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Deployed parents can watch DoDDS-Europe graduation ceremonies live via webcast

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WIESBADEN, Germany -- Deployed servicemembers will be able to view their graduating high school seniors get their diplomas via live webcasts on graduation day.

The Department of Defense Dependents Schools – Europe, U.S. Army Europe, and 5th Signal Command have combined assets, talents, and technologies to enable the live webcasts. The effort will allow 17 graduation ceremonies to be viewed by an estimated 125 deployed parents in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other locations around the world.

The first graduation ceremony will be webcast June 4. Twelve graduation ceremonies will air simultaneously June 5, and the last ceremony will be webcast the evening of June 12. Schools identified as having students with deployed parents are:

- June 4 – Ansbach and Bamberg High Schools
- June 5 – Alconbury, Baumholder, Heidelberg, Hohenfels, Kaiserslautern, Lakenheath, Naples, Patch, Ramstein, Sigonella, Vicenza, and Vilseck High Schools
- June 6 - Mannheim High School
- June 7 – Wiesbaden High School
- June 12 – AFNORTH

Using Web technology, deployed parents will be able to see their graduating senior accept their diplomas and view student messages recorded for the occasion.

This is the sixth year the effort has been undertaken. Planning for this year's webcast began in January. Seniors who had, or anticipated having parents deployed at graduation, were identified through the high schools and the coordination process began.



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