

Army War College Distance Class of 2022 to graduate July 29: ceremony to be livestreamed

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Students in the distance education program are welcomed by MG David Hill, USAWC Commandant, to begin their Carlisle experience, July 18.

Gathering from across the country and around the globe, over 396 distance education students dropped into Carlisle Barracks July 18 - 29. Students representing the joint force, civilian agencies, and senior international officers will participate in a two-week course of a capstone exercise and culminating academic work, guest speakers, noontime lectures, and a graduation ceremony at the U.S. Army War College's annual second residency course.

It will be the first time the AWC Distance Class of 2022 has met in Carlisle, missing the mid-curriculum first residence course due to COVID restrictions last year.

The Commandant's National Security Program took place in the second week of SRC. CNSP brought 60 nominated participants from various occupations, regions, and backgrounds to talk with students about the

national security issues of the nation and how civil-military connections contribute to the solutions.

Capping SRC, students will participate in their graduation ceremony at 9 a.m. Friday, July 29 at the parade ground in front of Wheelock Bandstand. USAWC welcomes Lt. Gen. Erik Peterson, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8 as graduation speaker. Family and friends who cannot attend graduation may view the ceremony at <https://www.armywarcollege.edu/live>.

Everyone is welcome to attend the ceremony. Recommend arrival no later than 8:30 a.m.

See planning details below:

Students must be in seats by 8:30 a.m.; family and guests should plan to arrive with them or at about that time. Enter Carlisle Barracks at Claremont Visitors Gate, and follow Special Event signs to parking.

An on-base shuttle, 7:30-8:45 a.m., and following the ceremony, will move guests from parking areas to the parade ground. Those with disabilities or unable to walk distances will find seating at "Quarters Two." Parking attendants will direct the driver to the handicapped lot.

A weather call will be made no later than 7 a.m. on graduation day. In inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in Bliss Hall Auditorium, which only seats students. All guests can watch on large screens in seminar rooms and other selected rooms; students will guide guests to the assigned location.

Every student will cross the stage to receive their diploma, and professional photos of every student will be available at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/usawc> by Monday, August 1. Find same-day video excerpts at www.youtube.com/usarmywarcollege. The entire ceremony video will be available at that site by Monday.

The 377 graduates include 11 Pennsylvania officers, among the 292 Army; 17 Air Force, 11 Marine Corps; and 10 Navy Reserve, most of whom are from the Reserve or National Guard. Forty-two civilians are joined by five International Fellows representing two from Croatia, Estonia, Greece, and Mexico.