

The Carlisle Key 2020

Your Guide to Unlocking the Mysteries of the Army War College



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Commandant's Letter

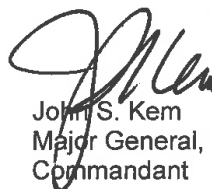


Welcome to historic Carlisle Barracks and the U.S. Army War College!

Rich in history and tradition, our community is amazing. Both the Army War College and the Garrison teams work hard to make your family's transition to life here as seamless as possible.

Carlisle Barracks is a family-centric post. With opportunities ranging from sports and fitness to family services and support, your family can set their priorities for the year from a wide range of academic, social, family, sports, fitness, spiritual, and travel opportunities. In addition, the Carlisle community warmly welcomes Army War College families to central Pennsylvania each year and provides many more local opportunities for your family to explore and enjoy. I know you will fall in love with Carlisle Barracks, the Army War College, and the greater Carlisle community.

You will likely never again be stationed at a military installation so well postured to help your family succeed—and have fun! My wife Martha and I hope your family finds the next year a memorable and rewarding one.



John S. Kem
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Commandant

Foreword

Congratulations...you're on your way to Carlisle Barracks!

Each move and assignment have their own special set of great unknowns. The key to specifically unlocking the mysteries of your US Army War College experience is informing yourself about all aspects of this unique and rewarding assignment...everything from housing and schools to Pennsylvania-isms and local events.

As student spouses ourselves, we realized early on in our time here that a concise tool laying the groundwork for the year would have been extremely helpful to prepare for the move and hit the ground running. As we began collaborating, we discovered that such a tool—The Purple Book—had previously existed for just that reason. We lovingly updated and streamlined the topics of this earlier resource to make it easier to digest, relevant, and lasting while retaining its joint applicability.

Whether you read it online or slip a hard copy in your bag, you're sure to find yourself referring to it time and again.

Wishing you a successful year,

Spouses of the USAWC
Class of 2020

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What You Need to Know

Population of the US Army War College (USAWC)

Attendees of the USAWC include all service branches, as well as Reserve and National Guard service members, government civilian employees, and international fellows from all over the world. Carlisle Barracks is also home to permanent party residents, most of whom are faculty or otherwise support the USAWC.

Helpful Tips Before Arrival

1. Contact Transportation early! There are very few moving companies near Carlisle, and they are typically backed up for weeks every PCS season. When you find out your household goods have arrived in the local area, contact your designated Total Military Management representative as soon as possible to schedule a delivery date. (Your representative is the point of contact who emails you with updates on the status of your move.) Get an early jump on scheduling to limit your time in a hotel or “camping” in your house.

2. Plan ahead for summer children’s activities. To use Child and Youth Services, you must, of course, register your child(ren). This may take a few weeks because there is only one person who manages registration at Carlisle Barracks’ Parent Central Services, and the daily appointments are limited. (See the Child and Youth Services section for complete details). If you are hoping for summer camp or childcare upon arrival, you may want a back-up plan. Here are a few options you may consider:

- Vacation Bible School through the post chapel. For more information, search for @USAWCMemorialChapel on Facebook.
- Swimming on post at the Splash Zone Pool. For more information, visit: <https://carlisle.armymwr.com/programs/splash-zone-pool>.
- Summer camp through Carlisle Parks & Recreation. For more information, visit: <https://www.carlislepa.org/departments/parks-recreation/summer-day-camp/>.
- Various kids programs and summer camps at Carlisle Arts Learning Center. For more information, visit: <http://www.carlislearts.org/>.
- Babysitters: if you are in need of one-time or short-term care, Parent Central Services maintains a list of teens who have completed the American Red Cross Babysitter Course.

3. Make graduation hotel reservations early. If you expect to have guests attending USAWC graduation, make your hotel reservations early. While

it may seem like there is plenty of time, there is often a major car show taking place in Carlisle simultaneously in early June (see the Calendar of Activities and Events Section). Hotels and restaurant reservations are commonly quite limited during this time.

4. Join the Facebook Group - USAWC Spouse Share. Submit your request to join. It is well worth the effort to join, as there is a lot of helpful information exchanged in this active group.

5. A new, state-of-the-art academic building and campus complex that will replace Root Hall and its surrounding buildings will begin being constructed in the spring of 2020 with the expectation that it will be complete by the summer of 2024. This construction will cause detours, road closures and new post parameters during the construction phase. A modern gym facility is a part of the new building plan.

Unique Garrison Rules and Regulations

Carlisle Barracks has less than traditional access and entry systems.

- **Claremont Gate (Main Gate):** This gate, located at 870 Jim Thorpe Road, is the only 24/7 gate for vehicle entry and is actually across the street from Main Post, which is not intuitive, especially on your first visit (or for visitors). Specific lit signage has been installed to provide additional direction. If you mistakenly turn into Main Post without going through the gate, you will activate a barricade, and the Military Police will stop you. Tickets and fines may be assessed. All adults in the vehicle should be prepared to show their DoD ID Card. For pedestrians and cyclists entering Main Post (from off-post, The Meadows, or the Carlisle Barracks Golf Course), there is a pedestrian gate with guard shack on the Main Post side of Claremont Road where you must present your DOD ID to gain entry.
- **Carlisle Barracks Visitors Center:** The Visitors Center is located near the Claremont Gate (<https://www.armywarcollege.edu/visitorcenter>). Visitors, friends, and family may go to the Visitors Center for on-post pass information during open hours. When the visitors center is closed, visitors should process through the far right guard booth as you come around Jim Thorpe Rd. If you know well in advance that you have a visitor coming to stay with you, you can also opt to sponsor them for a pass. You can pick up the paperwork, send it to your visitor for completion, and have them fax it back to the Visitors Center. When said visitor arrives, they can pick up the pass and proceed through the ACP. Note: Delivery drivers such as pizza/flowers or cab drivers must meet patrons residing on post in the Visitors Center parking lot.

- **Ashburn Gate:** This gate, located at 22 Ashburn Drive on Route 11, is open daily from 0630-1730 except for federal holidays, holiday weekends, and USAWC winter break. It is on the opposite side of Carlisle Barracks from the Claremont Gate and is open to DOD ID card holders only. The Ashburn Gate also features an Enhanced Security Pedestrian Smart Gate (ESPG). In order to use this, you must register your ID card, fingerprint, and photograph at the Visitor Center. Any issues with entry are handled in real-time by pushing a button to speak with the police desk. The watch commander has access to a live video feed and can remotely allow access. Note: this gate most likely appears on GPS when searching for directions to Carlisle Barracks or USAWC, so be sure to direct non-DOD ID card holding visitors to the Claremont Gate.

Seminar Team Sports

Throughout the USAWC school year, seminar members participate in several team sports. Some of the sports are mandatory, some are voluntary, and some may include seminar spouses. Family members are welcome to attend these games to support their seminars:

- Softball (early Fall; mandatory team-building event)
- Volleyball (late Fall/early Winter; voluntary, but highly encouraged)
- Basketball (Winter; voluntary)
- Flag Football (Spring; voluntary)

Notes



The First 90 Days



Your time at the USAWC can be as busy (or not) as you would like it to be. The number of social activities is almost overwhelming, and particularly in the beginning of the year, a bit daunting. These are in addition to the many activities offered by MWR, ACS, Leisure Travel Services, and the Post Chapel!

You will receive a welcome email from the USAWC deputy commandant containing information about the school's social calendar for the first three months. It is a lot to digest and is worth printing. It will help you identify which events are mandatory and prepare for the expected dress codes. Below are some tips to help you hit the ground running in your first 90 days.

August

Welcome Expo: This is a large event where you will gather A LOT of information about the overall Carlisle and AWC community. Vendors and community representatives are stationed at tables in multiple buildings to answer questions and to hand out information. It is worth your time to visit as many tables as possible. Also, be sure to come with an empty stomach so you have room for the many food and drink samples. Allow at least two hours for this event. Students are expected to attend, and families are highly encouraged as well.

Spouse Photos: During in-processing in early August, all USAWC students are required to have their photos taken in dress uniform for the class roster and yearbook. Spouses are also encouraged, but not required, to have their photos taken for an overall directory. Be sure to have a business casual outfit available to wear.

Boatyard Wars: This is a seminar team-building event co-sponsored by MWR and the War College held outdoors at the Tiki Bar near the pool behind Letort View Community Center. It is mandatory for students, and families are encouraged to attend. The event is normally held on a marathon day in early August following the Convocation, Coffee Social, Spouse Welcome Presentation, and Opening Ceremony. While the aforementioned events are open to spouses, they are not for children. Boatyard Wars event is purposefully held early in the year to gel seminar teams together and is a massive, family-friendly event with up to 900 people in attendance. There is a playground, a bouncy house, and other activities on-site. Food and drink lines can be long, but there are plenty of areas for picnicking and socializing around the Tiki Bar. This event typically takes at least 2.5 hours for the individual seminars to build and race their boats. Plan to be there for about four hours if you stay until the end.

Military Family Program (MFP): This federally-funded government program is defined and discussed later in this book (see the “Definitions” section) as it is specific to the USAWC. It is included in this section because there are quite a few MFP activities that occur in your first 90 days. These are not Garrison, MWR, or ACS activities, and you must register for them in advance. For more information, visit: <https://www.armywarcollege.edu/orgs/mfp/>.

Carlisle Barracks Spouses’ Club (CBSC): CBSC is a private organization that provides opportunities for social interaction among the spouses on Carlisle Barracks. Club volunteers support the military and civilian community through fundraisers to sponsor scholarships and community assistance grants. Offering a plethora of activities, the CBSC holds a “Super Sign-Up” event in August. If you have not already joined online, this is your opportunity to do so. You can also sign up for sub-clubs ranging from quilting, Bunco, international cooking, and hiking to biking and book clubs. Monthly luncheons covering a variety of topics are held at the Letort View Community Center. For more information, visit <https://www.carlislebarracksspousesclub.org>.

September

Fall Yard Sale: For this popular (and completely voluntary) community event, Carlisle Barracks is open to the public. Community members only need a valid driver’s license to obtain post access. It is very well attended and is repeated in the Spring.

Air and Shipwreck Social: This family-friendly event is essentially a giant tailgate and barbeque held on Indian Field. Your seminar will gather in a designated location on the field, decorate tents and tables, and compete by seminar for prizes in several categories. The USAWC commandant and senior staff visit each seminar area and decide which teams win. All resident students are expected to attend; family members are encouraged to attend as well.

October

Oktoberfest: This is a family-friendly event held at the US Army Heritage Education Center (AHEC) adjacent to the golf course. It is a large, well-attended event with carnival rides, live music, and refreshments. Attendance is voluntary for students and families.

National Security Staff Ride to New York City: This is a three-day TDY event intended to expose USAWC students to corporate executives in order to discuss strategic leadership. Spouses are invited, and many attend. The only cost to spouses is paying a fee (\$60-\$90) for the round-trip bus ride. Spouses who choose instead to drive or take a train from Harrisburg (The Keystone Service train, www.amtrak.com)

are not reimbursed for that transportation expense. While in New York City, spouses can choose to join their USAWC student on most visits (depending on security restrictions), participate in spouse-specific activities, or explore on their own. Evenings are free to spend time as desired, with many seminars going to dinner or shows together. It pays to discuss evening options in advance to allow time to purchase tickets and make reservations. Planning ahead for childcare is also encouraged. Garrison has a system in place to issue post passes, PX and commissary privileges, and powers of attorney to caregiver. Note: Children may not attend the staff ride to NYC.

Dress Codes Explained

You will notice dress codes on the social calendar you receive, but don't let this confuse or stress you! Below are brief explanations of each.

Relaxed/casual: For some events, such as Boatyard Wars or the Air and Shipwreck Social, the dress code is relaxed/casual. Shorts, t-shirts, and flip-flops or sneakers are completely acceptable.

Business casual: If you see business casual for the dress code, nice pants and a blouse are appropriate. Many of the events early in the USAWC academic year occur while it is still warm, so a dress would also work! For gentlemen, chinos and a collared shirt such as a polo are appropriate. Keep in mind that if you live on-post, you will probably be walking to these events, so flats may be a good idea.

Smart business: Some occasions, such as if you accompany your spouse to corporations or UN Missions on the NYC Staff Ride, require a smart business dress code. For ladies, this means a suit, dress with blazer, or something equivalent with appropriate shoes. For gentlemen, a suit or button-down shirt, tie, and blazer would be appropriate. Again, keep in mind that whether your event is on-post or in NYC, you may be walking a great deal, so comfortable shoes are an important consideration.



Welcome to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Overview

Welcome to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, home of Jimmy Stewart, Hershey Park, Amish country, and two professional football teams! Your new home of Carlisle Barracks and the surrounding area is known as the trucking capital of the US—literally anything can be delivered to 1/3 of the entire US population within one day’s drive!

Once you get settled in, there are endless possibilities for fun no matter what you enjoy doing in your spare time. If you are an outdoor enthusiast, hiking, biking, hunting, fishing and camping are all available within a 30-minute drive. Love crafts and quality furniture? Amish country is full of beautiful handmade items for sale. New York City and Washington, D.C., are both just a short drive and train ride away for a quick family weekend trip. Pennsylvania is full of wonderful surprises around every corner.

But is every surprise wonderful? There are some things you should know about your new “commonwealth” (yes, this is different than a state in that it is meant to be more inclusive of the residents in the government process). Friendly fact: Kentucky, Massachusetts, and Virginia are also commonwealths. That said, here are some interesting facts to know about your new home, as well as some resources for finding what you need to know:

BYOB: It’s not just for parties anymore! There are many restaurants in Pennsylvania that do not serve alcohol. Antiquated liquor laws make getting a liquor license arduous and excessively expensive. So, if you want a drink with your meal, many restaurants allow you to bring your own. Servers are happy to provide you with what you need, such as glasses and openers to enjoy your beverages. Call ahead or check your restaurant’s website before you go.

