

## U.S. Army's 245th Birthday

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Locally --

At the site of the new Army War College academic building, USAWC leaders and community leaders will gather to celebrate 245 years past -- and generations of the future -- at a ground breaking ceremony, at the new building site which will be adjacent to Collins Hall -- enhancing the collaboration and innovative learning among students, faculty, researchers, wargamers, and experts in emerging issues.

At the Army Heritage and Education Center, Maj. Gen. John Kem officiates

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the oath of enlistment for 30 Future Soldiers, Friday, June 12 at noon.

Friday, June 12, from 10 to 10:32a.m., watch the Virtual National Commissioning ceremony from the Pentagon. Cadets and new Second Lieutenants will take the Oath of Office administered by the Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Ryan D. McCarthy. See links for the right of this article.

During the Army Birthday observance, the Army focuses on its people and their accomplishments. This year, the tagline is, *America's Army: When We are Needed, We are There*. It not provides an overarching framework to champion stories of bravery, patriotism and legacy of service, and serves as a reassuring promise during this current national health crisis.

Since its establishment, the Army has played a vital role in the defense and protection of America.

The Army remains committed to upholding the Army Values, serving with honor and making a difference in communities throughout the nation. Through the Army's steadfast dedication to the mission and its core values, the Army safeguards the hard-earned trust and confidence of the American public.

The Army is America's first national institution. It was established before the Declaration of Independence was signed and before the Continental Congress approved the design for the first U.S. flag. There is a deep and powerful bond between the Army, the flag and the nation.