

2018 Graduation Plaque dedication brings War College students back to witness

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2018 Army War College graduates gather around their plaque at the end of the dedication ceremony outside Root Hall.



Col. Scott Mower, the resident 2018 class president, addresses the audience at their plaque dedication ceremony outside of Root Hall.



The distance class of 2018 president Col. Cindy Saladin-Muhammed shared thoughts about seeing their names on the War College walls with so many great military leaders. She addressed the current students who gathered with graduates of 2018 during the

Their names are on the wall, alongside the greatest military leaders. Today, the names of the Class of 2018 joined the long bronze line of graduation plaques displayed on the outer walls of the Army War College's Root Hall: Eisenhower, Patton, Saladin-Muhammad, Mower.

The presidents of the Army War College class of 2018 resident and distance education programs were on hand today as they dedicated their class plaque to honor their fellow graduates. The ceremony at the outdoor plaque site attracted not only current students and faculty, but 22 members of the Class of 2018 in from DC, Texas, and Kansas, among others.

"This ceremony honors all those graduates of the class of 2018, resident program, distance education program; our international fellows and senior service college fellows," said Provost Dr. Jim Breckenridge who acted as the master of ceremonies

Col. Scott Mower, commander of Munson Army Health Center, Fort

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Leavenworth, KS, represented the resident class. “Our class like those before worked together as a team in our seminar groups, our elective courses, and our Root Hall gatherings to cross the graduation finish line and join the next generation of strategic thinkers,” he said.

“I believe it’s not necessarily a bad thing that our class did not distinctively differ from others. I find comfort in knowing we enjoyed and sometimes had to endure the same traditional experiences of past year Army War College students,” said Col. Mower. “This shared experience has served to strengthen the personal bonds between all of us who have worked, taught, or have been educated within the walls of this phenomenal institution.”

Representing the distance education class was Col. Cindy Saladin-Muhammad, Commander 94th Combat Support Hospital, Seagoville, Texas. “As a graduate of the distance program, I can honestly say, this is one of the most challenging, yet rewarding, experiences of my military career,” she said.

“I was honored and humbled every time I walked these corridors as a student of the War College, often awestruck at the mention of notable graduates such as Eisenhower, Bradley, and Patton. That feeling has not left me as I return to this dedication today,” said Saladin-Muhammad.

“As I see my name on the walls that house the greatest names of military leaders of our time, I am inspired by the words of another strategic leader – my mom. She was an educator who often said to me ‘if you can see it, you can be it.’ For those whose names are now on that wall, congratulations for ‘seeing it,’” she said.