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highlights of the Army War College year is the Opening Ceremony, featuring a drill team demonstration by the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Regiment, the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps traditional performance, and a concert by the U.S. Army Band - Pershing's Own. It will take place this year on Aug. 11 at 4 p.m.

Opportunities abound for new Army War College students and their families to learn more about their new community during a series of welcome events over the next few weeks. Check out the list below, the Banner Online at <http://www.armywarcollege.edu/banner>, the on-post digital signage and the Community Calendar at <http://public.carlisle.army.mil/sites/communitycalendar/default.aspx>

July 31 – Aug. 4 - Vacation Bible School at Post Chapel

One of the first opportunities for kids to get to know each other before the school year is the annual Vacation Bible School at the post chapel, which is set for July 21- Aug 4 this year. The program is aimed at children aged 4 through 6th grade. Kids can be registered at the post chapel at 455 Mara Circle. Volunteers are welcome for kids and teens 7th- 12th grade. For more information or to register call 245-4330.

Aug. 1- High School Welcome Jam

Informal, fun, and free for High School Teens in grades 9-12, scheduled for August 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. starting at the Splash Zone Pavilion and ending at the McConnell Youth Center. Find old friends and meet new ones through ice-breakers, group games, dancing, and food.

2- Middle School Welcome Jam

For school students in grades 6-8: scheduled for Aug. 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the McConnell Youth Center: free with ice-breakers, group games, dancing, and food.

2-3- HERD 100 Carlisle HS Freshman Orientation

Call the School Liaison Office as soon as possible, 245-4555 to register for limited available seats in this popular freshman orientation and ice-breaker

3- Elementary School Ice Cream Social

Ice cream and fun is the way for children in K-5th grade to enjoy their own 'ice' breaker: scheduled for Thursday, August 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the McConnell Youth Center.

4- Downtown Carlisle to host ‘Welcome Jam’ for new War College families as part of First Friday event

The Carlisle Community will unofficially welcome the Class of 2018 and their Families during a Restaurant Walk & Welcome Jam Aug. 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. There will be food tasting, live music, activities for the whole family and more. Area restaurants will have a priced fixed menu and specials as part of their “First Friday” events, which run during the summer. Families are encouraged to “check in” at the Downtown Carlisle Association tent on the square for a map of downtown and the opportunity win prizes good at local restaurants and

9- Welcome Expo is your key to community services, opportunities

The Welcome Expo is your incredible one-stop information fair to learn about on-post recreation; registration for

fitness classes, youth sports, Scouts, trips; AND downtown churches, restaurants, arts, retailers, community-based non-profits, 'deals' and more. In a very informal yet organized setting, students and spouses and kids will enjoy the extraordinary outlay of all that is available to you this year. Welcome Expo tables/ displays are in Thorpe Gym, the LVCC, and the connecting road

10- Local School Orientation

Held in the Army War College's Bliss Hall, a local school district orientation for parents will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Representatives from local school districts will be on hand to provide an introduction to their schools and answer questions from parents during breakout sessions.

11- Class of 2018 Convocation

The 10-month graduate-level program for the Class of '18 will officially begin with a convocation ceremony in Bliss Hall starting at 8 a.m.

11- Class of 2018 Opening Ceremony

Join your fellow students, staff and faculty of the Army War College and Carlisle Barracks for a memorable set of presentations: a drill team demonstration by the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Regiment, the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps traditional performance, and a concert by the U.S. Army Band - Pershing's Own.

11- Welcome Picnic and Boatyard Wars

Immediately following the Opening Ceremony, the Welcome Picnic and Boatyard Wars is a family-friendly event for Army War College students and their families to get to know each other and engage in friendly competition. A rain-or-shine event held at the pavilion behind the Letort View Community Center, features a BBQ buffet, a "kids corner" featuring a bounce house, coloring contest and more. For more information visit www.carlisleemwr.com



18- "Jim Thorpe All American" featured at outdoor film night

Bring your lawn chairs and coolers for a free outdoor movie featuring one of the most decorated athletes in American history and former Carlisle Indian Industrial School student Jim Thorpe on Indian Field. "Gates" open

at 7 p.m., with the movie starting around 8:15 p.m. (or dusk). All attendees will receive free candy and popcorn and other snacks will be available. The movie serves as the kick-off to the Strategic Art Film Program, which runs throughout the academic year.

21- First day of school, Carlisle School District

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