Harrisburg International Airport: There are several reasons to consider booking your flights out of this airport, but proximity to Carlisle is the most appealing. Parking is less expensive than at some of the larger airports, and at least one facility will wash your car for free from April-October and remove snow from your car during the winter (www.cramerairportparking.com). Carlisle is also within a few hours’ drive of several other airports including Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, BWI, Reagan National, and Dulles.

Harrisburg Transportation Center (Amtrak and Busses): This is one of the few railroad stations in the United States that still maintains a train shed above the track and retains a red brick exterior. The HTC is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is designated as a National Engineering Landmark. More than that, it offers many daily trains to NYC via the “Keystone” line. Taking just about three and a half hours to get to Penn Station, this is a great alternative to driving into New York City. This

station also offers the “Pennsylvanian” line with connections leading to other great east coast destinations. Visit <https://www.amtrak.com/stations/har> for more information and train schedules.

E-ZPass: The E-ZPass Program is the easiest way to pay tolls and consists of toll agencies in 17 states, including Pennsylvania. An E-ZPass transponder is a small electronic device you attach to your car’s windshield to pay for tolls on a trip. It allows you to use the high-speed cashless lanes on toll roads, bridges, and tunnels, and often provides discounts to the cash rate depending on the state that issued the E-ZPass. Visit www.ezpass.csc.paturnpike.com to learn more about signing up.

Car Shows: When you’re in Cumberland Valley, you’re in car country. Car shows, automotive swap meets, speedways, drag ways, and antique car museums offer car collectors, racing fans, and auto enthusiasts a year-round destination. Cumberland Valley welcomes guests from around the world during eight different shows hosted by Carlisle Events each year. This can mean traffic delays, hotel shortages, and a huge tourism influx during these weekends. Visit www.visitcumberlandvalley.com for more information.

Farmers on the Square: This year-round producer only farmer’s market is a Carlisle staple and worth visiting any time of year. Between 1751 and 1952, Carlisle’s downtown square served as an open air farmers market, and FOTS is the first market on the square in over 50 years! From May through December, FOTS is held every Wednesday from 1500-1900 in the center of Carlisle at the corner of High and Hanover Streets on the grounds of the First Presbyterian Church. From January-April, the market will be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 1500-1800 at The Carlisle Theatre at 40 W. High Street in Carlisle. Visit <https://www.farmersonthesquare.com/> for more information.

New Teen Drivers: Obtaining a first-time driver’s license as a teenager in Pennsylvania is a little tricky. Unfortunately, learners’ permits issued by other states are not valid. Do your research before spending time and money on driver’s ed vocation classes or obtaining a learner’s permit from another state. Visit www.dmv.pa.gov for more information. Plan ahead, plotting a schedule for your teen’s permit (16 years old for eligibility) and license testing, scheduling and behind-the-wheel requirements. Permit and license appointments are scheduled months ahead and are limited by location (you can utilize nearby DMV locations outside of Carlisle). For permits, prior to your teen being ready to take the test (see study sources online) schedule an appointment with the DMV for the knowledge and eye test, which will require a documented physical and eye exam (DL-180, which can be filled out by your physician during a standard sports or high school physical), proof of residency (note exceptions for military), Social Security card, Birth Certificate, completed DL-180 form and \$35 payment.

Once passed, the permit is valid (note restrictions for PA) and you should immediately schedule the driver's exam and road test for the first eligible date available (6 months from permit passing). Permit holders under 18 must complete 65 hours of adult-supervised skill building including 10 nighttime and 5 hours of bad weather driving. Note items required for testing after completion of skill building hours.

Weather: Pennsylvania has four very distinct seasons and is just far enough north to rarely miss out on a few good snowstorms. Luckily, the city of Carlisle is known for being very good about snow removal. Fall is particularly beautiful, so keep an eye out for the foliage viewing calendars available online as the peak viewing dates change yearly. Visit <https://uncoveringpa.com/destinations-for-fall-colors-pennsylvania> for up-to-date information.

US Army Heritage and Education Center (AHEC): AHEC educates soldiers and the general public about US Army history through monthly and quarterly lecture series, workshops, historical demonstrations, and living history events which are all free and open to the public. The onsite museum is full of artifacts with an extensive outdoor portion that is meant to be a full-immersion experience. This outdoor section is spread out along a one-mile series of pathways and highlights nearly every era of Army history through large-scale exhibits and artifacts. AHEC runs the US Army War College (USAWC) Library located in Root Hall, and the center's professional research team provides services in support of the USAWC curriculum. Visit <https://ahec.armywarcollege.edu/> for more information.

Military Discounts: There is a real sense of community in Carlisle, and the residents and businesses are very welcoming to students and permanent party at the USAWC. Many local businesses offer a military discount, so be sure to ask when making a purchase. Also be sure to take advantage of the coupons you will receive at the Welcome Expo held in August. Here is a website listing nationwide businesses that offer year-round military discounts: <https://www.businessinsider.com/military-discounts>.

Home Delivery Options: Many local Pennsylvania businesses happily deliver straight to your front porch, even on post. Water jugs, dairy products, pastured meat, and dry cleaning are just a few of the items offered for delivery by local businesses. You are likely to hear about many delivery options at the Welcome Expo held in August, but a quick Google search will go a long way to finding convenient home-delivery options.

The Appalachian Trail: The Appalachian Trail is the most famous hiking trail in the US, extending 2,189 miles from Georgia to Maine. Forty-six miles of the Appalachian Trail meanders through Cumberland Valley, Pennsylvania, including a 13-mile section that is the longest, lowest, and flattest section on the entire trail and one of the most accessible portions

to park and take a short day trip. For more information, visit <https://www.visitcumberlandvalley.com/outdoor/parks-wildlife/appalachian-trail>.

Breweries and Wineries: Pennsylvania offers many options when it comes to wineries and breweries. Whether you enjoy slowly sipping wine while enjoying amazing Dutch-country scenery, or if you prefer brewpub-hopping in Philadelphia, this state offers something for everyone. For more information, visit <https://visitpa.com/article/pennsylvania-wine-ale-trails-other-thirst-quenching-stops>.

Amish Country: Visiting Lancaster County is like going back in time. Known as home to the Amish and Pennsylvania Dutch, this unique area of Pennsylvania offers a wide variety of must-do activities. From shopping for beautiful handmade crafts and furniture to riding in a horse-drawn buggy, you are sure to find something every family member will enjoy. For more information, visit <https://www.discoverlancaster.com/towns-and-heritage/amish-country/index.asp>.

Retiree-Friendly Taxes: If you happen to be looking for a military-friendly state for retirement, Pennsylvania does not tax military pensions or TSP distributions. There are over 4000 military retirees in the Carlisle area! For more information on retiree benefits, check out: <https://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/Benefit-Library/State/Territory-Benefits/Pennsylvania>.

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Calendar of Activities and Events

Carlisle and the local surrounding area have a lot to offer. While there are many options, below are a few popular activities and events listed month-by-month (some activities listed are offered year-round).

Summer

- Corvettes at Carlisle: This is the largest Corvette event in the world, with the highlight being a parade of more than 5,000 Corvettes spanning all generations of models on Hanover Street. There is also a band on the square downtown. For more information, visit: <https://carlisleevents.com/>.
- Cumberland Valley Fly Fishing and Outdoor Festival: This is a two-day festival celebrating fly fishing, and it features live music, food, product giveaways, educational seminars, and a cornhole tournament. For more information, visit: <https://www.tcoflyfishing.com/>.
- Shippensburg Corn Festival: This is a family-friendly event with more than 250 craft and food vendors, an antique car show, free entertainment, and a corn eating contest. For more information, visit: <https://shippensburgcornfestival.net/>.
- Foundry Day Arts Festival in Boiling Springs: This festival is held rain or shine on the first Saturday in June. Over 100 juried craftsmen and artists surround the scenic Children's Lake in the middle of town showcasing and selling handmade jewelry, photography, fine art, pottery, furniture, metalwork, and other unique treasures. For more information, visit: <https://www.visitcumberlandvalley.com/blog/post/foundry-day-in-boiling-springs/>.
- Carlisle Summerfair: With over 30 events in 11 days in June and July, this event has something for everyone. Events range from festivals and art activities to a 5/10K race, musicals, dinners and bike rides. A highlight of the event is the Anything Floats and Tube races in Boiling Springs. For more information, visit: <http://carlisle-summerfair.org/>.
- Stars Burst Over Carlisle: The Carlisle Fairgrounds hosts Cumberland County's largest, musically-choreographed fireworks show. Over 10,000 people attend this new event celebrating America's freedom. Visit <http://www.carlislefireworks.com/> for more information.
- Bluegrass on the Grass Festival at Dickinson College: This is a free event with open seating on the lawn (bring your own lawn chairs and blankets). A wide array of vendors supply food and drinks. The festival is held rain or shine. For more information, visit: <https://www.dickinson.edu/>.

- Shippensburg Community Fair: This event is a chance to experience the music, food, and agriculture of Shippensburg, located just 25 minutes from Carlisle. Livestock exhibits, home products, tractor pulls, horse shows, rides and games for all ages, food, and a craft show are just a few of the events and activities offered. For more information, visit: <https://www.shippensburgfair.com/>.
- Ford Parade: Starting at the Carlisle Fairgrounds, this event features around 400 Fords that eventually end up on Hanover Street in downtown Carlisle. Following the parade is a street fair featuring food, shopping, and live music on both sides of downtown. **WARNING:** this event generally occurs at the same time as graduation, so be sure to book hotel rooms early if your family is coming into town.

Fall

- Meadowbrooke Gourds Sunflower Festival: Along with growing and selling decorative gourds for every season, Meadowbrooke workers plant 75 acres of sunflowers that are expected to be at their peak for this festival, which you can pick for free. This event will also have the last “Oops” sale of the year where you can get your favorite gourd designs at a big discount. For more information, visit: <https://mbgourds.com/>.
- Champagne Stroll: This event is a festive way to learn more about the businesses located on Pomfret Street in downtown Carlisle. The entrance fee includes a champagne glass, a signature bubbly drink, and a brunch-themed bite at each of the participating businesses. For more information, visit <https://www.thepomfretgroup.com/-events/2019/9/8/champagne-stroll-2019>.
- Harvest of the Arts: This is a family-friendly experience featuring art, music, theater, and food offered by over 120 artists and vendors in downtown Carlisle. For more information, visit: <https://harvestofhearts.us/>.
- The Appalachian Trail: Hiking portions of the Appalachian Trail is fun any time of the year but is particularly beautiful in the fall when the colors are vibrant, and the air is crisp. For more information and a fall foliage forecast calendar, visit: <https://uncoveringpa.com/destinations-for-fall-colors-pennsylvania>.
- Carlisle Halloween Parade: This is a family-friendly event sponsored by Carlisle Parks and Recreation. For more information, visit: <https://lovecarlisle.com/>.
- Cumberland County Best Kept Secrets Tour: This is a shopping/food adventure featuring 40 unique small businesses. It is set up

like a home or garden tour as you travel place to place enjoying free refreshments, games, gifts, demos, etc. Each participating business offers coupons to participants. For more information, visit: <https://bestkeptsecretstour.com/>.

- Carlisle Family YMCA Turkey Trot (5K): Start off your Thanksgiving by burning all those calories you will surely consume later in the day! For more information, visit: <http://www.carlislefamilymca.org/healthy-living/program/turkey-trot>.
- Carlisle Christmas Craft Show: With over 200 vendors, this event is a one-stop Christmas shopping event. Come out for unique Christmas gifts made by local craftspeople and artists. Carlisle High School culinary students offer refreshments, and raffle drawings featuring over 100 items donated by artists happen throughout the day. For more information, visit: <https://www.visitcumberlandvalley.com/>.
- Candy Cane Walk in Downtown Camp Hill: Over 20 businesses offer specials, refreshments, music and more. For more information, visit: <https://www.camphillborough.com/>.

Winter

- Winter Wonderland Weekend: Held the first weekend in December, this event includes a Christmas Parade on Hanover Street followed by caroling, lighting of the tree, and pictures with Santa. Several craft shows also happen this weekend to include MWR's Christkindlmarkt as well as the Market of Curiosities at the Carlisle Expo Center. For more information, visit: <https://www.visitcumberlandvalley.com/>.
- Tree and Luminary Lighting at Children's Lake in Boiling Springs: At this popular event, hundreds of luminaries line the Children's Lake, and crowds gather near the gazebo to watch Santa Claus row his boat across the lake to greet children. A Christmas tree set afloat near the Memorial Clock Tower is lit at this time. For more information, visit: <https://www.boilingsprings.org/christmas-tree-lighting-in-boiling-springs/>.
- Christkindlmarkt at Dill's Tavern: Held annually in Dillsburg, this two-day family friendly event features over 40 vendors and artisans, food, music, caroling, tree lighting, Santa, children's activities, a live nativity, and more across the tavern's historic grounds. Tour the candlelit tavern, and come dressed in your historical clothes. For more information, visit: <https://northernorkhistorical.org/event/christkindlmarkt-at-dills-tavern/>.

