

## Army War College, Carlisle community celebrate Army's 243rd birthday

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Carlisle Barracks leadership celebrated the special relationship between the post and the community with members of the Carlisle Boro Council, Downtown Carlisle Association and Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau on June 14 as part of the Army birthday



*The installation of the 2018 class gift to the War College coincided with the Army Birthday and Flag Day today. The gift commemorates the WWI centennial anniversary, and will be presented to the War College in front of Root Hall June 20, 8:30 a.m.*

**CARLISLE, Pa. (June 14, 2018)** – Since its official establishment, June 14, 1775 — more than a year before the Declaration of Independence — the U.S. Army has played a vital role in the growth and development -- and defense - of our nation.

Readiness is the cornerstone of Army service.

"Our country, our Army, will prevail in the future, in the next ten years, and we will prevail for the next 243 years as well," said Secretary of the Army Mark T. Esper, making a promise to the Soldiers and the Americans at the Army's 243rd birthday celebration on the Capitol Hill.

Drawing on both long-standing militia traditions and recently introduced professional standards, it won the new republic's independence in an arduous eight-year struggle against Great Britain. At times, the Army provided the lone symbol of nationhood around which patriots rallied.

The Army War College and Carlisle Barracks communities held their

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celebration of the U.S. Army's 210th Birthday during an event in Bisco Hall Foyer today. The event was open to all military and civilian employees of Carlisle Barracks, and the public.

The theme of this year's birthday celebration was, "Over There! A Celebration of Army Heroes from WWI to Present Day." In a show of respect to the accomplishments of Soldiers past, noncommissioned officers of the Carlisle Barracks stood during the ceremony and recited passages that paid tribute to moments in history from WWI to present day and looked forward to the future of the Army.

The Deputy Commandant, Col. Ken Adgie, mentioned the centennial anniversary of WWI and looked ahead to the future of the Army and the Army War College saying there is much look forward to. He challenged those in attendance to continue to climb the path toward excellence and thanked everyone for all that they do for the Army and the Army War College.

The oldest Soldier in attendance Chaplain Jerry Sieg and the youngest Soldier in attendance Pvt. Ana Garcia then cut a traditional birthday cake.

Lt. Col. Sally Hannan, Garrison Commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jamie Letiecq, post CSM, also celebrated the special relationship between Carlisle Barracks and the community that dates all the way back to 1757 by presenting cupcakes and sharing stories with members of the Boro staff, Police Chief and others in the Boro office.