

## USAWC Class of 2018 Resident Graduation; What You Need to Know

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**CARLISLE, Pa. (May 10, 2018)** – The graduation ceremony of the Army War College Resident Class of 2018 is scheduled for Friday, June 8, at 9 a.m. at the Wheelock Bandstand on Carlisle Barracks historic parade ground. This year's graduating class consists of 220 Army officers, 6 Navy, 26 Air Force, 17 Marines, 1 Coast Guard, 29 Civilians, and 79 International Fellows from 76 countries.

All family members and friends are welcome to attend and watch our graduation ceremony. For those unable to attend, the whole ceremony can be viewed live, 9-10:30 a.m. at <http://armywarcollege.edu/live>.

For family members and friends who are able to join us, these details will help you plan your visit. For additional and updated information please continue to check our webpage at <http://armywarcollege.edu>, or please follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/usawc](http://www.facebook.com/usawc).

## **Graduates and families**

Students must be in seats by 8:30 a.m., so plan to arrive with them or at about that time. Before the ceremony begins, you can listen to a pre-event performance by the 78th Army Band from Fort Dix, New Jersey, and watch our faculty member procession.

A shuttle will be running between 7:30-8:45 a.m., (and following the ceremony) between the parking areas and the parade ground. All residents are asked to leave their vehicles and their guest's vehicles at their quarters and ride the shuttle bus, unless they require handicap parking. 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.

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.

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

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

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

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. The ceremony will be lived streamed at [www.armywarcollege.edu/live](http://www.armywarcollege.edu/live) so family and friends may watch from any location.

Graduates will pick up their diplomas at the Letort View Community Center immediately following the ceremony. Graduates and their families can also pre-register at, 717-245-4329, for a brunch to be held in the Letort View

## **Employees, residents, parking and planning**

Residents on Garrison Lane are asked to park their cars in garages, if possible.

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.

In order to support the safe and orderly flow of traffic to the handicap drop-off point at the Deputy Commandant's quarters, Garrison Lane from Ashburn Drive to Guardhouse Lane will become a one-way street 7 a.m. to noon.

Dunham Clinic will be open on Thursday, June 7 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for patient care and closed June 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (including the pharmacy), reopening at 1 p.m. and closing at 4:30 p.m.

Liberal leave is encouraged for personnel of the Army War College not involved in the graduation ceremony in order to maximize parking, pending supervisor approval.

## **Uniform and what to expect**

The uniform for those graduating will be service dress uniform or equivalent with no head gear for military and business attire for civilians.

A weather call will be made no later than 7 a.m.

Please remember, there's no smoking, no selfie sticks, backpacks, coolers, or pets at the ceremony. Water is provided on site.

We recommend hats and sun screen.

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

Shortly after the start of the ceremony at 9 a.m., The Pennsylvania Army National Guard 108th Field Artillery will fire cannons on Indian Field in an honorary salute.

Caleigh Crisafulli, daughter of a resident student John Crisafulli, will sing the national anthem.

After the commencement address, every student will cross the stage – and professional photos of every students will be available at [www.flickr.com/photos/usawc](http://www.flickr.com/photos/usawc) by the end of the day, June 8. 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](http://www.youtube.com/usarmywarcollege) shortly after graduation.

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