

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

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GRADUATION AT THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY CLASS of 2013

The United States Military Academy Class of 2013 will graduate and be commissioned on 25 May 2013. Those graduating this Saturday represent approximately 78% of the cadets who entered West Point almost four years ago.

The Secretary of Defense, Chuck Hagel is the graduation speaker and the Chief of Staff of the Army Raymond “Ray” Odierno is the graduation banquet speaker.

There are 1,007 cadets that will receive their diplomas this Saturday. Among them will be 15 foreign nationals. The class also includes 137 women, 55 African Americans, 70 Asian/Pacific Islanders, 95 Hispanics and 5 Native Americans. There are 133 members of the class that attended the United States Military Academy Preparatory School (110 men and 23 women). This class also has 12 combat veterans (11 men and 1 woman).

The 15 foreign national cadets represent Colombia, Georgia, Honduras, Latvia, Lebanon, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Taiwan, Thailand and Tunisia. They will return to those nations for service.

Almost all of the graduating cadets will be commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Army. However, one cadet will be commissioned in the Marines and one in the Navy.

The Class of 2013 has 85 cadets who are sons or daughters of U.S. Military Academy graduates. Ten of these cadets have both a father and mother that are graduates.

The Class Motto is *“Defending the Dream”*.

The First Captain is Cadet Brandon Whittington, El Paso, Texas.

The Class President is Cadet Timothy Bryant Berry II, Waxhaw, North Carolina.

The highest cumulative Academic Quality Point Average (Valedictorian) was earned by Cadet Adam J. Leemans, Port Byron, Illinois.

The highest cumulative Cadet Performance Score (overall) was earned by Cadet Adam J. Leemans, Port Byron, Illinois

The highest cumulative Military Program Score was earned by Cadet Bill E. Owens, Cass, West Virginia.

The highest cumulative Physical Program Score was earned by Cadet Adam J. Leemans, Port Byron, Illinois.

The scholarship winners for this graduating class are:

Name	Award	City, State
Justin R. Adkins	Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship	Arlington, TX
Antonia L. Allen	GEM Masters Fellowship	El Paso, TX
Duncan T. Aylor	East-West Scholarship	Lakeside, MT
Steven A. Burroughs	Fulbright Scholarship	Dublin, OH
Brandon R. Clumpner	Navy Post Graduate	Irvine, CA
Nathan B. Combs	Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship	New Albany, IN
Robert F. Delaney	East-West Scholarship	Grayslake, IL
Matthew G. Gallup	St. Andrews Society	Temple, TX
Kiley F. Hunkler	Rhodes Scholarship	St. Louis, MO
Adam J. Leemans	Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship	Port Byron, IL
Hamid I. Nasir	Fulbright Scholarship, Truman Scholarship	Anchorage, AK
Evan R. Szablowski	Rhodes Scholarship	Bakersfield, CA
Paul N. Tindall	Fulbright Scholarship	Fallbrook, CA
Sean V. Toal	Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship	Flushing, MI

This year, there are 54 Superintendent’s Award for Excellence recipients (cadets who are in the top 5% of the class based on the Cadet Award Score (CAS)), and 156 Superintendent’s Award for Achievement recipients (next 15% of the class based on CAS). There are also 143 Gold Star recipients (cadets who achieved a Year or Cumulative Academic Grade Point Average of 3.67 or higher).

There are 40 members of the class that earned recognition as Honor Graduates. This award reflects overall excellence in cadet performance – academic, military, and physical. Those honored will graduate in the order of their Cadet Performance Rank within the class. All other cadets, with the exception of the First Captain and Athletic Association award winners, will graduate in alphabetical order within their companies.

Of the Honor Graduates, 5% are female. Females are also 19% of the Superintendent’s Award Winners for Excellence, 12% of the Superintendent’s Award Winners for Achievement, and 13% of the Gold Star winners. Women make up 14% of the graduating class.

The top ten Honor Graduates are:

Adam J. Leemans	Port Byron, IL
Christopher A. Bolin	Orlando, FL
Drew A. Long	Newton, IA
Paul M. Johnson	Dublin, OH
Thomas R. Ott, II	Coopersburg, PA
Benjamin D. Garlick	Great Lakes, IL
Ryan S. Leets	Kentwood, MI
David D. Covell	Wauwatosa, WI
Orlando B. Sonza, Jr.	Union, NJ
Brendan T. Buckley	Massapequa Park, NY

The Class of 2013 will serve in the following branches of the active Army following graduation this Saturday:

<u>Branch</u>	<u># Men</u>	<u># Women</u>
Infantry	237	0
Armor	89	0
Field Artillery	134	6
Air Defense Artillery	31	5
Aviation	107	7
Engineer	103	17
Signal Corps	27	8
Military Police	9	11
Military Intelligence	30	8
Adjutant General's Corps	4	24
Finance	5	1
Chemical	6	4
Transportation	12	12
Ordnance	22	9
Quartermaster	13	15
Medical Service	13	7
Medical School	11	2
Interservice Transfers	2	0

This year's graduating class has 343 (35%) graduates that have committed to additional service obligations and thereby gained significant control over key aspects of their careers. Through their dedication to service in the Regular Army, these officers secured either the branch of their choice, their initial permanent duty station of choice, or the guaranteed option to further their intellectual development by attending a fully-funded, full-time graduate degree program at an institution of their choosing.

The Class of 2013 has cadets graduating from all 50 states. The top 4 are California (82), Texas (76), New York (64), and Virginia (56). The states (or territories) of Delaware, District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico have only 1 or 2 graduating this year.

This is West Point's 215th graduating class and the 34th class to graduate women. (There were no classes that graduated in 1810 or 1816 and there were 2 graduating classes each in 1861, 1917, 1918, 1922, and 1943).