- **Bosler Memorial Library:** The library offers events throughout the year for adults and children. Established by the heirs of J. Herman Bosler, a prominent member of an old Carlisle family, it is also considered one of Carlisle's architectural jewels. For more information, visit: <https://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org/BOS>.
- **Carlisle Sports Emporium:** Offering multiple indoor activities, the Sports Emporium offers go-kart racing for all ages, with plenty of speed for any experience level. They also offer virtual reality games, laser tag, an arcade, batting cages, and two different themed outdoor miniature golf courses. Space is available to rent for birthday parties and other events. For more information, visit: <https://www.carlisesportsemporium.com/>.
- **Carlisle Ice Art Fest:** This festival offers over 70 ice sculptures to view around town with other activities, food, and more. For more information, visit: <https://iceartfest.com/>.
- **The Kitchen Shoppe:** Opened in 1974, this shop offers an array of year-round cooking classes taught by master chefs. Visit <https://www.kitchenshoppe.com/> for more information.

Spring

- **Taste of Carlisle:** Hosted by the Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Carlisle Association, the Taste of Carlisle is Cumberland County's premiere tasting event. This is a way to sample a variety of offerings from local restaurants, pubs, caterers, cafes, bakeries, and chocolatiers in the area. For more information and tickets, visit: <https://tasteofcarlisle.net/>.
- **Mud Sale Auctions in Amish Country:** Beginning in early Spring and going through October, these are a popular Lancaster County attraction. Named for the muddy conditions typical of the season, these auctions feature Amish-made furniture, livestock, and buggies, among many other items. People come from all over the surrounding area (even out of state) to buy things at one of these sales. For more information, visit: <https://lancasterpa.com/mud-sales/>.
- **Spring Fling in Downtown Camp Hill:** Stroll through over 20 businesses (salons, boutiques, and wellness centers) as they offer specials, samples, recipes, and activities. For more information, visit: <http://www.camphillborough.com/>.
- **Jim Thorpe Sports Days:** Comprised of student competitors from the US Army War College, as well as participants from other visiting war colleges, this multi-sport competition celebrates the life of Jim Thorpe. Thorpe was an American athlete and Olympic gold medalist who became the first Native American to win a gold

medal for the United States and was considered one of the most versatile athletes of modern sports.

- Joint Services Ball: This is the one ball during the academic year sponsored by the USAWC. The location of this ball has changed through the years but most recently has been located at Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA. A shuttle bus to the ball location is typically provided from post. Hotel rooms at or near the ball location are available for a discounted rate.
- Hike around Opossum Lake: After the Winter frost and before the Summer heat, April at Opossum Lake offers fishing, kayaking, and the four-mile Angler's Access Trail with wildlife and nature signs along the loop. For more information, visit <https://www.fishand-boat.com/Resource/Lakes/Pages/OpossumLake.aspx>.
- Covered Bridges in Lancaster County: Covered bridges abound in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country. A number of self-driving tours provide information about things to do along the way including restaurant, shop, and local attraction recommendations. For more information, visit <https://www.discoverlancaster.com/activities/pa-covered-bridges.asp>.
- Country Cruise and Fireman's Festival at Oregon Dairy Farm: This event acts as a fundraiser for the West Earl Volunteer Fire Company and offers visitors the chance to view a variety of antique and classic cars as well as street rods and trucks. Many other events are offered throughout the year to include a popular corn maze in the Fall. For more information, visit: <https://www.oregon-dairy.com/>.
- Carlisle Downtown Mile: The Carlisle Downtown Mile follows a one-mile USA Track and Field certified course on High Street in Carlisle. For more information and to sign up, visit: <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Carlisle/CarlisleDowntownMile>.
- Amani Festival: Amani means "peace" in Swahili. This one-day festival is a multi-cultural event designed to bring people together from various backgrounds. The event includes over 80 vendors serving different ethnic foods, live music, a petting zoo, arts and crafts vendors, a children's alley, and much more. A multitude of cultures are represented with all activities geared toward the themes of unity, acceptance, and tolerance. For more information, visit: <https://www.amanifestivalcarlisle.com/>.
- Pennsylvania Greek Festival: This is an opportunity to enjoy the taste and aromas of Greek foods such as Moussaka, Baklava, Pastitsio, Souvlaki, Saganaki, Loukoumades, and more. Shopping Greek items, listening to vibrant music, and watching energetic

Greek dancing can also be enjoyed at this family-friendly event. For more information, visit: <http://www.holytrinityhbg.org/PAGreek-Fest.html>.

- Central Pennsylvania Winery and Brewery Tour: These tours are offered year-round for groups of up to eight people and can be an attractive alternative to driving yourself. Tour guides, food options, and many itineraries are available. For more information, visit: <https://tourcpawb.com/>.

Notes



General Housing Considerations

Contact Information

451 Fletcher Road

<https://www.carlislebarrackshomes.com>

Leasing: 717-243-7177

Maintenance: 717-243-0067

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 0800-1700, Sat 1000-1600, Sun 1200-1600

- First priority for on-post housing goes to accompanied military members, then unaccompanied military members, followed by civilian students.
- On-post housing is unfurnished, though there are furniture rental agencies, as well as furnished homes for rent, in the local community.
- Upon Arrival: on the day you sign in, plan to arrive in plenty of time to sign your lease, which takes about an hour. You will need your orders, LES, and declaration of renter's insurance. Once signing is complete, you will receive your keys and may proceed to your house.
- Housing Community Center: Delaney Field Clubhouse, located at 451 Fletcher Road, contains amenities for use by Carlisle Barracks residents that include a business center, play room, and meeting room that can be reserved for private events (such as seminar socials and book clubs, just to name a few).
- Child Supervision Policy: The Garrison Commander's child supervision policy may be found later in the Kids section or at the following link: https://carlisle.armymwr.com/application/files/4815/6682/9640/supervision_of_children_16aug19_short.pdf.
- Pets: Two pets are allowed per home. There are certain breed restrictions, and you should contact the leasing office directly with questions. Note that there are no fenced yards in on-post housing, however there is a fenced dog park to allow your pets off-leash time. There are also many options for long dog walks, such as the 2-mile track around the golf course.
- Maintenance: Professional maintenance is available to those residing in on-post housing. Residents are encouraged to use the online portal on the housing website to submit work orders, though you may also call the maintenance office.

Heritage Heights

Heritage Heights is a neighborhood for students (O5 and O6) located on main post near the main gate. It is particularly convenient to the PX, commissary, and bank, though most other on-post locations such as the chapel, gyms, the dog park, and the USAWC are also walkable from the neighborhood. Homes in Heritage Heights are either three or four-bedroom and are 2,000 or 2,100 square feet, respectively. They are semi-detached, with two homes sharing a common wall. There are sidewalks throughout Heritage Heights, as well as two playgrounds.

Home features:

- 3-4 bedrooms
- 2.5 bathrooms (powder room located on first floor)
- 2-car garage (may have either two single doors or one large door)
- First floor office (no closet)
- Laundry room with storage nook (many homes have built-in shelving)
- Open living area consisting of kitchen, dining area, and living room
- Storage space: rear of garage, exterior closet off of back patio, under stairs
- Closets: First-floor coat closet, second-floor linen closet, master bedroom walk-in, and at least one closet in all other bedrooms

Special Considerations:

- General space: Homes in Heritage Heights may be smaller than what you are accustomed to. Many families downsize before coming to Carlisle Barracks or rent a local storage space for the duration of their assignment. Though the bedrooms are comparable to what you would typically see, you may find the living, dining, and kitchen areas to be somewhat small. The kitchen in particular has less-than-average counter and cabinet space. Appliances include refrigerator, gas stove/oven, dishwasher, and garbage disposal. Microwaves ARE NOT included.
- Mail: On-post residents are assigned a mailbox in the Carlisle Barracks Post Office. Residents have access to their boxes during most hours seven days a week. When you receive a package via USPS, it may be placed in a larger post box and a key left in your mailbox so that you may access it. However, most times, a slip will be left in your box, and you must collect your package when the post office desk is manned, which is typically Mon-Fri 1000-1400. These are also the hours for full-service postal needs, such as shipping and purchasing of stamps. Other delivery services such as UPS and FedEx deliver directly to residents' homes.

- **Trash:** Trash service is included with your housing lease and is collected weekly, along with recycling. You will be provided with a can for each. In addition to your cans, you may dispose of one bulk item per week. During incoming PCS time, a dumpster for packing paper and boxes is typically placed at the “U” where Craig and Pershing Roads meet.
- **School Bus Stops:** There are school bus stops located in the neighborhood for Carlisle School District students of all grade levels. These are marked with yellow signs, and the district Transportation Office will inform you of which stop your child is expected to use.
- **Walking/Cycling:** With few exceptions, such as the clinic, PX, and commissary, parking is extremely limited on Carlisle Barracks. Residents of Heritage Heights should plan on walking to most on-post destinations. Comfortable walking shoes and seasonably-appropriate outerwear, particularly in winter, are a must! USAWC students residing in Heritage Heights generally walk or ride bikes to school (bike racks are available outside Root Hall).
- **Facebook Group:** The neighborhood has its own private Facebook group called “Heritage Heights - USAWC”. Be sure to request to join.

The Meadows

Housing in this neighborhood mirrors Heritage Heights housing in terms of size, style, features, and the considerations given above in relation to space, mail, trash. (See above).

Special Considerations:

- **Access:** The Meadows is on post housing but is located across the street from the main post area outside the fenceline and, therefore does not require an ID check to enter.
- **Amenities:** The neighborhood has its own soccer field and playground and is convenient to both the golf course and a two-mile walking/running trail.
- **Walking/Cycling:** The neighborhood is a bit farther away from the school buildings than other on-post housing (just under one-mile door to door). Despite this fact, most students tend to walk or ride bikes to school due to the lack of parking at the Army War College.
- **Trash:** During incoming PCS time, a dumpster for packing paper and boxes is provided.
- **Facebook Group:** The neighborhood has its own private Facebook group called “The Meadows”. Be sure to request to join.

Young Hall

Young Hall is a neighborhood for students (O5 and O6) located at the center of main post. It is particularly convenient to the fitness centers, post office, dog park, and the USAWC. Apartments in historic Young Hall are either three or four-bedroom and can range in size from 1,868-2,350 square feet, respectively. Young Hall has its own playground and is adjacent to the Indian Field running track and baseball and soccer fields.

Apartment features:

- 3-4 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- 2 assigned parking spaces as opposed to garage space
- Laundry room
- Open living area consisting of kitchen, dining area, and living room
- Spacious front porch area that will accommodate patio furniture and a grill
- Assigned basement storage space with potential to request an additional space
- Closets: Coat closet, linen closets, master bedroom walk-in, and at least one closet in all other bedrooms
- Elevators are available throughout the complex

Special Considerations:

- General space: With their high ceilings, Young Hall apartments are typically considered to be more spacious than the housing styles of Heritage Heights and The Meadows. The kitchens in particular have more counter and cabinet space even though they lack pantries. Unlike Heritage Heights and The Meadows, kitchens in Young Hall do come with a microwave. Other appliances include a refrigerator, gas stove/oven, dishwasher, and garbage disposal. Layouts vary among apartments, but all tend to be drafty.
- Community Room: A shared community space is available for resident use.
- Mail: On-post residents are assigned a mailbox in the Carlisle Barracks Post Office. Residents have access to their boxes during most hours seven days a week. When you receive a package via USPS, it may be placed in a larger post box and a key left in your mailbox so that you may access it. However, most times, a slip will be left in your box, and you must collect your package when the post office desk is manned, which is typically from 10am to 2pm Monday-Friday. These are also the hours for full-service postal

needs, such as shipping and purchasing of stamps. Other delivery services such as UPS and FedEx deliver directly to residents' apartments.

- **Trash:** Trash service is included with your housing lease and is collected weekly, along with recycling. Residents have centralized dumpster and recycling points and may dispose of one bulk item per week.
- **School Bus Stop:** There is a one school bus stop designated outside Young Hall for Carlisle School District students of all grade levels. The district Transportation Office will inform you of which stop your child is expected to use.
- **Walking/Cycling:** With few exceptions, such as the clinic, PX, and commissary, parking is extremely limited on Carlisle Barracks. Residents of Young Hall should plan on walking to most on-post destinations. Comfortable walking shoes and seasonably appropriate outerwear, particularly in winter, are a must! USAWC students residing in Young Hall generally walk or ride bikes to school (bike racks are available outside Root Hall).
- **Facebook Group:** The neighborhood has its own private Facebook group called "Young Hall - USAWC". Be sure to request to join.



Emergency Services

Carlisle Barracks Police

Location: 400 Forbes Avenue
Phone Number: 717-245-4115
Business Hours: 24 Hours

Weapons Registration: All on-post residents must register firearms within 72 hours of arrival. Visit the police station to fill out CBKS Form 153.

Motorcycles: All active duty soldiers are required to register motorcycles at the police station.

Fire Division

Location: 400 Forbes Avenue
Phone Number: 911/717-245-4419
Business Hours: 24 Hours

Main Post Services

AAFES Exchange (PX)

Location: 844 Sumner Road
Phone Number: 717-243-2463
Business Hours: Mon-Sat 0900-1800, Sun 1100-1700
Website: <https://www.shopmyexchange.com/exchange-stores/United States/PA/Carlisle Barracks/Carlisle-Barracks--1047521>

While the stock is limited at this small exchange, a Class Six area is located inside, and propane tank exchanges are available. Patrons may also shop online and ship orders to the store.

An air compressor tire inflator is available to use for free on the side of the P/X near the garden/outdoor section (to the right of the building if facing the front).

Military Clothing: There is VERY LITTLE in the way of military clothing items within the PX; generally only rank and patches are stocked. For all other needs, you will need to travel to Fort Indiantown Gap to visit their Express with Military Clothing (located on Fisher Avenue, Annville, PA). The military clothing business hours are Tue-Sat 0900-1800, and the phone number is 717-861-2976.

