

What you need to know about DDE graduation 2021

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Distance Education Students wait in front of Upton Hall for their class picture, July 13.

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Graduation of the Army War College Distance education Class of 2021 will take place Friday, July 23, at 9 a.m. on the historic parade field of Carlisle Barracks. Army G2, Lt. Gen. Laura A. Potter will address the 382 students, including 306 U.S. Army officers, 24 Air Force, 4 Navy, 9 Marines, 32 senior federal civilians, and 7 international officers.

Graduates' will be recognized for having earned the Master's degree in Strategic Studies, USAWC diploma, and Joint Professional Military

Education-Level 2 certification -- as well as for the future contributions that they will make to the security of their countries. The ceremony will recognize those students who earned special writing honors and faculty who have earned honors in teaching excellence.

At approximately 9 a.m., the 108th Field Artillery from the Pa. Army National Guard will fire an honorary artillery salute. Ceremonial music will be provided by the Carlisle Town Band, and War College Professor Bert Tussing will sing the National Anthem.

Lt. Gen. Potter became the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2, in Sept. 2020. She is also a 1989 graduate of Dickinson College. Potter's most recent assignment was as the commanding general of the United States Army Intelligence Center of Excellence. She holds bachelor's degrees in Russian and Spanish from Dickinson College, a master's degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, Center for Eurasian, Russian, and East European Studies, and a master's in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College.

COVID-19 safety measures include the following:

- Photos will be taken by official USAWC photographers, to be shared online; there will be no family photo area
- In accordance with DoD policy, fully vaccinated persons are not required to mask. Those not vaccinated must wear a mask.

Guidance for students and invited guests –

- A shuttle will be rotating between 7 to 9 a.m. (and following the ceremony) between the parking areas on post and the parade ground. Students who live on base are encouraged to park at home and use the shuttle bus
- Students will be in seats for roll call at 8:30 a.m.
- Enter Carlisle Barracks at the Claremont Road Visitor Gate @ 870 Jim Thorpe Road, Carlisle 17013 (DoD ID cardholders, only, can use the Route 11 gate)
- Special Event signs and security police will direct drivers to parking lots
- Parking attendants will direct drivers to handicapped parking, and disability seating is available at Quarters 2
- Water will be provided. No coolers please.