

## The Army War College celebrates the Army's 247th birthday on June 14 - with 3 special local events

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*Pictured with Maj. Gen. David Hill are (left to right) Pvt. Samantha E. Moylan, Sawyer Stinchfield, Brooke Stinchfield, Chaplain (Col.) Renee R. Kiel and Cody Baker.*

The Army War College celebrated the U.S. Army Birthday on June 14, as we remember its establishment in 1775. Hosted by Army War College Commandant Maj. Gen. David Hill and Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Flom, due to the inclement weather the birthday fun run was cancelled and the ceremony moved into Bliss Hall.

the Ceremony started with a brief presentation by the Commandant of the War College Maj. Gen. David Hill then followed the Army Birthday cake cutting.

"I am proud to be with you here today on this Army Birthday," said the Commandant. "I can think of a better place to celebrate the Army Birthday than right here on the Army's second oldest post. We were established in 1776 and since our inception and thru to today have had the mission to educate and train Soldiers and leaders in that Army that has had to defend

our great Nation," he said.

The cake cutting featuring the time-honored tradition of the youngest Soldier and the oldest Soldier cutting the cake with swords. The Commandant was joined by the youngest Soldier on Carlisle Barracks, Private Samantha E. Moylan, from Dunham Army Health Clinic and the oldest Soldier, Chaplain Renee R. Kiel from the Army War College to cut the cake. Continuing Carlisle Barracks Tradition, the Commandant was also be joined by a cross section of our Army Family. Carlisle Barracks Child Sawyer Stinchfield, Carlisle Barracks Spouse, Brooke Stinchfield and US Army Garrison Department of the Army Civilian Employee, Mr. Cody Baker.

Two additional events celebrate the Army's length of service to the nation -- saluting the nation's newest Soldiers and one from the earliest days of the nation.

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Appropriate to the Army Birthday celebration of Defending America 247, New Soldiers will take the Oath of Office for service in the United States Army.

You're welcome to congratulate the nation's 7 newest Soldiers -- Tuesday, 14 June at 10:30 a.m. in a brief, meaningful ceremony at the Army Heritage & Education Center campus 950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013 for the administration of the Oath of Office to the US Army newest Soldiers.

COL Lance Oskey, Chief of Staff of the US Army War College will offer brief remarks to mark the occasion. CPT Gabriel A. Gaskins of the U.S. Army Recruiting Company Commander, Carlisle, will administer the Oath of Enlistment following COL Oskey's remarks.

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AT the Old Carlisle Cemetery -- Tuesday, June 14 at 10 a.m. -- community members will gather to honor Col. William Thompson, first Colonel in the U.S. Continental Army.

A true Citizen-Soldier, Thompson was an immigrant from Ireland, and made his home in Carlisle. He fought in the French-Indian War ... operated a frontier trading post serving Fort Pitt ... returned to this area to farm in Middleton Township ... and operated an iron furnace ... and served as a

justice of the peace AND representative in the 1<sup>st</sup> a. General Assembly  
1771-75. He fought for Independence in the Continental Army .. and died  
in Carlisle, 1781 to be buried at Old Carlisle Cemetery.

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Older than the nation it defends, the U.S. Army has played a vital role in the history of America and the defense of our democratic values. The Army's soldiers have contributed to national security in peace and war as well as the development of the United States for 247 years.

The 247th Birthday Theme is "Defending America 24/7," focuses on service to our nation and a relentless commitment to upholding an Always Ready force with unsurpassed capabilities.

Approximately 121,000 U.S. Soldiers are currently deployed in 140 different countries around the world.

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