

# Post to welcome Army War College Class of 2010

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## Carlisle Barracks to welcome Army War College Class of 2010



*Members of the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Regiment "The Old Guard" Fife and Drum Corps perform on Indian Field during the opening ceremony for the USAWC Class of 2009. This years event will be held on Aug. 7 at 5 p.m. on Indian Field. file photo.*

Aug. 3, 2009 -- The Opening Ceremony for the Army War College Class of 2010 is scheduled to take place Friday, Aug. 7 at 5 p.m. here on Indian Field.

The event features performances by the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Fife and Drum Corps, the U.S. Army Drill Team and the U.S. Army Band (Pershing's Own). **Rain will cancel the event.**

The Old Guard is the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the Army, serving the Nation since 1784. It serves as the Army's official ceremonial unit and escort to the President.

The U.S. Army War College Class of 2010 consists of 340 students, which include 199 Army (includes Reserve and Guard); 32 Air Force (includes Reserve and Guard); 14 Navy; 17 Marines (includes Reserve); and one Coast Guard Officer.

Twenty-seven civilians from the Department of the Army, the Defense Senior Leader Development Program, Department of State, National Security Agency, and Department of Homeland Security, are also in attendance, as well as 50 International Fellows, foreign officers from Albania, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, El Salvador, Finland, Georgia, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan,

Kazakhstan, Korea, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mali, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan (2), Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Congo, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Yemen.

The average military officer in the class has completed 21 years of service. More than 65 percent of the military student body has campaign experience in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and 32 percent in Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan).

Twenty-four students are Pennsylvania natives.

With the formal opening ceremony, the students begin a 10-month curriculum which prepares them to assume strategic leadership responsibilities, educates them on the development and employment of landpower in joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational environment; research and publish on national security and military strategy; and engage in activities that support the Army's strategic communication efforts.

The Class of 2010 will be in residence from August 2009 through graduation on June 12, 2010, when the students earn a USAWC diploma and Master of Strategic Studies degree. The USAWC is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.