

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
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**GRADUATION AT THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY
CLASS of 2018**

The U.S. Military Academy Class of 2018 will graduate and be commissioned May 26, 2018. Those graduating today represent approximately 78 percent of the cadets who entered West Point almost four years ago.

Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., the 19th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is the graduation speaker for the Class of 2018.

There are 972 cadets expected to receive their diplomas today. Among them will be 11 international cadets. The class also includes 193 women, 105 African-Americans, 80 Asian/Pacific Islanders, 78 Hispanics and 16 Native Americans. There are 152 members of the class who attended the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School (126 men and 26 women). This class also includes 12 combat veterans (12 men).

The 11 international cadets, who represent Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, South Korea, Mongolia, Nigeria, Georgia, Bulgaria and Pakistan, 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, 4 cadets will be commissioned in the Air Force, 1 cadet will be commissioned in the Marines, and 2 cadets will be commissioned in the Navy.

The Class of 2018 has 92 cadets who are sons or daughters of West Point graduates. Seventeen of these cadets have parents who are both graduates.

The Class Motto is "*With Strength We Lead.*"

The First Captain is Cadet Simone Askew, Fairfax, VA.

The Class President is Cadet Marcos Arroyo, Orlando, Florida.

The highest cumulative Academic Quality Point Average (Valedictorian) was earned by Cadet Joy E. Schaeffer, Strongsville Ohio.

The highest cumulative Cadet Performance Score (overall) was earned by Cadet Joy E. Schaeffer, the highest cumulative Military Program Score was earned by Cadet Shawna T. Moore, and the highest cumulative Physical Program Score was earned by Cadet Kian D. Geraghty.

The scholarship recipients are:

Name	Award	City, State
SEAN F. O'BRIEN	Anna Sobol Levy Fellowship	NIAGARA FALLS, NY
SCOTT A. BUCHANAN	Anna Sobol Levy Fellowship	LAKE COMO, NJ
LEXIE N. JOHNSON	Anna Sobol Levy Fellowship	BUCYRUS, KS
LOGAN P. LEAHY	Draper Lab Fellowship	MAINEVILLE, OH
SAMUEL J. MILLER	Draper Lab Fellowship	TAMPA, FL
AARON P. SCHLENKER	Draper Lab Fellowship	LENHARTSVILLE, PA
CAROLYN M. KEHN	Fulbright Scholars	BRIGHTON, MI
ISAIAH L. VALDEZ	Fulbright Scholars	AZTEC, NM
MIRANDA L. BASS	Fulbright Scholars	NEW YORK CITY, NY
WILLIAM A. WENIK	Fulbright Scholars	SHORT HILLS, NJ
ULYSSES Z. MCGUINNESS	Fulbright Scholars	TUCKAHOE, NY
ANDRES C. ALEJOS	GEM Fellowship	INDIANAPOLIS, IN
JADON J. LONG	GEM Fellowship	HAHIRA, GA
JUSTIN M. ALEXANDER	GEM Fellowship	WINDSOR, CT
JOY E. SCHAEFFER	Marshall Scholars	STRONGSVILLE, OH
GARRETT K. SIMON	MIT Lincoln Labs Fellowship	CHESAPEAKE, VA
CONNOR P. MULLEN	MIT Lincoln Labs Fellowship	BEDFORD HILLS, NY
NOAH J. DEMOES	MIT Lincoln Labs Fellowship	BAKERSFIELD, CA
DANIEL W. PROVAZNIK	MIT Lincoln Labs Fellowship	FORT COLLINS, CO
KYLE FAUERBACH	MIT Lincoln Labs Fellowship	FORT MYERS, FL
NOLAN R. HEDGLIN	MIT Lincoln Labs Fellowship	CHARLOTTE, NC
JOHN M. STOCKDALE	MIT Lincoln Labs Fellowship	GLEN ALLEN, VA
NOAH W. SIEGEL	MIT Lincoln Labs Fellowship	LAS VEGAS, NV
JOHN W. MONTGOMERY	MIT Lincoln Labs Fellowship	SANDSTON, VA
GABRIEL T. BANN	MIT Lincoln Labs Fellowship	WICHITA, KS
HANNAH K. WHISNANT	MIT Lincoln Labs Fellowship	NOKOMIS, FL
NICHOLAS D. WILDE	MIT Lincoln Labs Fellowship	MADISON, NJ
KEVIN F. TALTY	MIT Lincoln Labs Fellowship	BEVERLY HILLS, MI
GARRETT K. SIMON	National Science Foundation Fellowship	CHESAPEAKE, VA
SIMONE M. ASKEW	Rhodes Scholar	FAIRFAX, VA
SEAMUS K. MATLACK	Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship	BOSTON, MA
NETTEANGE O. MONAUS	Schwarzman	PERRIS, CA
DUY D. NGUYEN	Schwarzman	YUKON, OK
BRADLEY D. TORPEY	Schwarzman	ROANOKE, TX
MEGAN A. BRYN	Schwarzman	ASHBURN, VA
DAVID LEE	Yenching	POTOMAC, MD
ULYSSES Z. MCGUINNESS	Yenching	TUCKAHOE, NY