Army Community Services (ACS)

Location: 632 Wright Ave
Phone Number: 717-245-4357
Business Hours: Mon-Fri 0730-1600

Programs available to active duty, retirees, and DoD civilians include the following: Financial Readiness, Army Emergency Relief, Spouse Employment Assistance, Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP), Family Advocacy Program, Victim Advocacy, Military Family Life Counseling, Relocation Services (lending closet), and Information and Referral.

Army War College Foundation Gift Shop

Location: 122 Forbes Avenue (Root Hall, Bldg. 122)
Phone Number: 717-243-0884
Business Hours: Mon-Fri 0800-1600
Website: <http://shop.usawc.org>

Army War College Foundation members receive 20% off most items in the store, online ordering available

Auto Shop

Location: Barracks Crossing (across Claremont Road from main post)
Phone Number: 717-245-3156
Business Hours: Mon-Fri 0800-1700, Sat 0900-1500
Website: <https://carlisle.armymwr.com/programs/barracks-crossing-automotive-center>

Full-service options include oil changes, alignments, tire mounting/balancing, and PA state inspections (see website for fees).

Do it yourself options: bays/lifts, outside storage, vacuum, tools available to check out, and technical assistance (see website for fees).

Banking - Navy Federal Credit Union

Location: 842 Sumner Road
Phone Number: 717-218-8361/888-842-6328
Business Hours: Mon-Fri 0900-1700, Sat 0900-1400
Website: <https://www.navyfederal.org/branches-atms/locations/usa/pa/carlisle/clb/>

ATM is available on the outside of the bank building (this is the only on-post ATM)

Barber Shop - PX

Location: 844 Sumner Road, within the PX complex
Phone Number: 717-249-4958
Business Hours: Mon-Fri 0900-1700, Sat 0900-1600

Barber Shop - Root Hall

Location: 122 Forbes Avenue (Root Hall, Bldg. 122)
Phone Number: 717-245-3277
Business Hours: Mon-Thu 0800-1300

Barracks Crossing RV Storage

Location: Barracks Crossing (Across Claremont Road from main post)
Phone Number: 717-245-3319
Business Hours: Tue-Fri 0900-1700, Sat 0900-1500 (customers have 24-hour access to RV lot)

This is a secure, fenced lot behind the auto shop with 37 slots for truck campers, RVs, boats with trailers, utility trailers, horse, trailers, etc. All must have validated licenses. For more information, including annual fees, visit the website <https://carlisle.armymwr.com/programs/rv-storage>.

Carlisle Barracks Golf Course

Location: 910 Jim Thorpe Road
Phone Number: 717-243-3262
Business Hours: Mon-Fri 0700-Dusk, Sat-Sun 0600-Dusk
Visit the website for more information on tee times, dress code, pro shop, and 1757 Bar & Grill: <https://carlisle.armymwr.com/programs/carlisle-barracks-golf-course>.

Commissary

Location: 851 Sumner Road
Phone Number: 717-961-5730
Business Hours: Tue-Sat 0900-1800 (early bird 0800-0900 for self-check-out 15 items or less), Sun 1100-1600
Website: <https://www.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/carlisle-barrack>

The commissary is small but does have a deli and bakery. Cheese/meat, fruit/vegetable, and sushi trays are available via special order for events, as are cakes.

DEERS/ID Card Office

Location: 46 Ashburn Drive, Bldg. 46, Room 135 (1st Floor)

Phone Number: 717-245-3533

Business Hours: Mon-Fri 0730-1530 (2nd & 4th Wed of each month 0900-1530)

Website: https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/appj/site.jsessionid=EGOWdnyrK-KxPw2k1ugh27y2vqG-bQnKFSzlgBGlltpd_EaldpKWkI-55361140?execution=e1s1

Walk-ins available; recommend arrival prior to 1500 due to high customer volume in afternoons. No CAC cards (chip) produced after 1500.

Carlisle-specific IDs can be obtained for children as an ID option in addition to the standard DoD-issued ID card.

Dry Cleaner

Location: Bldg. 842 (near the Commissary with Leisure Travel Services)

Phone Number: 717-462-4540

Business Hours: Mon-Fri 0900-1730 (closed 1330-1400), Sat 0900-1500

Dry cleaning and alterations available

Fitness Centers

Jim Thorpe Fitness Center

Location: 23 Lovell Avenue

Phone Number: 717-245-3418

Business Hours: Mon-Fri 0530-1930, Sat 0700-1600, Sun 0800-1600, Holidays 1000-1500

Visit the website for a list of amenities, group fitness class options, and fees: <https://carlisle.armymwr.com/programs/thorpe-fitness-center>

Indian Field Fitness Center

Location: 199 Forbes Avenue

Phone Number: 717-245-3535

Business Hours: Mon-Fri 0500-1930

Visit the website for a list of amenities: <https://carlisle.armymwr.com/programs/indian-field-fitness-center>

Root Hall Gymnasium

Location: 120 Forbes Avenue

Phone Number: 717-245-4343

Business Hours: 0500-1930

This facility is mainly for USAWC intramural sports. Visit the website for more information: <https://carlisle.armymwr.com/programs/root-hall-gymnasium>

Frame Shop

Location: Barracks Crossing (across Claremont Road from Main Post)

Phone Number: 717-245-3104

Business Hours: Tue-Fri 0900-1700, Sat 0900-1500 (Sat pickup only)

Website: <https://carlisle.armymwr.com/programs/barracks-crossing-framing-and-engraving>

Custom framing and engraving, as well as framing classes are offered throughout the year (visit the shop or check the website for more information).

IHG Army Hotels Carlisle Barracks – Historia

Location: 36 Flowers Road

Phone Number: 717-245-4245

Business Hours: Check-in 1600, Check-out 1100

Website: <https://www.ihg.com/armyhotels/hotels/us/en/carlisle/zyjia/hotel-detail>

The on-post hotel consists of 45 units (rooms and suites) housed in three historic buildings. Pets are welcome with an additional deposit and nightly fee (see website for pet policy details).

Joint Deli in Root Hall

Location: 122 Forbes Avenue (Root Hall, Bldg. 122)

Phone Number: 717-245-4883

Business Hours: Mon-Fri 0700-1000, 1100-1330 (grill closed 1000-1130)

Legal Services: Office of the Post Judge Advocate

Location: 22 Ashburn Drive, Upton Hall Room 105

Phone Number: 717-245-4940

Business Hours: Mon-Wed, Fri 0800-1600 (closed 1200-1300), Thu 0800-1200

Available services include wills and powers of attorney.

Leisure Travel Services

Location: 842 Sumner Road

Phone Number: 717-245-4048

Business Hours: Mon-Fri 0900-1630

Website: <https://carlisle.armymwr.com/programs/leisure-travel-services>

Available services include discounted attraction/event tickets, vacation planning, and promotional specials to Universal Studios and Disney.

Letort View Community Center (LVCC)

Location: 313 Lovell Avenue

Phone Number: 7170245-4329

Business Hours: Tues-Fri 0900-1600

LVCC is an event space located on Carlisle Barracks and is also home to the Pershing Tavern (<https://carlisle.armymwr.com/programs/pershing-tavern>) and Tiki Bar (<https://carlisle.armymwr.com/programs/tiki-bar>), which are generally open Wednesday and Thursday evenings 1600-2100. Many USAWC events, such as the Expo and Boatyard Wars, are held here. This venue offers equipment rental and off-site catering. Visit their website for more information and to find out about more special events: <https://carlisle.armymwr.com/programs/letort-view-community-center>.

Optical Shop

Location: 844 Sumner Road, within the PX complex

Phone Number: 717-249-5150

Business Hours: Mon-Fri 0900-1700, Sat 0900-1600

Outdoor Recreation

Location: 842 Sumner Road

Phone Number: 717-245-4616

Business Hours: Mon-Fri 0900-1630

Outdoor Recreation offers a wide variety of equipment for rent, to include camping gear, tables and chairs, canopies, coolers, bounce houses, and much more. For the full list with prices, visit <https://carlisle.armymwr.com/programs/outdoor-recreation>.

Passport & Visa Office

Location: Ashburn Drive, Bldg. 46, Room 136

Phone Number: 717-245-4684

Business Hours: Mon-Fri 0730-1600

By appointment only

Post Office

Location: Ashburn Drive, Bldg. 46

Phone Number: 717-241-6463

Business Hours: Lobby is open Mon-Sun 0600-2200; service window is open 1000-1400 Mon-Fri

Last mail collection is at 1400 Mon-Fri and 1000 Sat

Passport services are not available, but other services include money orders, stamp sales, shipping, and hold mail.

Reynolds Theater

Location: Ashburn Drive, Bldg. 118

Phone Number: 717-245-4108

Business Hours: Shows generally start at 1930 Fri-Sat (doors open 30 min. prior)

Pricing: \$3.75 child/\$6.50 adult (regular), \$5.75 child/\$8.50 adult (3D)

Website: <https://www.aafes.com/exchange-stores/Movie-Guide/show-times-Carlisle-Barracks.htm>

Splash Zone Pool

Location: 313 Lovell Avenue, behind the Letort View Community Center

Phone Number: 717-245-3560

Business Hours: Seasonal Mon-Fri Open Swim 1200-1900, Lap Swim 1200-1300, Adult Lap Swim 1700-1900, Sat Open Swim 1200-1900, Sun Open Swim 1300-1900, Adult Lap Swim 1800-1900

Visit the website for more information on policies, passes and fees, swimming lessons, pool rental, guest information, and special events: <https://carlisle.armymwr.com/programs/splash-zone-pool>.

Strike Zone Bowling Center

Location: 686 Letort Lane

Phone Number: 717-245-4109

Business Hours: Mon-Fri 0900-1600, Sat 1300-2100 (may be extended due to specials or events)

Visit the website for more information on rates, event packages, and the pro shop: <https://carlisle.armymwr.com/programs/strike-zone-bowling-center>.

The Snack Bar is available for dine-in or carry-out Mon-Fri 0830-2100 and Sat 1300-2100. [Visit https://carlisle.armymwr.com/programs/strike-zone](https://carlisle.armymwr.com/programs/strike-zone) for the menu.

Subway

Location: 844 Sumner Road, within the PX complex

Phone Number: 717-218-1076

Business Hours: Mon-Sat 0800-1800, Sun 1100-1700

Veterinary Services

Location: 627 A&B Wright Ave

Phone Number: 717-245-4168

Business Hours: Mon-Fri 0830-1530, appointments available Mon-Wed

The veterinary treatment facility's primary mission is to provide care for government-owned animals; however they do offer routine care for pets of military families. All pets living on post must be registered with the veterinary treatment facility.

Religious Services

USAWC Memorial Chapel

Location: 452 Mara Circle

Administrative Phone Number: 717-245-3318

Director of Religious Education: 717-245-4330

Website: <http://carlislebarracks.carlisle.army.mil/chapel/>

Facebook: U.S. Army War College Memorial Chapel

Hosts monthly Geo-bachelor/bachelorette Dinners

Youth Programs

Club Beyond: Youth program offered to middle and high school youth

Email cbarracks@clubbeyond.org

Facebook group: Carlisle Barracks Club Beyond)

Vacation Bible School

- Free program typically held during the mornings of a full week at the end of July with registration beginning as early as the Spring.
- Open to children entering kindergarten through 6th grade.
- Youth entering 7th grade and up can volunteer to help.
- Programs for 4 and 5 year olds are dependent on the number of volunteers available.
- Nursery care is available for young children of volunteers ages 4 and below.
- No CYS registration necessary

Protestant Community

- Sunday service at 1100 with Children's Church for ages 5 and up during service; nursery care available during the service for ages 4 and under.
- Sunday School classes for adults and children at 0930
- Annual Family Retreat
- Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC): weekly fellowship and Bible study group that meets Thursdays 0900-1115 (childcare available). Tuesday Bible study also available 1800-1930. Email pwofthechapel@gmail.com for more information.
- Protestant Parish Life Coordinator: contact at 717-961-2077 or cbkprotestant@gmail.com
- Facebook page: USAWC Memorial Chapel Protestant Congregation

Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Community

- Mass: Sat at 1730; Sun at 0915; Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri at 1200
- Nursery care available Sunday mornings for children ages 4 and under.
- Catholic Religious Education (CRE) classes held Sundays 1045-1200
- Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC): weekly fellowship and Bible study on Fridays 0930-1130. Monday evening Bible study also available. For more information, request to join their Facebook group "Carlisle Barracks CWOC".
- Facebook Group for Catholic Adult Bible Study: Catholic Community USAWC Memorial Chapel

Notes



Medical & Dental



General

Dunham US Army Health Clinic (DUSAHC) is the medical facility on Carlisle Barracks specializing in primary care through the provision of routine preventive care as well as acute care treatment. In addition to family and pediatric medicine, this facility offers optometry, allergy and immunization services, physical therapy, behavioral health and wellness programs, pharmacy, laboratory, radiology (including mammography), medical records, and health benefits support.

Contact information for DUSAHC:

Address: 450 Gibner Road, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013-5086

Phone: 717-245-3400 or 877-787-2569

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DUSAHC/>

Web page <https://dunham.nrmc.amedd.army.mil/>

You can find a complete guide to medical services and more in-depth information including hours, locations, and common practices by accessing the patient handbook located on the clinic's web page or by going to the clinic and requesting a copy from the Patient Advocate.

NOTE: All patients ten years and older are required to bring their Department of Defense (DoD) identification (ID) to appointments and to pick up medications from the pharmacy.

