

## What you need to know - DDE graduation 2023

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The keynote speaker for this year's graduation is author Mrs. Susan Eisenhower, Eisenhower is also the granddaughter of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Everyone is welcome to attend the ceremony. Enter Carlisle Barracks at 870 Jim Thorpe Rd, Carlisle 17013. Recommend arrival no later than 8:30 a.m. See planning details below.

If you can't attend, you can watch it live, online, at <https://www.armywarcollege.edu/live>

Graduate students must be in seats by 8:00 a.m.; for family and guests, seating is first come first serve and should plan to arrive at approximately the same time.

A weather call will be made no later than 7 a.m. the day of graduation.

### **Before the ceremony**

Enter Carlisle Barracks at Claremont Visitors Gate and follow Special Event signs to parking.

An on-base shuttle, 7:30 - 8:45 a.m., will move guests from parking areas to parade ground. The shuttle will run after the ceremony to return you to your vehicles for 30 min. after the ceremony ends.

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 the entry to the parade field. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in Bliss Hall Auditorium which seats students only. All guests will be able to watch on large screen TVs in seminar rooms and other selected rooms; students will guide guests to the assigned location. The ceremony will be live streamed at [www.armywarcollege.edu/live](http://www.armywarcollege.edu/live) so family and friends may watch from any location.

Following graduation, the Root Hall Alumni Gift Shop will remain open until 4 p.m.

### **Uniform and what to expect**

The uniform for those graduating will be service dress uniform or equivalent with no headgear for military. -- business attire for civilians.

Water will be provided on site, and sunscreen and/or hats are recommended for the sunny location.

Please remember, there's no smoking, no selfie sticks, backpacks, coolers, or pets at the ceremony.

Restrooms for guests are in the Thorpe Gym, located to the North of the bandstand; 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.

Once the commencement speaker's address is complete, every student will cross the stage – and professional photos of every student will be available at [www.flickr.com/photos/usawc](http://www.flickr.com/photos/usawc) by Wednesday Aug. 3rd. Guests are welcome to take pictures throughout the ceremony but are asked to remain in the guest seating area. Following the ceremony graduates and guests are welcome to move to the bandstand to take additional photos.

Find same-day video of the speakers remarks posted at [www.youtube.com/usarmywarcollege](http://www.youtube.com/usarmywarcollege). The full ceremony video will be on YouTube by Monday, 31 July.

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

Dunham Clinic will be open on Thursday, July 27, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for patient care and closed July 28 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (including the pharmacy), reopening at 1 p.m. and closing at 4:30 p.m.

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

Faculty and Staff who work in Anne Ely, or usually park there are asked to park in DES or Chapel lots.

Garrison Lane from Ashburn Drive to Guardhouse Lane will become a one-way street 7 a.m. to noon. To accommodate dropping those guests planning to use quarters two drop off.