ashburn and Lovell to be directed into one of the VIP lots. All other drivers will need to move as directed by the Police or Parking attendants to designated parking lots and walk or ride the shuttle.
- · Residents on Garrison Lane are asked to park their cars in garages, if possible.

· Faculty and Staff who work in Anne Ely, or normally park in the Anne Ely parking lot, are asked to park in DES or Chapel lots.
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