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Sponsor Recognition Canceled (was June 3)

The International Military Student Division (IMSD) informed us the sponsor recognition event has been canceled. On the other hand, the Badge Ceremony is still being held as a live, in person event. See below.

IMSD will bring sponsor awards to our briefing on June 6.

Sponsor Briefing Monday, June 6, 2022 at 17:00 (5:00 p.m. CT)

Join us for a complimentary BBQ meal and sponsor briefing presentation by IMSD.

- Monday, June 6, 2022, 5 pm-8 pm
- 5-5:30 check in
- 5:15-6 pm BBQ dinner catered by Hy Vee

- 6-8 pm Presentation to Sponsors by IMSD

Weatherby Lake Community Center

8230 NW Potomac Ave. Weatherby Lake, MO 64152

RSVP by May 23 with number attending

For more information, contact Nancy at nquitmeier@gmail.com or 816. 835.4230. You can also [download the invitation PDF here](#).

Badge Ceremony Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.



The Badge Ceremony begins at 0900 (9:00 a.m.). Before the ceremony the Fort will let us know if there will be a shuttle service within the base for the ceremony. If you do not have an LAC ID card, please allow plenty of time to go to the Visitors Control Center (VCC) to get a day pass.

At the completion of the academic year, the international military students (IMS) receive the International Officer Graduate Badge in a formal ceremony. This distinctive badge identifies the IMS as a CGSOC graduate.

The IMS receives a full-size and a miniature badge at the ceremony. IMS graduates may wear these distinctive badges subject to the uniform regulations of their country. A brief reception usually follows outside the auditorium.

Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

0900 (9:00 a.m.)

You can also watch by going to this Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/USACGSC>

Graduation Friday, June 10

The graduation for all students (U.S. plus international) also begins at 0900 (9:00 a.m.). We encourage sponsors to attend the Badge Ceremony and not the graduation because of the focus of the events.

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

0900 (9:00 a.m.)

Arrival of IMS Class of 2023



Sponsor Assignments are Complete

Again this year, we received no family information about the officers. We made sponsor assignments by conducting a lottery. It was quite successful as the significant majority of sponsors received 1 of their 12 country preferences. The military committee appreciates your flexibility and understanding. You'll receive information about your assignment and the other 2 sets of sponsors near the time of the Sponsor Briefing.

Officers Arrive Late June

Most officers arrive June 20 (majority coming from the Defense Language Institute (DLI)). Direct entry officers (not at DLI) may arrive a few days prior to June 20 or near that date. Sponsors are encouraged to greet their IMS at the airport this year. The most important

first step is to establish contact with your officer right away. Then, supplement in-person visits with phone, email, text or WhatsApp, FaceTime or Zoom.

PS: Airport arrival information will be shared by the Fort when possible.

Get Your World Factbook for your officer's country

To enhance your knowledge and understanding of your officer's country and his/her country, go to <https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/> and click on Countries to locate the country you're sponsoring.
