

## Yes! IT'S ON -- Class of 2022 Family Welcome Picnic & Boatyard Wars, Friday, 6 pm

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*the Old Guard stands ready for review during a opening ceremony at the Army War College*

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**Class of 2022 Family Welcome Picnic and Boatyard Wars team-building event will take place today at 6 p.m.**

**[Weather has cancelled the Opening Ceremony with the "Old Guard" today.]**

Convocation is held each August to recognize the outstanding contributions of the Army War College faculty. The formal event in Bliss Hall, Aug. 13. Provost Dr. Jim Breckenridge will honor faculty who have earned awards for excellence in teaching, service, and scholarship. These include: Dr. John Bonin; Prof Al Bourque; Dr. Kevin Weddle; Prof. Gregory D. Hillebrand; Dr. G.K. Cunningham, and Dr. Richard Lacquement to name a few.

Opening Ceremony will feature a multi-part presentation by the Old Guard at Indian Field, Aug 13 also at 4 p.m. it is open to the public and will be live stream at [armywarcollege.edu](http://armywarcollege.edu) click on events. The Old Guard will be represented by the US Army 3rd Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Fife and Drum Corps, the U.S. Army Drill Team, the U.S. Army Band (Pershing's Own), and a Retreat Ceremony.

"The Old Guard," is the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the Army, serving our nation since 1784. The Old Guard is the Army's official ceremonial unit and escort to the president, and it also provides security for Washington, D.C., in time of national emergency or civil disturbance.

The Ceremony will begin with the Old Guard Honor Platoons marching onto the field and the Armed Forces Color Guard. After the "Presentation of the Command" and "Sound Off," Retreat is conducted. Following Retreat, the Reviewing Party, consisting of the Class President and Senior International Fellow, will inspect the troops. The troops will "Pass in Review" to complete the ceremony.

In the event of inclement weather, the Opening Ceremony will be cancelled. Check this space and/or [facebook.com/usawc](https://www.facebook.com/usawc) for any weather-associated change.

The incoming resident class is comprised of 224 Army personnel made up from active, reserve and national Guard, 26 Air Force, 10 Navy, 15 Marines our traditional member of the U.S. Coast Guard and 80 international fellows for a grand total of 380 students.