

# GRADUATION

MARCH 12, 1944  
CLASS 44 C



*United States Army Air Forces*

ADVANCED 2-ENGINE

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*Army Air Forces  
Advanced Pilot School  
at  
Pecos Army Air Field  
Pecos, Texas  
announces the graduation of  
Class 44-C  
Sunday morning, March twelfth  
Nineteen hundred and forty-four  
at ten o'clock  
Sub Depot Hangar*

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# PROGRAM

PROCESSION OF GRADUATING CLASS

INVOCATION

Chaplain Clement J. McKenna

GRADUATION ADDRESS

COLONEL ORIN J. BUSHEY

COMMANDING OFFICER

OFFICIAL ARMY AIR CORPS SONG

Sung by Cadets and played by 646th Army Band

THE ADMINISTERING OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

Captain Wilbert F. Campbell, School Secretary

PRESENTATION OF WINGS

Colonel Orin J. Bushey, Commanding Officer

BENEDICTION

Chaplain Bernard G. Perry

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

ARMY AIR FORCES WESTERN FLYING  
TRAINING COMMAND  
Santa Ana, California

COMMANDING GENERAL  
Major General Ralph P. Cousins

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ARMY AIR FORCES PILOT SCHOOL  
(Advanced 2-Engine)

PECOS ARMY AIR FIELD  
Pecos, Texas

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