This year, 34 members of the class earned the 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.

The top 10 Honor Graduates are:

Name	City, State
JOY ELFRIEDE SCHAEFFER	STRONGSVILLE , OH
SYDNEY DANIELLE DEWEES	YORKTOWN , VA
KATHRYN LEIGH DULA	SOLON, OH
JOHANNA FORBES	DUPONT, WA
TAYLOR RENEE ENGLAND	SOUTH LEBANON , OH
SHAWNA TORI MOORE	PHOENIXVILLE, PA
KEVIN DAVID SULLIVAN	AVON LAKE , OH
MADISON GRACE STARK	FELTON , DE
CAROLYN MORGAN KEHN	BRIGHTON , MI
ERIC JOHN SAVINI	WEST CHESTER , PA

This year, there are 51 Superintendent's Award for Excellence recipients. This prestigious award is only given to the top five percent of each class, and is based on the Cadet Award Score (CAS), which is a combination of the three programs in Academic, Military and Physical.

For those Cadets earning a CAS that falls into the next 15% (the top 6-20% of the class), they earn the Superintendent's Award for Achievement. The Class of 2018 has 154 recipients of this award. There are also 183 Gold Star recipients, which is awarded to cadets who have an Academic Grade Point Average of 3.67 or higher.

Women account for 44 percent of the honor graduates, 22 percent of the Gold Star recipients, 41 percent of the Superintendent's Award for Excellence, and 26 percent of the Superintendent's Award for Achievement. Women make up 20 percent of the graduating class.

The Class of 2018 will serve in the following branches of the active Army:

Branch	<u># Men</u>	<u># Women</u>
ADJUTANT GENERAL CORPS	3	20
AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY	37	11
ARMOR	70	7
ARMY AVIATION	86	9
CHEMICAL	7	6
CYBER	14	5
ENGINEERS	93	28
FIELD ARTILLERY	116	18
FINANCE CORPS	7	0
INFANTRY	187	4
INTERSERVICE TRANSFERS	7	0
MEDICAL SCHOOL	11	3
MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS	17	10
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE	42	23
MILITARY POLICE	9	8
ORDNANCE	22	11
QUARTERMASTER CORPS	16	11
SIGNAL CORPS	32	9
TRANSPORTATION CORPS	10	12

This year's graduating class will have 77 women commissioned into the Combat Arms Branches of the US Army include Air Defense Artillery, Armor, Aviation, Engineers, Field Artillery and Infantry.

This year's graduating class has 153 graduates (16 percent) 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 or their initial permanent duty station of choice.

The Class of 2018 has cadets graduating from all 50 states, with the exception of North Dakota. The top five states are Texas (93), California (86), New York (65), Florida (54) and Virginia (52).

This is West Point's 220th graduating class and the 39th class to graduate women. (There were no classes that graduated in 1810 or 1816 and there were two graduating classes each in 1861, 1917, 1918, 1922, and 1943).