Emergency and Urgent Care Services

DUSAHC offers no emergency services. All emergency cases are transported to a hospital by ambulance. The clinic recommends dialing 911 or proceeding to the nearest emergency room in emergency situations. Patients do NOT need a referral to access emergency services in the event of a medical emergency.

Patients with non-life threatening but time sensitive medical needs can utilize urgent care options in the area. The three facilities in Carlisle are listed below. Visit <https://www.humanamilitary.com/> for a complete listing of all TRICARE network providers in the region.

All Better Care

Address: 1175 Walnut Bottom Rd, Carlisle PA 17015

Phone: 717-258-9355

Hours: Open daily 0800-2000

Concentra Urgent Care
1124 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle PA 17013
Phone: 717-245-2411
Hours: Mon-Fri 0800-1700

Geisinger Holy Spirit Urgent Care
Address: 1211 Forge Rd, Carlisle PA 17015
Phone: 717-218-3990
Hours: Open Mon-Fri 0900-2000, Sat-Sun 0800-2000

Clinic Services

Primary Care Appointments and School/Sports Physicals: 717-245-3400

Closed the first Thursday of each month

Obtain school/sports physical forms from the Carlisle Area School District website (<https://www.carliseschools.org/>), from Child and Youth Services in McConnell Youth Center, or in hard copy from the DUSAHC clinic check-in desk. Look for blocks of school/sports physical appointment times during the summer if individual appointments are unavailable.

Family Advocacy Program and Behavioral Health Department: 717-245-4602

Pharmacy Services

New and renewed prescriptions are picked up at the DUSAHC pharmacy.
Hours: Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri 0730-1630, Tue 0730-1730
Note: closed the first Thursday of the month
New prescriptions must be picked up within 14 days of processing.
To check on the status of a new prescription, call 717-245-4606.

Filling new prescriptions:

Providers can send new prescriptions electronically to DoD Carlisle Dunham ePhcy (except for controlled substances, which require a paper prescription) or by FAX to 717-245-3669.

You can bring your paper prescription to the DUSAHC pharmacy from 0730 until one hour prior to closing time to be filled while you wait. Any paper prescriptions turned in within one hour of closing time will be ready the next business day after 0930.

You can drop off your paper prescription at the DUSAHC pharmacy between 0730 and 1430 and pick up the filled prescription after two hours.

Paper prescriptions dropped off after 1430 will be ready the next business day after 0930.

Refills:

Refill prescriptions may be picked up at either DUAHC or the Carlisle Barracks Refill Site (in the PX past the Barber Shop).

Refill call in: 1-800-377-1723

Allow two business days to process refill requests. To check on the status of a refilled prescription, call 717-245-3874.

Specialty Clinic Services

Allergy and Immunization Clinic

717-245-3608

Walk-ins accepted

Clinical Pharmacy Services

Appointments required for services: 717-961-2074

Assists with management of chronic pain, diabetes, cardiovascular disease (including but not limited to high cholesterol and blood pressure issues), and quitting tobacco.

Nutritional Medicine

Front desk: 717-245-3400

Appointments are required, but referrals are not necessary.

Offers personalized nutrition plans to assist with weight management and/or medical conditions (i.e. diabetes, cholesterol, celiac disease and food allergies).

Optometry Clinic

Appointments: 717-245-3400

Front desk for information and follow up appointments only: 717-245-3056

Eye exams available to active duty and (when space is available) to family members. Contact lens services available.

Occupational Health

Appointments: 717-245-3400

Front desk: 717-245-3410

Physical Therapy Clinic

Appointments: 717-245-3400

Available to active duty and family members

Radiology Services

Appointments: 717-245-3400

Front desk: 717-245-3143

Appointments required for mammography only; walk-ins accepted for other tests

Substance Abuse Disorder Clinic

Appointments: 717-245-4082

Appointments preferred but walk-ins welcome, subject to clinical availability

Dental Services

The Carlisle Barracks Dental Clinic is located within DUSAHC and provides general dental services for authorized active duty personnel only. Emergency walk-ins are allowed (active duty only).

Address: 450 Gibner Road, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013-5086

Appointments: 717-245-4542

Website: <https://home.army.mil/carlisle/index.php/Carlisle-Barracks/all-services/dunham-us-army-health-clinic>

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

The year at Carlisle Barracks is known as a wonderful time for families. If you have a family member with special needs, the new EFMP requirements should make the transition and handoff process easier. EFMP families must no longer coordinate with a myriad of agencies at both their old and new posts. By planning ahead and actively communicating EFMP needs, EFMP families can get the services they need.

This section covers information for those already enrolled in EFMP with the goal of getting the right information to the right people at the right time. If you or your child is not enrolled in EFMP and suspect a need, contact your current primary care manager (PCM). He/she will be able to guide you on the current enrollment process and requirements.

Information:

Once you have orders to Carlisle Barracks, it is time to ensure you have the right information.

- Upon receiving orders, you should be offered an exit interview and have the option to accept or decline a meeting with your current EFMP case coordinator/special needs advisor. Even if you had an EFMP appointment yesterday, it is advised that you accept. This coordinator will be the most aware of what documentation is currently required, and you will be able to ensure that those documents have the most current and complete information. Meeting in person and having a discussion is the best way to make sure that nothing is missed. At your exit interview, you and your EFMP coordinator will review your DD-3054 (EFMP Family Needs Assessment (FNA)), discussing your family's needs, talking about which and how services are to be rendered, and completing the Inter-Services Transfer Summary (ISTS). The ISTS summarizes your current plan of care and will allow your current and future EFMP support office a standardized way to communicate with each other even if you are going to a sister-service location.
- If your EFMP child is school-aged and has an individualized education plan (IEP), it is critical that his/her IEP is current and registered in EFMP in order to prevent a break in care. Since a school district does not register an IEP with EFMP, you must ensure the information gets to the EFMP office. Many IEPs are current on paper but not in actuality.
- As soon as you know you are PCSing, take the time to schedule a meeting with your child's teachers and any other caregivers to see if they have made any "tweaks" to improve your child's care that haven't been officially added to the IEP because it "just made

things easier” or “everybody just knows”. If there are accommodations or services your child needs, no matter how minor or obvious they seem to you, make sure they are specified in the IEP. Even if it is an accommodation or service your child has been receiving for years, if it isn’t in writing, your gaining school will have no way of “just knowing” that your child needs that particular accommodation or service. Knowing in advance what your child truly needs will help both the gaining school and your child.

Timing: Sooner is better.

- As soon as your EFMP-FNA and your IEP are complete and current, it is time to start reaching out. The sooner the agencies at Carlisle know, the sooner they can begin planning for accommodations to best assist you and your family. Advanced notice will lead to better care and a smoother transition for your family.
- School: Even though the Carlisle Area School District completes school assignments late in the summer for Carlisle Barracks students, you can reach out to the district (up to a year out). If that is not possible, aim for the April before your student arrives. Providing your child’s IEP early will ensure your child arrives with the proper staff and accommodations already in place. These documents may be provided electronically to the EFMP Program Manager at Carlisle Barracks, who (with written permission), may forward them to your child’s school district and the School Liaison Officer. Advanced notice and continued communication allow time for your gaining district to let you know what diagnoses are accepted there. This early dialogue will help ensure a diagnosis is stated properly and an IEP says what is necessary to get the best services for your child, in addition to establishing a means of communication to notify the gaining school of changes as they occur. If you arrive in June or July with your child’s IEP in hand, please be aware your child’s needs may not immediately be able to be met. If your child’s particular accommodation is not already in place, schools may need time to hire additional staff or reallocate resources to ensure the best care for your child.
- Housing: If you have a special accommodation requirement listed in your EFMP-FNA, let housing know when requesting housing rather than waiting until you arrive. Nearly the entire population of Carlisle Barracks turns over during the Summer months, so letting Housing know of your needs in advance gives them time to plan ahead to ensure your family is assigned the best home for your family’s needs or make changes to an existing residence if necessary.
- Child, Youth, AND School (CYS) Services: If you want your special needs child to participate in summer programs when you arrive,

start the enrollment process before you arrive. Getting in touch early allows CY5 to inform you of local camps currently running and have your child vetted before he/she arrives if there are any targeted special programs in the area that might be of interest to smooth the registration process. No matter what the special need is, there must be a Multidisciplinary Inclusion Assessment Team (MIAT) meeting. If you wait until you arrive to begin this process, it can take up to three weeks, delaying your child's enrollment. The MIAT portion of enrollment can be done over the phone before you arrive. Contact Parent Central Services ahead of time and have your doctors fill out your paperwork. The more you can do in advance, the less paperwork you will need to gather when you show up to enroll your child in the Carlisle Barracks CY5.

- Medical: Disenroll from your region the day you leave your previous duty station and empanel with Dunham US Army Health Clinic (DUSAHC) at Carlisle Barracks immediately. You do not need to know your new PCM at DUSAHC to empanel. DUSAHC is a small clinic, so enroll early to allow for the most consistent care and to prevent shuffling about when you arrive.

Contact Personnel:

Once you have assembled and updated all of your EFMP information, it is time to start reaching out to the agencies in and around Carlisle Barracks. The best place to start is the EFMP Program Manager for Carlisle Barracks (see below). He/she will be your touchstone and advocate for local services and provide as much or as little assistance as you require. Contact information for additional agencies and contacts mentioned earlier are provided below as well.

EFMP Program Manager

Address: 632 Wright Ave, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013

Phone: 717-245-3775

Business Hours: Mon-Fri 0730-1600

Dunham Army Health Clinic (DUSAHC)

Address: 450 Gibner Rd, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013

Note: DUSAHC staff may be unable to answer your call immediately if they are seeing patients.

EFMP Case Coordinator: 717-961-2057

EFMP Medical Director: 717-245-4574

Health Benefits Advisor: 717-245-4112

Housing (Carlisle Barracks Homes)

Address: 451 Fletcher Rd, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013
Phone: 717-243-7177

Parent Central Services

Address: 459 Bouquet Rd, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013
Phone: 717-245-3801

School

Carlisle Barracks School Liaison Officer: 717-245-4638

Carlisle Area School District: For information about enrollment and individual school information, see the “Schools” section.

Office of Special Education: 717-240-6800 ext.17813

Services for Protected Handicapped Students: 717-240-6800 ext.17815

Notes



Child Supervision Policy

The Carlisle Barracks Garrison Commander's child supervision policy may be found at https://carlisle.armymwr.com/application/files/4815/6682/9640/supervision_of_children_16aug19_short.pdf, but here is a summary:

- Children pre-K and younger: must be directly supervised at all times.
- Children in K-2nd grade: may play/bike in designated safe places but must be within sight of an adult and may not travel freely within the installation.
- Children in 3rd-6th grade: may play/bike freely on the installation but may not travel to the pool or cross Claremont Road alone. They must also have access to an adult at all times and must have a buddy if traveling on post.
- Children ages 13-17: may stay home alone but not overnight; must have an emergency plan in place, and must be checked on regularly.
- Children ages 13 and up may babysit (only overnight if 18 or over); it is recommended that they take a babysitting course (call Parent Central Services at 717-245-3801 to find out when it is offered on post).
- EFMP-registered children should be supervised in accordance with their needs, regardless of age.
- Children ages 15 and under should not be left unattended in a parked car, and no car should be left running unattended.

Child and Youth Services (CYS)

Registration: CYS registration should be completed as soon as possible upon arriving at Carlisle Barracks. Forms are available for completion online prior to your arrival at (<https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/> - page-0), can be printed from <https://www.armywarcollege.edu/experience/resources/NewCDC1.pdf>, or at the Parent Central Services office within McConnell Youth Center (459 Bouquet Road). An in-person appointment is required to complete registration and can be scheduled by calling Parent Central Services at 717-245-3801. Appointments can be made and physicals completed in advance of your arrival.

Full-Time Care: Full-time child care is offered at Moore Child Development Center (CDC), located at 455 Fletcher Road, phone 717-245-3701. Part-time care is currently unavailable. Full-time daycare is open Mon-Fri 0630-1730. The fee for care is based on an income scale. Classrooms are divided into an infant classroom (0-12 months), two pre-toddler classrooms (ages 12-23 months and walking), one toddler room (ages 2-3 years), and two preschool rooms (ages 3-5 years). The

preschool rooms follow the same curriculum as the part-day preschool, which is the Strong Beginnings curriculum. Meals and snacks are provided each day.

Preschool: Moore CDC offers preschool with either three- or five-day options for three- and four-year-olds from 0830-1130. Children must be potty-trained to enroll. Depending on enrollment, three- and four-year-old classes may be combined. With limited spots available, filling out all forms, completing a physical, and making a registration appointment before arrival will speed the process.

Hourly Care: Hourly Care is available by appointment at Moore CDC on a space-available basis. Care hours are 1230-1500. However, it should be noted that Hourly Care is not an extension of pre-school hours, and if using both on the same day, parents will need to find alternate care and lunch between the hours of 1130 and 1230 as these programs do not provide meals.

Before- and After-School Care: This program is offered to school-aged children in k-5th grades. Care starts at 0630 and is serviced by most of the Carlisle Area School District buses to transport children to school. The after-school program ends at 1800. Care is also available for school-aged children during school closures and holiday breaks.

Children with Special Medical Needs: Before enrollment is considered complete for children with special medical needs (life-threatening conditions, functional limitations, and diagnosed behavioral or psychological conditions), a Multi-Disciplinary Inclusion Action Team (MIAT) meeting must take place. This meeting includes the CYS Coordinator, Outreach Services Coordinator, Army Public Health Nurse, and the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) manager. The meeting's purpose is to recommend child care and youth placement, as well as determine accommodations and availability of services.

