

## Deputy chief of staff, G2 to speak at this year's Army War College Graduation Ceremony

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*Maryland National Guard Col. Rose Forrest gathers with other DDE students as they wait for their class picture*

The entire ceremony will be live-streamed beginning at 9 a.m.

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Friday

The graduation of the class of 2021 will take place Friday, July 23, at 9 a.m. on the historic parade field of Carlisle barracks. Lt. Gen. Laura A. Potter will address the 382 students, including 306 U.S. Army officers, 24 Air Force, 4 Navy, 9 Marines, 32 senior federal civilians, and 7 international officers.

All are invited to view the entire ceremony as it is streamed live at [www.armywarcollege.edu/live](http://www.armywarcollege.edu/live), starting at 9 a.m. The ceremony is closed to the public, with the attendance limited to graduating students, their guests,

and faculty.

Students will be recognized for having earned the Master's degree in Strategic Studies, 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 recognize those students who earned special writing honors and faculty who have earned honors in teaching excellence.

At approximately 9 a.m., the 108th Field Artillery from the Pa. Army National Guard will fire an honorary artillery salute. Ceremonial music will be provided by the Carlisle Town Band, and War College Professor Bert Tussing will sing the National Anthem.

Shortly after the ceremony, official photos of every graduate will be posted to <https://www.flickr.com/photos/usawc/albums> Watch this space for the graduation news article and links to videos at [www.youtube.com/usarmywarcollege](http://www.youtube.com/usarmywarcollege).

Lt. Gen. Potter became the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2, in Sept. 2020. She is also a 1989 graduate of Dickinson College. Potter's most recent assignment was as the commanding general of the United States Army Intelligence Center of Excellence. She holds bachelor's degrees in Russian and Spanish from Dickinson College, a master's degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, Center for Eurasian, Russian, and East European Studies, and a master's in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College.

COVID-19 safety measures include the following:

- Photos will be taken by official USAWC photographers, to be shared online; there will be no family photo area
- Half the normal seating, guiding the invitation-only guest policy
- Fully vaccinated persons are not required to mask; by installation policy, unvaccinated personnel must wear a mask.
- Reduced official party on the Wheelock Bandstand.
- Students will pick up diplomas according to schedule at the Root Hall Room B21 Registrar's Office. (Makeup day is July 22.) Students will coordinate directly with Barracks Crossing to pick up framed degrees if ordered.

- o Seminars 1 – 6, 8, and 9 - Mon, Jul 19 0800-1600
- o Seminars 7, 10 – 16 - Tue, Jul 20 0800-1600
- o Seminars 17 – 25 - Wed, Jul 21 0800-1600

Guidance for students and invited guests –

- Students will be in seats for roll call at 8:30 a.m.

- Enter Carlisle Barracks at the Claremont Road Visitor Gate @ 870 Jim Thorpe Road, Carlisle 17013 (DoD ID cardholders, only, can use the Route 11 gate)
- Special Event signs and security police will direct drivers to parking lots.
- A shuttle service will rotate through parking lots from 7 to 9 a.m. and again following the ceremony. On-base residents are encouraged to use the shuttle.
- Parking attendants will direct drivers to handicapped parking, and disability seating is available at Quarters 2.
- Water will be provided. No coolers please

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A shuttle will be rotating between 7 to 9 a.m. (and following the ceremony) between the parking areas on post and the parade ground. Students who live on base are encouraged to park at home and use the shuttle bus.

If you are driving yourself, 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.

Quick links from [www.armywarcollege.edu](http://www.armywarcollege.edu) will bring viewers to the entire recorded video and a highlights video available, soon after the ceremony, at [www.youtube.com/usarmywarcollege](http://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.