

CHANGE TO GRADUATION TIME - Now at 0845 TODAY for U.S Army War College Resident Class of 2020

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This parade field has witnessed 250+ years of activity -- but this will be the first socially-distanced graduation on the grounds of the Army installation, established by the British in 1757.

GEN Paul M. Nakasone, Cdr USCYBERCOMMAND and Director NSA will offer remarks to the USAWC Class of 2020 at a private ceremony June 5 to celebrate achievements, earning the USAWC diploma, the master's degree in Strategic Studies, and the Joint Profess

NEW TIME is 0845 for the graduation ceremony of the Army War College

RESIDENT CLASS OF 2020, Friday, June 5.

The ceremony is not open to the public. The live stream will be available for everyone's viewing at www.armywarcollege.edu/live.

Graduates include 224 U.S. Army officers, 25 Air Force, 8 Navy, 17 Marines, 1 Coast Guard officer, 22 senior federal civilians, and 70 international officers.

The ceremony will include formal remarks from both Commandant Maj. Gen. John Kem and graduation speaker GEN Paul M. Nakasone.

General Paul M. Nakasone assumed his present duties as Commander, [U.S. Cyber Command](#) and Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service in May 2018. He previously commanded U.S. Army Cyber Command from October 2016 - April 2018. Nakasone has held command and staff positions across all levels of the Army with assignments in the United States, the Republic of Korea, Iraq, and Afghanistan. He has served in Joint and Army assignments in the United States, the Republic of Korea, Iraq, and Afghanistan. His most recent overseas posting was as the Director of Intelligence, J2, International Security Assistance Force Joint Command in Kabul, Afghanistan.

A native of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, Nakasone is a graduate of Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, where he received his commission through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, the Command and General Staff College, and Defense Intelligence College. He holds graduate degrees from the U.S. Army War College, the National Defense Intelligence College, and the University of Southern California.

Health security measures

Thanks to the expanse of the historic parade ground, the student body will be seated at 6-foot intervals in front of the Wheelock Bandstand, the traditional landmark for graduation ceremonies through decades. In a departure from the past, students will arrive and depart in masks, and they will pass in front of the bandstand in a symbolic nod to the conferring of diplomas. The official party on the bandstand will be reduced, there will be no faculty processional. Student stage photos will be taken by the official photographer only, and each student is authorized to invite one guest for a wide-flung seating arrangement that duplicates the students' six-foot intervals.

Celebrate with students - remotely

Each student will be recognized for the achievement of completing the Army War College's master's degree program in Strategic Studies, earning as well a USAWC diploma and Joint Professional Military Education-Level 2 certification -- as well as for the future contributions that they will make to the security of their countries. The ceremony will honor those students who earned special writing honors, and faculty who have earned honors in teaching excellence, innovation and scholarship.

Family and friends can enjoy the best seats in the house with respect to viewing:the ceremony will be livestreamed as of 9 a.m. at www.armywarcollege.edu/live.

Quick links from www.armywarcollege.edu will bring viewers to the full recorded video and a highlights video available, soon after the ceremony, at www.youtube.com/usarmywarcollege -- and to a large cache of graduation photos available that day at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/usawc/>. Every student's image will be captured in at least two 'stage' photos, as well as candid photos of the students and ceremony.

Students will pick up diplomas and unframed degrees at the Root Hall Room B21 Registrar's Office from 8 am to 4 pm according to the schedule below. Makeup day is June 4 or 5, whichever is not the graduation date. Students will coordinate directly with Barracks Crossing to pick up framed degrees, if ordered.

Mon, Jun 1 - seminars 1 - 8

Tue, Jun 2 - seminars 9 - 16

Wed, Jun 3 - seminars 17 - 25