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July 10, 2015 -- After two years of studying, research and writing, it's close to graduation day at the U. S. Army War College for the Distance Class of 2015. It is an extraordinary day of celebration and camaraderie – with students' family, friends, and the Carlisle Barracks



community. Each graduation is a triumph for the students, families, faculty, and all those who contributed to their success over the last two years.

Graduation speaker General David G. Perkins, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, will offer congratulations and words of encouragement and

challenge for the future. The graduation ceremony is a celebratory event open to family, friends, colleagues and the public. The ceremony is scheduled for Friday, July 24 at 9 a.m. for approximately 90 minutes. Those unable to attend can watch live, streaming video at www.carlisle.army.mil, at the top of the page.

Above: 28th Infantry Division Ceremonial Band plays at an Army War College graduation ceremony. File photo.

The ceremony begins with the arrival of the official party, marked by an artillery salute by the 1st Battalion, 108th Field Artillery in Carlisle, the procession of faculty, and recognition of award-winning students. Each student walks the stage to receive the master's degree of Strategic Studies, the US Army War College diploma, and the congratulations of the dean, the provost, the



commandant and the TRADOC commander.

General David G. Perkins, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, will be the guest speaker for graduation of the Distance Class of 2015.



The graduating class of 366 represents the men and women of the Joint Force, drawing from all branches of our military, federal agencies and multinational environments -- with 336 Army officers who are predominantly Reserve and National Guard officers; 3 Air Force; 8 Marine Corps; as well as 8 international officers from the countries of Armenia, Estonia, Germany, Lithuania, Moldova, Slovakia, Spain, and Trinidad & Tobago; and 11 senior civilians in federal agencies that work with DoD.

[July 24, 2015 Distance Education Graduation: Need to Know](#)

Student/ Visitor information --

Recording of the ceremony will be available after the ceremony at www.youtube.com/usarmywarcollege

• Photos taken during the ceremony -- to include stage photos of every graduating student -- can be found at: www.facebook.com/usawc

* Those unable to attend can watch the entire event streamed live, as of 9 a.m. at: www.carlisle.army.mil

* Driving? Set your smart mapping to 'Jim Thorpe & Claremont roads, Carlisle 17013' for the Visitors Gate. [The Ashburn Gate on Route 11 can be used by those with DoD identification.

* For both entrances: Plan to show ID at the gate, Follow 'event Parking' signs, and arrive in time for a short walk to the parade ground. Or, use the shuttle busses (see below).

* Shuttle busses will run from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. and resume after the ceremony.

* For handicapped guest, please follow the signs to your designated parking area or the drop area. Handicapped parking is located in the parking lot between bldgs. 314 and 315 on Lovell Ave. The handicapped drop-off and dedicated viewing area is at Qtrs. 2 on Garrison Ave.

* Students must be in seats by 8:30 a.m.

* IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, digital signs at both gates will alert guests about the alternate graduation site.

Employee/ beneficiary information --

- Dunham Clinic will be open on Thursday, July 23 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for patient care and closed July 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (including the pharmacy), reopening at 1 p.m. and closing at 4:30 p.m.
- Faculty and Staff who normally park in the 314/315 lot, along Lovell Ave and along Forbes Ave in front of Building 122 can park along Letort lane below the 314/315 lot, along Letort lane between Barry Drive and Butler Rd (temporary parking will be Identified along the drive) or in the Collins Hall lots.
- Faculty and staff who normally park in the Anne Ely parking lot are asked to park in the DES or Chapel lots.
- Residents on Garrison Lane are asked to park their cars in garages, if possible.
- All other drivers will need to move as directed by the Police or Parking attendants to designated parking lots and walk or ride the shuttle.
- Residents are reminded that shortly after 9 a.m. the cannons will be fired.
- For civilian employees, liberal leave is in effect for graduation day pending supervisor approval.

Inclement weather plan --

- Bliss Hall will be the alternate graduation location in case of inclement weather. All students will be given tickets with the name of the location where their party can view the graduation.

Digital signs at each gate will advise about the change in graduation location. The ceremony will be broadcast internally via closed circuit TV for family and guest in the following seating venues: Reynolds Theater; Wil Washcoe Auditorium, Bradley Auditorium, AHEC multi-purpose room and Root Hall. Students and selected faculty will be seated in Bliss Hall. Seating for handicapped will be in the Command Conference Room.

Streaming video will be made available for the alternate site: www.carlisle.army.mil.

