

## The Carlisle Experience awaits the class of 2023

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*Opening ceremony for the class of 2023 will include the Drum a Fife Corps, the Army drill team and Pershing's own Army band. File photo*

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Congratulations to the U.S. Army War College's class of 2023 students and families who have arrived or on their way.

To make student and family transition to the Carlisle Barracks community as easy as possible, visit our welcome to the class of 2023 site at: The Carlisle Experience ([armywarcollege.edu](http://armywarcollege.edu)), where you will find information broken down into six headings – the student experience, preparing to arrive and arrival, housing and services, family choices and regional information.

Each heading contains relevant information to make your Carlisle experience rewarding for the student, spouse, and children. Questions such as - what is a seminar like, what schools are in the area, where do I live, fitness programs, youth sports, and where to explore in Pennsylvania?

The Opening Ceremony highlights the first day of the school year. The

event held on Horpe Field on Aug. 8 at 11 a.m. is an rousing event for the whole family that features the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, the Army Drill Team, and the Army Band in a ceremony that reflects the significance of the student year at the Army's center for strategic thought. This event is open to the public.

The student body represents the diversity of the national security environment at the strategy level – joint, interagency, and multinational. The resident body of approximately 380 students includes 228 Army, 26 Air Force, 16 Marine, 9 Navy, and 1 Coast Guard officer at the colonel/lieutenant colonel level. Additionally, the student body includes 30 senior federal leaders and managers in national security and 76 senior foreign officers from allied and partner nations around the world.

Foreign officers are “International Fellows,” recognizing their contributions to regional and cultural perspectives. IF and civilian students integrate into each AWC seminar. The International Fellows year begins several weeks before the academic year, with orientation to the U.S. and regional culture, history, government, industry, agriculture, and more.

Carlisle Barracks is a dynamic center of services and activities -- surrounded by vibrant communities nested in the heart of the Cumberland Valley. At your fingertips, here is a guide to services and resources on the Carlisle Barracks post, excellent schools in the local area, and helpful Pennsylvania references to guide you.