Off-Post Child Care and Preschool: There are many preschool options within ten miles of Carlisle Barracks. Consult the Carlisle Chamber of Commerce website for options: <https://business.carlislechamber.org/list/category/child-care-5000343> (child care) and <https://business.carlislechamber.org/list/search?q=preschool&c=&sa=False> (preschool).

Summer Camps for School-Aged Children: Summer camps are available for school-aged children in 1st-5th grades from 0630-1730. Camps start in June and are paid for by the week, so if you arrive mid-Summer, you can still use these camps for the remaining weeks before school begins. Camps include a field trip each week.

Activities

CYS offers a host of activities throughout the year, to include sports. Children who wish to participate in CYS sports must complete a sports physical, the form for which can be found at <https://carlisle.armymwr.com/application/files/2115/1181/2543/CYSHealthAssessment.pdf>. Below is a list of some of the activities offered.

Summer (Jun/Jul/Aug):

Summer Soccer Academy: One-week-long instructional soccer camp that runs the last week of Summer Camp before school begins. Open to children ages 4-16. Registration opens June 1st and ends mid-July.

Fall (Aug/Sept/Oct):

Soccer: Soccer game-based and developmental programs available from late August through the end of October. Open to children ages 3-18. Registration opens June 1st and ends one week before the start of the program.

Instructional Golf Lessons: Weekly golf lessons from Carlisle Barrack's PGA pro. Typically run September and October. Open to children ages 7-18. Registration opens June 1st and is available up to the day before each class.

Instructional Tennis Lessons: Weekly tennis lessons from the installation's tennis pro. Typically run September and October. Open to children ages 7-16. Registration opens June 1st and is available up to the day before each class.

Holiday (Nov/Dec):

Basketball Skills Camp: Two-day basketball instructional camp held in November or December, designed to prepare children for the upcoming winter basketball league. Open to children in third grade through high school (ages 8-18). Registration opens September 1st and ends one week before the start of the program.

T-ball Instruction: Six weeks of T-ball instructional development held in November to teach basic fundamentals and functional fitness. Open to children ages 3-6. Registration begins September 1st and ends one week prior to the start of the program.

Baseball Instruction: Six weeks of baseball/softball instructional development held in November to teach fundamentals and functional fitness. Open to children ages 7-11. Registration begins September 1st and ends one week prior to the start of the program.

Recreational Programs: Other recreational outreach programs may be held during this time to include floor hockey, volleyball, and futsal.

Winter (Jan/Feb/Mar)

Basketball: Game-based and developmental programs available from January to the beginning of March. Open to children ages 4-18. Registration opens September 1st and ends three weeks before the start of the program. Mandatory evaluation clinics required in December.

Spring (Mar/Apr/May)

Soccer: Soccer game-based and developmental programs available from late March through the end of May. Open to children ages 3-18. Registration opens January 1st and ends one week before the start of the program.

Instructional Golf Lessons: Weekly golf lessons from the installation's PGA pro. Typically run April and May. Open to children ages 7-18. Registration opens January 1st and is available up to the day before each class.

Instructional Tennis Lessons: Weekly tennis lessons from our installation's tennis pro. Typically run April and May. Open to children ages 7-16. Registration opens January 1st and is available up to the day before each class.

T-ball Instruction: Six weeks of T-ball instructional development held in May to teach basic fundamentals and functional fitness. Open to children ages 3-5. Registration begins January 1st and ends one week prior to the start of the program.

Home-School Physical Education: Three times per week, functional fitness and physical education are offered to installation home-school students for one hour each day throughout the year. There is no cost to enroll.

Weekly Dodgeball: A free program held every Friday night from 1900-2100 for McConnell Youth Center members in 1st-12th grades.

Open Recreation: Open recreation is open to McConnell Youth Center members in 1st-12th grades and is held Sat from 1100-1900 (unless a special event is scheduled).

Middle School and Teen (MST) Program

Middle and high school students in 6th-12th grades can participate in the MST and use the McConnell Youth Center during the following times: Mon-Thu 1500-1900, Fri 1500-2100, and Sat 1200-1600 with hours extended from 1300-1900 on weekdays during the Summer. Facilities include a common area, youth technology lab, art room, and lounge (video games, TV, etc). McConnell Youth Center is free to use, but participants must be registered with CYS. Registration for MST is fairly minimal (see <https://carlisle.armymwr.com/programs/parent-and-outreach-services> for required documents) and can be completed on a walk-in basis after you arrive. However, should your child have special medical needs, you will need to attend a MIAT meeting before registration is complete.

Additional options for the MST include periodic trips (fees required), social gatherings, Red Cross Babysitting Courses, and 4-H classes Mon-Thu (topics vary but may include gardening, art, science, and cooking).

Ski PA Snowpass Program

Pennsylvania offers a special ski/snowboard program for any child in the 4th or 5th grade to use at all participating ski areas in the state. A picture and report card from a current Pennsylvania school are required to register a qualifying child. Visit <https://www.skipa.com/kids/4th5th-grade-snowpass> for a complete list of benefits and restrictions.

Schools

Once you have proof of residency, you may begin enrolling your children in local schools. This section contains information for schools you may select in or out of the Carlisle Area School District, as well as private school information. If you plan to homeschool during your time at the Army War College, visit <https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Home%20Education%20and%20Private%20Tutoring/Pages/default.aspx#VsTDmydOnGg> to ensure that you are in compliance with Pennsylvania state laws.

School Liaison Officer (SLO): You may contact the Carlisle Barracks SLO at any time before or after your arrival with questions about area schooling options and requirements, in addition to requesting a youth sponsor for your child(ren).

Address: 459 Bouquet Rd (inside McConnell Youth Center), Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013
Phone: 717-245-4638

Registration in the Carlisle Area School District:

- Once you receive your housing assignment letter (on post) or have a Carlisle School District address (off post), you may begin your registration in the Carlisle Area School District (CASD) by going to its website <https://www.carliseschools.org/>. Select Student Services, Registration, then Student Registration 20xx-20xx.
- You must create a Power School account and then complete on-line pre-registration for each new student. (Once the first student has been added, you can click a link to add additional students.)
- Once pre-registration is complete, you select a link to schedule an appointment with the registrar (only one appointment needed per family). At that appointment, provide the following: proof of student's age (birth certificate or notarized copy, valid passport, or military ID) and immunization record. The registrar is located at 623 W. Penn Street in Carlisle. Park and enter at the side of the Swartz Building that faces W. Penn Street (as you face the school from W. Penn Street, it is on the far right).
- School Information for Special Education (to include Gifted and Speech/Language): Parents of students who currently receive special education services must contact the Director of Special Education at 717-240-6800 ext. 17815. Copies of current individual education plans (IEPs) and evaluations are required in order to determine eligibility for services in Pennsylvania.
- Physical and Dental Exams: A physical exam is required for children entering K-1st, 6th, and 11th grades. A dental exam is required for children entering K-1st, 3rd, and 7th grades. Exams may be completed before you arrive as long as they are dated after June 1st. Forms for both can be found at: https://www.carliseschools.org/student_services/registration/dental_and_physical_forms_for_registration.
- Immunizations: If your child will attend a Carlisle School District school, consult https://www.carliseschools.org/student_services/health_services/immunization_requirements to ensure your child's immunizations are in compliance. For a list of required immunizations, you may also call the head nurse at 717-240-6800 ext. 22801 or visit <https://dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov>.

Elementary School

Elementary school-aged children living on Carlisle Barracks may attend one of three schools in Carlisle. The three available public schools are Bellaire Elementary School, Hamilton Elementary School, and LeTort Elementary School (<https://www.carliseschools.org/>). The three available private schools are Carlisle Christian Academy, The Christian School of Grace Baptist Church, and Saint Patrick School.

Public Elementary Schools

Elementary school students residing on Carlisle Barracks are assigned to one of the three public schools listed above if they are not attending a private school, with the exception of The Meadows, which is specifically zoned for LeTort Elementary School. The school district sends school assignment notifications to these students' families one to two weeks prior to the first day of school. Requests for a specific school may be considered on a very limited basis. The following information applies to all public elementary schools within the Carlisle School District.

K-5th grades; children must be five years old by August 31st to attend Kindergarten.

- Lunch program and bus transportation
- No dress code
- Notes: Gifted support, vocal music and art available for all. Instrumental music and basketball available to fourth and fifth graders. Additional programs specific to certain schools are listed below.

Bellaire Elementary School

Address: 905 Waggoner's Gap Rd, Carlisle, PA 17013

Phone: 717-240-6800 ext. 12805

Website: <https://bellaire.carliseschools.org/>

Enrollment: 399 students

Hamilton Elementary School

Address: 735 Clay St, Carlisle, PA 17013

Phone: 717-240-6800 ext. 14805

Website: <https://hamilton.carliseschools.org/>

Enrollment: 415 students

Notes: Student Council offered for third through fifth grades. Boys and girls basketball also offered to third graders.

LeTort Elementary School

Address: 110 E South St, Carlisle, PA 17013

Phone: 717-240-6800 ext. 25805

Website: <https://letort.carliseschools.org/>

Enrollment: 250 students

Notes: Student Council offered to fourth and fifth graders.

Other Area Public Elementary Schools

Should you choose to live off post, you may be zoned for an elementary school outside of the Carlisle Area School District. Other public elementary schools closest to Carlisle Barracks include Iron Forge Elementary School and W.G. Rice Elementary School in the South Middleton School District, and in the Cumberland Valley School District: Sporting Hill, Hampden, Middlesex, Shaull, Winding Creek, Green Ridge, Monroe, and Silver Spring Elementary Schools.

Crestview Elementary School

Address: 240 Longs Gap Rd, Carlisle, PA 17013

Phone: 717-240-6800 ext. 22805

Website: <https://crestview.carliseschools.org/home>

Enrollment: 518 students

Mooreland Elementary School

Address: 329 Wilson St, Carlisle, PA 17013

Phone: 717-240-6800 ext. 36805

Website: <https://mooreland.carliseschools.org/>

Enrollment: 320 students

W. G. Rice Elementary School

Address: 805 Holly Pike, Mount Holly Springs, PA 17065

Phone: 717-258-6484

Website: <http://smsdwres.ss13.sharpschool.com>

Enrollment: 467 (K-3rd)

Iron Forge Elementary School

Address: 4 Academy Street, Suite 200, Boiling Springs, PA 17007

Phone: 717-258-6484

Website: <http://smsdifes.ss13.sharpschool.com>

Enrollment: 475 students (K-5th)

Notes: Student advisory, band, and chorus offered to 3rd-5th grades.

Sporting Hill Elementary School

Address: 210 South Sporting Hill Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
Phone: 717-761-5052
Website: <http://sph.cvschools.org>
Enrollment: 540 students (K-5th)
Notes: Art, music, library, computer, and physical education

Hampden Elementary School

Address: 441 Skyport Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
Phone: 717-737-4513
Website: <http://ha.cvschools.org>
Enrollment: 490 students (K-5th)
Notes: Art, music, library, explorations, and physical education

Middlesex Elementary School

Address: 250 North Middlesex Road, Carlisle, PA 17013
Phone: 717-249-5586
Website: <http://mi.cvschools.org>
Enrollment: 400 students (K-5th)
Notes: Art, music, library, computer, band, chorus, after school clubs, Student Council

Shaul Elementary School

Address: 1 Shaul Drive, Enola, PA 17025
Phone: 717-732-2460
Website: <http://sh.cvschools.org>
Enrollment: 657 (K-5th)
Notes: Art, music, library, computer, and physical education

Winding Creek School

Address: 34 Bali Hai Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
Phone: 717-620-2525
Website: <http://wc.cvschools.org>
Enrollment: 869 students (Pre K-6th)
Notes: Art, music, library, computer, and physical education

Green Ridge Elementary School

Address: 1 Green Ridge Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Phone: 717-766-4911

Website: <http://gr.cvschools.org>

Enrollment: 564 students (K-5th)

Notes: Art, music, library, computer, and physical education

Monroe Elementary School

Address: 1240 Boiling Springs Road, Boiling Springs, PA 17007

Phone: 717-697-0028

Website: <http://mo.cvschools.org>

Enrollment: 478 students (K-5th)

Notes: Art, music, library, computer, and physical education

Private Elementary Schools

Carlisle Christian Academy

Address: 1412 Holly Pike, Carlisle, PA 17015 (3.5 miles from Carlisle Barracks)

Phone: 717-249-3692

Website: <https://carlislechristian.org>

Enrollment: 108 students (K-12th)

Accreditation: Association of Christian Schools International

Tuition: \$5,350 (K-8th)

- Dress code
- Before- and after-school care
- Bus transportation and video tours of the school
- Lunch program
- Notes: Intramural sports, vocal music, art, and foreign language offered to all; drama also offered to fifth graders

The Christian School of Grace Baptist Church

Address: 777 West North Street, Carlisle, PA 17013 (2.6 miles from Carlisle Barracks)

Phone: 717-243-8820

Website: <http://gracebaptistchristianschool.org/>

Enrollment: 106 students (Pre K-8th)

Accreditation: Association of Christian Schools International

Tuition: ranges from \$4,430 to \$5,590 depending on program

- No dress code
- Bus transportation provided through the Carlisle School District for 1st-5th grades but not for half-day kindergarten

- No lunch program
- Notes: Vocal music, art, and drama provided for all elementary grades with instrumental music and public speaking available at the fifth-grade level

Saint Patrick School

Address: 87 Marsh Drive, Carlisle, PA 17015 (3.1 miles from Carlisle Barracks)

Phone: 717-249-4826

Website: <https://spscarlisle.org>

Enrollment: over 300 students (Pre K-8th)

Accreditation: Middle States Association

Tuition: ranges from \$2,700 to \$5,300 depending on program

- National Blue Ribbon School specializing in Catholic education
- Dress code
- Before- and after-school care and Summer camp
- Lunch program and bus transportation
- Notes: Choir offered to third through fifth grades, and band offered to fourth and fifth graders.

