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Visit by Chickasaw Lt. Gov. to highlight 2014 Jim Thorpe Sports Days at Carlisle Barracks



Jefferson Keel, Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, will be the special guest for 2014 Jim Thorpe Sports Days.

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April 17, 2014 -- A colorful opening ceremony will kick off the Jim Thorpe Sports Days competition Thursday, April 24 at 5 p.m. on Carlisle Barracks' historic Indian Field where Jim Thorpe and others once displayed the teamwork, discipline, and physical fitness that inspires the athletic games at Carlisle.

This year's special guest Jefferson Keel, Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation -- a retired U.S. Army officer with more than 20 years active duty service -- will help the students of the U.S. Army War College and other senior service colleges honor the athletic legacy of Jim Thorpe.

While here Keel will tour the post to understand the history of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School that is still present today in the historic campus and preserved at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center.

He will take part in the opening ceremony at 5 p.m., Thursday, April 24 along with Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, U.S. Army War College Commandant, Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Thomas Gorry, Commandant, Dwight D. Eisenhower School of National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University, and Mark Pizzo, Chief and Dean of Students, National War College, and Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin, President of NDU.

The colorful ceremony will include a 13-gun salute from the Pennsylvania Army National Guard; an Olympic-style walk-on with the athletes of every school; the National Anthem, welcome remarks from Cucolo and Keel, a torch relay lap around the track, and lighting of the cauldron.

This year teams from the U.S. Army War College, National War College and Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy will compete in the three-day competition with the winner awarded the Commandants' Cup.

New for this year is an on-post cycling competition that will take riders around the nation's second oldest military installation. Other sports events include golf, soccer, softball, volleyball, basketball, trap and skeet, men's and women's relays, and a 5K run.

Students from these senior service schools average 22 years of military service and 42 years of age. Also competing are international officers from each of the schools; the Army War College at 77 has the largest number of the three competing schools.

Immediately following the torch lighting, the men's and women's one-mile relay team competition on the Indian Field track will begin.

The games will run from April 24-26 and a schedule can be found [here](#)

Scores and updates will be added throughout the games at www.facebook.com/usawc.