



**Honor's List**  
Top 30% in each class



**Interagency Writing Award**

On behalf of the Colonel Arthur D. Simons Center, a plaque is presented to recognize the best monograph on an interagency topic. The award is recommended by a board of SAMS professors with final approval by the Director of SAMS.

**Best Monographs**

On behalf of the CGSC Foundation and donors COL (Ret.) and Mrs. Doug Tystad, a crystal award is presented to the student in both ASLSP and AMSP whose research paper is judged to be the best for their class. The award is recommended by a board of SAMS professors with final approval by the Director of SAMS.

**COL Thomas Felts Leadership Award**

On behalf of the CGSC Foundation and donors COL (Ret.) and Mrs. Doug Tystad, an engraved cavalry saber is presented to the student who best exemplifies all the desired attributes of an Advanced Military Studies Program graduate. The award is named in honor of COL Tom Felts, who graduated from AMSP in 1998 and was a student in the SAMS senior service program in 2005. He was killed in action in Iraq in 2006 while serving as an advisor to the Iraqi Army. The award is recommended by the AMSP Seminar Leaders, then reviewed and decided on by the Deputy Directors and Director of SAMS.

**Command and General Staff College, Foundation**

The leadership at SAMS extends our sincere appreciation and thanks to the CGSC Foundation for support throughout the year. SAMS is able to recognize physical fitness and academic excellence as a result of CGSC Foundation support.

**School of Advanced  
Military Studies**

Graduation in honor of the class of 2020  
**Advanced Strategic Leadership  
Studies Program (ASLSP)**  
and the  
**Advanced Military Studies  
Program (AMSP)**

21 May 2020



# SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

**Introduction  
Narrator**  
Mr. Eric Price

**The National Anthem**

**\*Invocation**  
Chaplain (MAJ) William Smith  
ArmyU Chaplain

**Welcome and Guest Speaker Introduction**  
COL Brian Payne  
17th Director, School of Advanced Military Studies  
US Army Command and General Staff College

**Graduation Address**  
LTG James E. Rainey  
Commanding General  
United States Combined Arms Center

## Recognitions and Presentation of Awards for Excellence

**Presentation of Graduate Names**

**Closing Remarks to Students**  
MG Stephen J. Maranian  
Deputy Commanding General  
Combined Arms Center-Education  
And the Provost for Army University

**Joint Medley**

Families:

-Graduation is held virtually, link is below and can be found via Facebook at the Fort Leavenworth Page

<https://www.facebook.com/events/284408245917302/>

**Lieutenant General**

**James E. Rainey**

**Commanding General, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, KS**

**Commandant, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College**

**Deputy Commanding General for Combined Arms, U.S. Training and Doctrine Command**



Lieutenant General Rainey graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 1987 and was commissioned as an Infantry Officer. Lieutenant General Rainey has served since in a variety of command and leadership positions from platoon leader to division commander. As a Lieutenant, he served as a Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in the 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division and later as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. Following the Infantry Advanced Course, he commanded the Long Range Surveillance Detachment in the First Cavalry Division and Hotel Company, 3rd United States Infantry (The Old Guard). He later served as the Executive Officer of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division and commanded Task Force 2-7 CAV in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. He returned to Iraq in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM as the commander of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson. Following Brigade Command, Lieutenant General Rainey assumed responsibility as the Director of the Mission Command Center of Excellence. He then served as the Deputy Commanding General of 4th Infantry Division and Regional Command-South, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan, and returned to Fort Benning to serve as the Infantry School Commandant and Chief of Infantry at the Maneuver Center of Excellence. Lieutenant General Rainey was the 3rd Infantry Division Commander and served as Deputy Commanding General-Support United States Forces – Afghanistan, Commander Bagram Airfield, and Commander, Joint Task Force-3 in support of OPERATION FREEDOM SENTINEL. His most recent assignment was Commanding General, Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (CSTC-A) and Deputy Chief of Staff Security Assistance (DCOS SA), Headquarters RESOLUTE SUPPORT.

Lieutenant General Rainey has served in key staff assignments including Joint Chiefs of Staff Intern in Washington, D.C.; Chief of Plans for the 2nd Infantry Division and Operations Officer for 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment; Executive Officer to the III Corps Commander; G-3 Operations Officer in the V Corps Assault Command Post in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM; Chief of War on Terror Plans for U.S. European Command; G-3 of the 4th Infantry Division and the Multi-National Division-Baghdad in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.