Middle School

Middle-school aged children can attend one of five schools in Carlisle. The two public schools are Lambertson Middle School and Wilson Middle School. The three private schools are Carlisle Christian Academy, The Christian School of Grace Baptist Church, and Saint Patrick School.

Public Middle Schools

Both Lambertson and Wilson middle schools operate within the Carlisle School District (<https://www.carliseschools.org/>). Middle school students residing on Carlisle Barracks are assigned to one of the public schools if they are not attending a private school. The school district sends school assignment notifications to these students' families one to two weeks prior to the first day of school. Requests for a specific school may be considered on a very limited basis.

- **Health Record Requirements:** Sixth-grade students associated with the USAWC (not permanent party) are the only middle school students required to have a physical exam on file. This must be current (after June 1st for the upcoming school year), and the form can be found on the district website by clicking Student Services, then Health Services, then middle School Information. From the menu on the left, click Forms, then Physical Form.

Sports Considerations:

- If your student(s) are considering playing sports, particularly in the Fall, it is best to contact the head coach early. Most sports hold practices before school actually starts. Coach contact information can be found on the district website (see above) by clicking Athletics, then Athletic Department Contacts.
- Athletic forms are processed electronically, and you must complete an InfoSnap physical form prior to your student's participation in athletics. You will use the same InfoSnap account that you used to do your district pre-registration, but you will need to complete additional athletic forms.
- The following are needed to participate in sports: InfoSnap PIAA form, physical exam, and IMPACT Test.
- In order to complete the paperwork required, go to https://www.carlisleschools.org/athletics/sports_physicals/info_snap_and_recertification and follow the directions to complete the PIAA Athletics Form.
- Your student must have a physical completed after June 1 for the upcoming school year. You should be able to print the PIAA Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation of Authorized Medical Examiner form after you complete the forms on InfoSnap. If you cannot print the form, e-mail one of the district athletic trainers, and they will e-mail the form to you. To find an e-mail address, visit <https://www.carlisleschools.org/>, click Athletics and then Athletic Department Contacts. Physicals may be completed before you arrive (as long as they are dated after June 1), at Dunham Army Health Clinic on post, or through the school. To find a list of dates and times for physicals held at the school, visit www.carlisleschools.org, click Athletics, then Sports Physicals, then Sports Physical Exam Dates. Turn in the sports physical to the Athletics Office, located in the McGowan Building at CHS. This is the only paper form that will be accepted. InfoSnap forms and IMPACT test are submitted electronically.
- Have your student(s) complete the IMPACT test. They must go to the school district website, <https://www.carlisleschools.org/>, click Athletics, then IMPACT Test. The test takes a bit of time, but it is required for all middle-school students who intend to play sports. The test is used as a baseline in case the student was to suffer a head injury such as a concussion. At the end of the test, print the confirmation receipt for your records and e-mail it to an Athletic Trainer (list of contacts can be found at http://carlisleschools.org/athletics/team_and_athletic_contacts).

The following information applies to both Lamberton and Wilson middle schools:

- Enrollment: 550 students (6th-8th grades)
- Identical facilities
- Lunch program and bus transportation
- Dress code for physical education class only
- Once students are registered, they are assigned to one of two teams within each grade level. Assignments are a means of organization only and are not based on student merit (i.e. high achievers are NOT all in one team).
- Notes: Choir, band, art, and sports offered. Both schools hold math placement testing in July, which must be scheduled. Enrollment in a foreign language (French, German, or Spanish) is open to all students in 8th grade except those who require reading support services; class sizes are limited.

Lamberton Middle School

Address: 777 South Hanover Street, Carlisle, PA 17013

Phone: 717-240-6800 ext 15805

Website: <https://lamberton.carliseschools.org/>

Wilson Middle School

Address: 900 Waggoners Gap Rd, Carlisle, PA 17013

Phone: 717-240-6800 ext 19805

Website: <https://wilson.carliseschools.org/>

Private Middle Schools

Carlisle Christian Academy

Address: 1412 Holly Pike, Carlisle, PA 17015 (3.5 miles from Carlisle Barracks)

Phone: 717-249-3692

Website: <https://carlislechristian.org>

Enrollment: 108 students (K-12th)

Accreditation: Association of Christian Schools International

Tuition: \$5,350 (K-8th)

- Dress code
- Before- and after-school care
- Bus transportation and video tours of the school
- Lunch program
- Notes: Choral music, drama, art, and foreign language offered. Sports offered through National Christian School Athletic Association.

The Christian School of Grace Baptist Church

Address: 777 West North Street, Carlisle, PA 17013 (2.6 miles from Carlisle Barracks)

Phone: 717-243-8820

Website: <http://gracebaptistchristianschool.org/>

Enrollment: 106 students (Pre K-8th)

Accreditation: Association of Christian Schools International

Tuition: ranges from \$4,430 to \$5,590 depending on program

- No dress code
- Bus transportation provided through the Carlisle School District
- No lunch program
- Notes: Instrumental and vocal music, art, drama, public speaking, and sports offered to all. Foreign language instruction offered to seventh and eighth grades.

Saint Patrick School

Address: 87 Marsh Drive, Carlisle, PA 17015 (3.1 miles from Carlisle Barracks)

Phone: 717-249-4826

Website: <https://spscarlisle.org>

Enrollment: over 300 students (Pre K-8th)

Accreditation: Middle States Association

Tuition: ranges from \$2,700 to \$5,300 depending on program

- National Blue Ribbon School specializing in Catholic education
- Dress code
- Before- and after-school care and Summer camp
- Lunch program and bus transportation
- Notes: Sports, choir, band, art, drama, and foreign language instruction offered. Requires seventh- and eighth-grade students to perform 15 hours of service and develop daily, in-house broadcasts from the school's television studio.

High School

Students residing on post entering 9th-12th grades are zoned for Carlisle High School, the only high school in the Carlisle School District.

Carlisle High School

Address: 623 W. Penn Street, Carlisle, PA 17013

Website: <https://chs.carlisleschools.org>

Enrollment: 1526 students

Notes: AP classes, career and technical education, and athletics available

Enrollment Considerations:

- **Course Scheduling:** In order to select and schedule courses at Carlisle High School (CHS), your student(s) must meet with a school counselor as soon as possible after district registration. Students in 9th and 10th grades should contact the Swartz Counseling Center 717-240-6800 ext. 27820, and students in 11th and 12th grades should contact the McGowan Counseling Center at 717-240-6800 ext. 26805/26815. You should bring a copy of your student's unofficial transcript (10th-12th grades) or report card (9th grade) to this appointment. The Swartz Counseling Center is located in the Swartz Building, and you will find it on the rear side of the building from where you completed district registration. To reach it, turn into the main high school entrance from W. Penn Street, go under the bridge, and turn right into the parking lot. Enter the Swartz Building at the clock tower. The McGowan Counseling Center is located in the McGowan Building. As you face the school from W. Penn Street, it is the building on the left.
- **Course Selections:** Before your student's counseling appointment, be sure to read over the school's Educational Planning Guide. From the district website, click Student Services, Counseling, then High School Counseling Services. From the menu on the left, click Course Selection Information (EPG).
- **College Application Recommendations:** Seniors new to CHS who plan to apply to college as early admissions applicants or to schools with early application deadlines should bring recommendations with them from their current teachers, as CHS staff will have had insufficient time to make an adequate assessment of them and be able to provide a strong recommendation.
- **Health Record Requirements:** Eleventh-grade students associated with the USAWC are the only high school students required to have a physical exam on file. This must be current (after June 1st for the upcoming school year), and the form can be found on the

district website by clicking Student Services, then Health Services, then High School Information. From the menu on the left, click Forms, then Physical Form.

- **Band:** Band programs are open to all students, though some ensembles have their own special considerations. For example, admission into symphonic band is by audition, and marching band has summer camp and after-school requirements. It is best to contact the music department directly as soon as possible through the district website. From the main page, click on Arts and Music, and then use the menu to the left to find more information on your specific program.
- **HERD 100:** This is a two-day leadership event for incoming freshmen that takes place at the end of July/early August. This program is designed to ease the transition from middle school to high school and costs about \$20 to attend. Students must register and pay in advance. Students may find more information and registration forms by going to the high school website (<https://chs.carlisle-schools.org/>) and clicking on Special Events/HERD100 or calling the Swartz Building Office at 717-240-6800 ext. 27805/27825.

Sports Considerations:

- If your student(s) are considering playing sports at CHS, particularly in the fall, it is best to contact the head coach early. All sports hold practices during July and August, and tryouts are typically held the week before school actually starts. Coach contact information can be found on the district website by clicking Athletics, then Athletic Department Contacts.
- Athletic forms for CHS are processed electronically, and you must complete an InfoSnap physical form prior to your student's participation in athletics. You will use the same InfoSnap account that you used to do your district pre-registration, but you will need to complete additional athletic forms.
- The following are needed to participate in sports: InfoSnap PIAA form, physical exam, and IMPACT Test.
- In order to complete the paperwork required, go to https://www.carliseschools.org/athletics/sports_physicals/info_snap_and_re-certification and follow the directions to complete the PIAA Athletics Form.
- Have your student(s) complete the IMPACT test. They must go to the school district website, <https://www.carliseschools.org/>, click Athletics, then IMPACT Test. The test takes a bit of time, but it is required for all high-school students who intend to play sports. The test is used as a baseline in case the student was to suffer a head

injury such as a concussion. At the end of the test, print the confirmation receipt for your records and e-mail it to an Athletic Trainer (list of contacts can be found at http://carliseschools.org/athletics/team_and_athletic_contacts).

- Your student must have a physical completed after June 1st for the upcoming school year. You should be able to print the PIAA Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation of Authorized Medical Examiner form after you complete the forms on InfoSnap. If you cannot print the form, e-mail one of the district athletic trainers, and they will e-mail the form to you. To find an e-mail address, visit <https://www.carliseschools.org/>, click Athletics and then Athletic Department Contacts. Physicals may be completed before you arrive (as long as they are dated after June 1), at Dunham Army Health Clinic on post, or through the school. To find a list of dates and times for physicals held at the school, visit <http://www.carliseschools.org>, click Athletics, then Sports Physicals, then Sports Physical Exam Dates. Turn in the sports physical to the Athletics Office, located in the McGowan Building at CHS. This is the only paper form that will be accepted. InfoSnap forms and IMPACT test are submitted electronically.

Other Area High Schools

Should you choose to live off post, you may be zoned for a high school outside of the Carlisle Area School District. Other public high schools closest to Carlisle Barracks include Boiling Springs High School (South Middleton School District) and Cumberland Valley High School (Cumberland Valley School District).

Boiling Springs High School

Address: 21 Academy Street, Boiling Springs, PA 17007

Website: <http://smsdhs.ss13.sharpschool.com>

Enrollment: 656 students

Notes: AP classes and athletics available. For full profile, visit <http://smsdhs.ss13.sharpschool.com/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=29917256>

Cumberland Valley High School

Address: 6746 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Website: <http://hs.cvschools.org>

Enrollment: 2662 students

Notes: AP classes and athletics available. For full profile, visit <http://hs.cvschools.org/common/pages/UserFile.aspx?fileId=6208091>

Private High Schools

The two private high schools nearest Carlisle Barracks are Carlisle Christian Academy and Trinity High School.

Carlisle Christian Academy

Address: 1412 Holly Pike, Carlisle, PA 17015 (3.5 miles from Carlisle Barracks)

Website: <https://carlislechristian.org>

Enrollment: 108 students (K-12th)

Accreditation: Association of Christian Schools International

Tuition: \$5,950 (9th-12th)

Trinity High School

Address: 3601 Simpson Ferry Rd, Camp Hill, PA 17011 (18 miles from Carlisle Barracks)

Website: <https://thsrocks.us>

Enrollment: 485 students

Accreditation: Middle States Association of Colleges & Schools

Tuition: \$7,905 (registered Catholic parishioner)/\$9,656 (non-parishioner)

- financial aid is available

Notes



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My name is Alli Simmons, and I want to talk to all you kids out there that are headed to Carlisle Barracks. When I first got here, it was a bit scary. I was sad to leave my friends and was worried about making new friends. When we got here, there were so many new kids – they were everywhere. I met kids at the dog park, playing along the streets, on the playgrounds, at the youth center and at the pool. There were so many kids to meet that it took a bit of time to find the ones I clicked with best. That’s the cool thing – there are so many kids and so many activities that there is something and someone for everybody! I really liked hanging at the Carlisle Youth Services (or the YS as we call it). I like to go to dodge ball every Friday night and I really like the field trips – like ice skating, roller skating, and snow tubing. But even when there are no scheduled activities, there are always kids outside and around to play with. Don’t just take it from me – I interviewed a few other kids here at Carlisle Barracks for you!

Alli
Age 11, 6th grade
Wilson Middle School

When I first moved to Carlisle, I had no idea what to expect, just like everyone else. As soon as I stepped foot into the community I instantly felt welcomed and comfortable. I was greeted by kids just like you and me and made my first friends the day I arrived. All fall sports have summer workouts that all athletes are invited to attend, which gave me and more War College kids an opportunity to make friends and get involved with Carlisle before the school year started.

Of course, I was very nervous for the first day of school. I did have a few friends, but I had no idea how I was going to survive a new campus with a whole bunch of new faces. Later I found out that there are many ways to get comfortable with the new surroundings.

