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Carlisle Barracks, Pa. – Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, Army Chief of Staff, will be guest speaker at this year's formal graduation ceremony of the U.S. Army War College Resident Class of 2015 set to begin here Friday, June 5 at 9 a.m. on the historic parade ground of Carlisle Barracks.



Odierno, alumnus of the Army War College class of 1995, will celebrate the graduates' achievements and address the challenges that lie ahead in an uncertain and dynamic security environment. Along with the Army Chief of Staff, USAWC Commandant Maj. Gen. William E. Rapp, Army War College Provost Dr. Lance Betros, and School Dean Dr. Richard Lacquement will present diplomas to the graduating students.

Elements of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's 28th infantry Division Band will provide traditional ceremonial music and Pennsylvania Army National Guard's 1st Battalion 108th Field Artillery Regiment will present a 19-gun salute to the Chief of Staff of the Army.

The graduating class of 387 represents the men and women of the Joint Force, drawing from all branches of our military, federal agencies and multinational environments -- with 217 Army officers, 32 Air Force, 17 Marine Corps, 12 Navy, and one Coast Guard officer, as well as 79 international officers and 29 senior civilians of federal agencies.

During more than 38 years of service, Gen. Raymond T. Odierno has commanded units at every echelon, from platoon to theater, with duty in Germany, Albania, Kuwait, Iraq, and the United States. He served as a battalion executive officer and division artillery executive officer during Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. Odierno commanded the 4th Infantry Division, leading the division during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM from April 2003 to March 2004. He assumed duty as the 38th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army on September 7, 2011.

Odierno holds a bachelor's degree in Engineering from US Military Academy at West Point and a master's degree in Nuclear Effects Engineering from North Carolina State University. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College and holds a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

Bliss Hall will be the alternate graduation location in case of inclement weather. Signs will be at each gate to advise incoming motorists of the change in graduation location. The ceremony will be broadcast via Closed Circuit TV into the following seating venues: Reynolds Theater; Wil Washcoe Auditorium, Bradley Auditorium and throughout Root Hall.

Students, Commandant's guests, DVs, and selected faculty will be seated in Bliss Hall, seating for handicapped will be available in the Command Conference Room.

Dunham Army Health Clinic will be open for operation all day Thursday, June 4 and closed from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, June 5 in order to minimize conflicts with the Army War College Class of 2015 graduation.