

Welcome to Graduation, Class of 2017 -- OUTDOORS at paradefield - LIVE at armywarcollege.edu/live

Welcome to the Class of 2017 Graduation - July 28 - to be held OUTDOORS at paradefield

CARLISLE BARRACKS, Pa. (July 19, 2017) –The graduation ceremony of the U.S. Army War College Distance Class of 2017 is scheduled on Friday, July 28 at 9 a.m. at the Wheelock Bandstand on the historic parade grounds of Carlisle Barracks. This year's graduating class consists of 336 Army officers, 4 Navy, 3 Air Force, 10 Marines, 27 Civilians, and 5 International Fellows from 5 different countries.



All
family

members and friends are welcome to attend and watch our graduation ceremony. Those unable to

attend, can view the entire ceremony live, 9 – 10:30 a.m. at <http://armywarcollege.edu/live>.

For those who are able to join us, the following details will help you plan your visit.

In case of weather-related change for the graduation site: check this site, or www.facebook.com/usawc or call 717.245.3700 for updates.

- Students must be in seats by 8:30, so you'll want to plan to arrive with them or at about that time. Before the ceremony begins, you can listen to a pre-event performance by the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Band, and watch our faculty member procession.

- A shuttle will run between 7:30 to 8:45 a.m., (and following the ceremony) between the parking areas and the parade ground.

- If you are driving yourself, enter Carlisle Barracks at the visitor's entrance, Claremont Gate. For GPS navigation, please use the address: 870 Jim Thorpe Rd., Carlisle, PA 17013, follow the signs to the vehicle access point, and then follow Special Event signs. Security police and parking attendants will assist you.

- Those with disabilities or unable to walk distances will find seating at "Quarters Two." Parking attendants will direct the driver to the handicapped lot.

- Shortly after the ceremony starts at 9 a.m., Pa. Army National Guard 108th Field Artillery will fire cannon on Indian Field in an honorary salute.

- Bags are subject to security checks at entry to the parade field.

- After the speakers, every student will cross the stage – and professional photos of every student will be available at www.flickr.com/photos/usawc by the end of the day, July 28. Guests are welcome to take photos throughout the ceremony, as well, and a photo area near the stage is available for family/friends' photo-taking.

A highlight video of the ceremony will be available at: www.youtube.com/usarmywarcollege shortly following the ceremony.

- Restrooms for spectators will be located in the Thorpe Gym, and porta johns will be situated at the rear of the ceremony site.

- Please remember, there's no smoking, no selfie sticks, backpacks nor coolers at the ceremony. Water is provided on site.

- We recommend hats and sun screen.

- Dunham Clinic will be open on Thursday, July 27 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for patient care and closed July 28 from 7:30 am to 1 p.m. (including the pharmacy), reopening at 1 p.m. and closing at 4:30

p.m.

- The uniform for those graduating will be service dress uniform or equivalent with no head gear for military and business attire for civilians. Faculty will wear academic regalia, service dress uniform or business attire. A final weather and jacket call will be made at 7 a.m. on July 28.
- The inclement Weather Location will be inside Bliss Hall Auditorium for students only. Closed circuit viewing will be provided for guests in the seminar rooms and other venues throughout the Army War College.
- During the ceremony Lovell Avenue, Guardhouse Lane, and Garrison Lane will be closed to traffic with the exception of emergency vehicles.
- 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.
- Graduates will pick up their diplomas at the Letort View Community Center immediately following the ceremony. Graduates and their families can also pre-register before July 24, for a brunch to be held in the Letort View Community Center.
- Liberal leave is encouraged for personnel of the Army War College in order to maximize parking, pending supervisor approval.
- VIPs will move to the intersection of Ashburn and Lovell to be directed into one of the VIP lots. 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.
- Faculty and Staff who work in Anne Ely, or normally park in the Anne Ely parking lot, are asked to park in DES or Chapel lots.