There’s a two-day summer camp called “Herd 100” for freshman, where you practice team-building activities and problem solving with your class, teachers, and staff members at Carlisle High School. It’s very fun, and it’s a great way to get to know your way around the school before the first day.

Even after I participated in Herd 100 and the new student orientation, I still felt nervous about getting lost or not being able to find my way to class. But then I realized that this was totally normal! There are tons of War College kids who will be going through the exact same thing as you.

The students and staff are very welcoming to new students. Don't be afraid to ask someone a question or for directions! Everyone knows how hard it is to be new at something. You'll get used to it in no time.

Piper
Age 15, 9th Grade
Carlisle High School

At first I was depressed about leaving friends and family back home. My mom kept encouraging me to get out and make friends and that really helped. I made friends by going to open rec every Saturday and dodgeball on Friday nights at Youth Services. I also like going to Club Beyond at the Chapel. I play soccer here on post and take horseback riding lessons. I get to go snowboarding whenever I get a chance. We got season ski passes since we are living only 30 minutes from the nearest slopes. I wish I had realized all the different fun things I would get to do here. There really is so much! The thing I like best is living so close to all my friends.

Sophia
Age 14, 8th grade
Home School

I was really nervous about moving to Carlisle because I didn't know anybody here, and I had never moved before. When we got here though, it was easy to meet people because it's such a tight community. It also helped that my brothers were out making new friends too. I like riding my bike around post, bowling at the bowling alley here on post, skiing, snow tubing, hunting, and trout fishing. If I had only known before I got here about all the activities that I was going to get to do here, I don't think I would have been so nervous. I really like living so close to so many kids. This is a great community.

Grant
Age 10, 4th grade
Letort Elementary School

When I first got to Carlisle, I was nervous about making new friends in a new place. My mom signed me up to be a Vacation Bible School counselor right off the bat, so it didn't take long to meet a few other kids. I met a lot of kids my age at the Youth Services High School night. I participate in activities at my high school, and that helped me get to know the kids at school better. I play soccer and then go to the Boy Scout program here on post. Meetings are held at the chapel and there are several of us that participate. I really like how everything here on post is a short walk away and the community is great.

Anthony
Age 16, 10th grade
Trinity High School

I was so lonely when I got here, and I was worried I wasn't going to make any friends. Going to the Youth Services (YS) for sports, dodgeball, and open rec helped me meet lots of kids and make friends. I like to play basketball both at the YS and with kids outside. I also like to run. I wish I had known how small the houses were before I came because I might not have brought so much stuff. The thing I really like here is how close everything is.

Laila
Age 11, 6th grade
Lamberton Middle School

Everything seemed so hectic when we first got here. I really liked getting settled into my new room. I met a couple guys at the Boatyard Wars (this activity for the families when you first get here). The three of us had fun exploring the post. Later we explored the grounds of the Army Heritage Education Center. You can get there by riding your bike (or walking) on the trails over at the golf course. It's kind of easy to meet people here because there are so many kids, and nobody really knows anybody else, so everyone is in the same boat. I like skiing with my family and friends, Jazz Band, and going to Hershey Park. The thing I like most about living on post is being able to walk to the Commissary and PX to get Subway, snacks, and drinks.

Carson
Age 15, 9th grade
Carlisle High School



Definitions & International Fellows

Definitions

Here is a list of some of the frequently used terms and their definitions to help you learn to speak and understand the USAWC language.

Seminar Learning Model: The basic organizational and instructional unit for most students at the US Army War College (USAWC). An USAWC class is organized into multiple seminars of approximately 15 personnel, each under the direction of its own faculty instructor team. Seminar assignments are effective for the duration of the academic year. The USAWC strives to provide maximum diversity (Army component, military branch, multi-service, civilian, and international) within seminars.

International Fellow (IF): A senior military officer from one of approximately eighty countries invited to attend the USAWC. There are generally three to four IFs per seminar. More information on the IF program can be found later in this section.

Permanent Party: Non-student personnel assigned to Carlisle Barracks such as Garrison staff, clinic staff, religious support, and USAWC faculty and staff

Commandant: The officer in charge, particularly of a military school or institution

Class Representatives: Class officers who perform duties for the entire academic year and are selected by USAWC staff prior to arrival. Duty positions include Class President, Vice President, Civilian Student Representative, Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee Chairpeople.

- **Class President:** An individual nominated from the active duty Army colonel population and appointed by the command group. He/she performs the following student-related functions:
 1. Represents the class with the USAWC leadership and appropriate external agencies.
 2. Calls and conducts class meetings.
 3. Appoints committees for class activities (i.e. sports, social, gift, community activities, etc.).
 4. Supervises operation of the class fund.
 5. Keeps USAWC leadership informed of all class activities.
 6. Prepares recommendations for guidance to the next class president.
 7. Writes an after action report (AAR) for delivery to the next class president through the deputy commandant.

Class Vice President: An individual selected by the IFs in coordination with the G9/International Fellows Program (IFP) Director. He/she serves as a spokesperson for the IFs and supports the Class President in mutually agreed upon selected activities. The Vice President is also the President of the IF Student Organization.

Class Civilian Student Representative: An individual nominated by the USAWC Senior Civilian Advisor. He/she serves as spokesperson for civilian students and supports the Class President in mutually agreed upon selected activities.

Class Secretary and Treasurer: Individuals nominated by the Senior Service Representative (SSRs) from their respective services from those officers selected to attend AWC. An Air Force officer fills the Secretary position, and the position of Treasurer is filled by a Navy/Marine Corps officer. They perform functions appropriate to those offices as well as those assigned by the Class President.

Class Committee Chairpersons: Chairpersons appointed by the Class President to head committees governing specific class activities such as coordinating the class gift and planning the ball. Generally, each seminar is represented on each committee.

Seminar Representative (or Seminar Group Chairperson): A student nominated by the faculty teaching team and selected by the commandant to serve as the key information link between that student's seminar and the Class President. The Seminar Representative is responsible for administrative matters concerning his/her seminar. Specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Maintaining accountability of seminar members at mandatory functions and other academic or administrative activities where seminar representation is required.
2. Ensuring appropriate decorum by seminar members during lectures, off-post events, and while in seminar study.
3. Managing appropriate seminar rosters, as required.
4. Appointing committee members from the seminar for class activities.
5. Representing the seminar at meetings chaired by the Class President.
6. Serving as the seminar point of contact (POC) for USAWC administrative matters, as appropriate.
7. Assisting the faculty team, as needed, by coordinating seminar accomplishment of tasks for which the group as a whole is responsible.
8. Determining internal organization of the seminar, in concert with the faculty team and seminar members. Various subgroups and assistants may be appointed to support academic, administrative, and social functions. Examples of assistants and subgroups might

be as follows: Assistant Chairperson, Security Officer, IF Sponsor, Social Activities Chairperson, Sports Officer, and representatives for seminar computers, the holiday social, and photography.

Lead Spouse Seminar Rep & Spouse Seminar Rep (Lead SSR/SSR):

Every USAWC class has one Lead Spouse Seminar Representative (Lead SSR), as well as spouse representatives within each seminar called Spouse Seminar Representatives (SSRs).

- **Lead SSR:** The purpose of the Lead SSR is to provide leadership to the SSRs in each seminar. The class president's spouse typically fills this role. The Lead SSR provides an avenue of mutual support and assistance, facilitates a network of communication among the SSRs, acts as a conduit to USAWC leadership, and disseminates information on community resources.
 1. Attends monthly Community Leader Information Forum (CLIF)
 2. Leads the SSR meeting once a month (held immediately after CLIF meeting)
 3. Creates the agenda for monthly SSR meetings
 4. Sends informative emails to the acting SSRs
 5. Helps and assists with the Spouse's Project
 6. Serves as the student representative on the Carlisle Barracks Spouses' Club Board
 7. Serves as the student representative at the monthly Senior Spouses' Coffee Group
- **SSRs:** The purpose of an SSR is to provide leadership to the spouses within his/her seminar. The seminar leader's spouse typically fills this role. The SSR serves as an information conduit to and from spouse seminars.
 1. Attends monthly CLIF meetings and disseminates notes to seminar spouses
 2. Attends monthly SSR meetings and disseminates notes to seminar spouses
 3. Maintains situational awareness of issues and addresses needs at the seminar level
 4. Participates in the SSR year-end survey facilitated by the Military Family Program (MFP)

Reading, Writing, Reflection, and Collaboration (RWRC): Days designed for independent student academic time. USAWC student activities prior to 1600 hours are NOT scheduled on RWRC days unless approved by the commandant.

Blue Star Seminar: A commandant's program and official Soldier and Family Readiness Group for spouses and family members of deployed service members currently assigned as students, faculty, or staff of the

USAWC. Spouses and family members living on or near Carlisle but whose sponsor is assigned elsewhere are not members of the Blue Star Seminar.

Facilitating Leadership and Group Skills (FLAGS): A program offered only at the USAWC, designed to help military spouses become advanced thinkers and problem solvers, paralleling the USAWC mission. The goal of the program is to develop effective team and leadership skills. A combination of classroom experience, self-assessment instruments, and group activities lead to an enhanced ability to develop effective leadership styles and enhanced communication skills, emphasizing growth in interpersonal skills and understanding of group development. Certificate and Workshop Scope and Content are provided when completed and could be used for educational accreditation.

Community Leader Information Forum (CLIF): A monthly meeting open to the Carlisle Barracks community that offers an opportunity for exchange of information between the community and USAWC leadership. Hosted by the USAWC commandant.

Military Family Program (MFP): A federally-funded government program to support USAWC students and their spouses in preparing for their future roles as senior leaders responsible for developing and implementing personal, unit, and community family programs around the world. To accomplish these objectives, the MFP presents a series of lectures, seminars, and workshops throughout the academic year designed to build individual knowledge, skills, and behaviors and integrate enduring themes, particularly as they relate to military spouse leadership roles. The MFP at the USAWC supports the academic curriculum and provides for the needs and interests of students, their spouses, and children. MFP events are typically open to all resident and non-resident USAWC students and spouses.

Executive Leadership Development Course–Spouse (ELDC-S): A specific USAWC academic course offered as part of the institution's enterprise-executive leadership development education program. ELDC-S incorporates many of the offerings in the MFP menu but is a specific MFP academic certificate program. ELDC-S aims to educate and develop senior spouse leaders for service at the senior-enterprise level to include advancing knowledge through education and training in senior leadership skills and practices. With some focus on development and issues related to military communities and related activities and policies, the course focuses mainly on executive leader knowledge, skills, and behaviors to develop students for their future endeavors, in or outside a military context.

International Fellows and Families

International Fellows (IFs) are senior military officers from partner and allied nations around the world. Every year the US Army Chief of Staff invites them to attend the US Army War College (USAWC) as part of an international program that dates back to 1978. The scope of the program is to promote international relationships and collaboration among nations of different geographic theaters. The IFs gain knowledge and understanding of American military strategies and perspectives while the US students are exposed to the regional diversities and cultures of foreign nations. The mutual learning environment the USAWC fosters greatly increases interoperability and collaboration between international forces.

IFs represent 20 percent of the USAWC student population. They come from approximately 80 different countries. IFs arrive in Carlisle in April to attend a six-week preparation course while the families usually join them in the Summer. Every seminar has three or four international students. A few foreign officers are part of the faculty staff as well. IFs send their children to local schools and live off-post as part of their integration and cultural program.

The IF Program sponsors an orientation course with sports events, social activities, classes, and trips to help IFs and their families integrate with the local community, build strong bonds, and familiarize them with American culture, traditions, and institutions. IF spouses can participate in everything open to USAWC spouses.

The IF Sponsorship Program assigns a volunteer (sponsor) to every international family in order to facilitate a smooth transition into the US, answer their questions, and help with everyday challenges.

The Conversation and Culture Program helps family members overcome cultural barriers through language classes, country presentations, and hosting events. All international spouses are encouraged to attend to establish relationships, build friendships, and learn about other countries' perspectives through cultural diversity.

The USAWC Foundation makes it possible for international family members to accompany their students on many tours around Pennsylvania and the Washington, D.C. area, as well as to attend English-as-a-second-language classes at low cost, while the Dickinson College partnership with USAWC allows international spouses to attend a class per semester free of charge.

Know Your World is a popular event sponsored by the IFs that takes place in November at the Carlisle Expo Center and is open to the Carlisle Barracks community, sponsors, and guests. It is a unique opportunity to walk through booths displaying memorabilia and brochures from different and distant countries. Attendees can meet international families, learn their traditions, and sample ethnic foods.

If you have any questions, the IF Program Office is located on the second floor of the USAWC, 717-245-4830.

Notes



Carlisle Area School District: <https://www.carliseschools.org/>

Carlisle Barracks Garrison: <https://home.army.mil/carlisle/index.php>

Carlisle Barracks Housing Office: <https://www.carlislebarrackshomes.com>

Carlisle Barracks Spouses' Club: <https://www.carlislebarracksspousesclub.org>

Carlisle Chamber of Commerce: <https://business.carlislechamber.org/>

Carlisle Events: <https://carlisleevents.com/>

Cumberland County Visitors Guide: <http://www.visitcumberlandvalley.com>

Dunham US Army Health Clinic: <https://dunham.nrmc.amedd.army.mil/>

EZPass Turnpike Toll System: <http://www.ezpass.csc.paturnpike.com>

Military Family Program: <https://www.armywarcollege.edu/orgs/mfp/>

Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicles: www.dmv.pa.gov

US Army War College: <https://www.armywarcollege.edu/>

US Army War College Memorial Chapel: <http://carlislebarracks.carlisle.army.mil/chapel/>



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