



THE
CITADEL
THE MILITARY COLLEGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COMMENCEMENT GUIDE
MAY 1-7, 2005

COMMENCEMENT WEEK
INFORMATION FOR GRADUATES
AND THEIR FAMILIES

SOUTH CAROLINA CORPS OF CADETS
COLLEGE OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

General Information

This guide has been specially prepared for the families of students who will be participating in Commencement Exercises – both for the Corps of Cadets and the College of Graduate and Professional Studies (CGPS) – and for the graduates. This information answers most of the commonly asked questions and gives a detailed schedule of all Commencement Week events.

Suggested arrival times and appropriate dress are provided for each event, but realize that these are only suggestions. Weather and traffic/parking may necessitate adjustments. Inclement weather plans are also listed for each event.

If, after reading this information, you still have specific questions, please contact:

Public Affairs 843.953.6779 (Cadet Events)	Cadet Activities 843.953.5111 (Cadet Commencement Seating)	Graduate and Professional Studies 843.953.5089 (CGPS Events and Seating)	Public Safety 843.953.5114 (Parking)
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Admission Tickets: Admission Tickets are required only for **Commencement Exercises for the Corps of Cadets** on Saturday, May 7. Ten (10) tickets will be distributed to each cadet. December graduates and fifth-year seniors off campus need to contact Cadet Activities for tickets beginning April 18. Although not requiring a ticket, **there is limited seating at the Baccalaureate Service in Summerall Chapel.**

Dress: The importance of the week's ceremonies will dictate the dress for specific events. The weather should be considered when packing. Although not required, a coat and tie for gentlemen would be appropriate for the Baccalaureate Service and Commencement Exercises. Casual attire is appropriate for most other events.

Food/Beverages and Shopping: The Snack Bar, located to the left of Mark Clark Hall, offers a wide variety of quick foods, breakfast items and hot meals. The Gift Shop, located at the front entrance of Mark Clark Hall and in the Holliday Alumni Center, provides numerous shopping opportunities for Citadel families and friends. Extended hours of each facility for Commencement Week will be posted.

No food or beverages may be brought into McAlister Field House for the Corps of Cadets or CGPS Commencement Exercises nor to the Baccalaureate Service or Commissioning Ceremonies in Summerall Chapel.

Handicapped Guests: Handicapped Seating at **Commencement Exercises for the Corps of Cadets and the College of Graduate and Professional Studies** will be in a special area on the main floor of the Field House. For questions regarding handicapped seating, contact Cadet Activities or CGPS at the numbers above. On-campus handicapped parking will be available for all events.

Parking: As with most major events on campus, parking will be at a premium for Commencement Week. A campus map showing on- and off-campus parking areas is included in this guide. Public Safety officers and cadet traffic details will direct you to the closest available spaces. Campus shuttle vans will operate from near Johnson Hagood Stadium to the campus for CGPS Commencement Exercises Sunday afternoon and for the Cadet Commencement Exercises Saturday morning. **No parking is allowed in Hampton Park.** For information concerning handicapped parking, contact Public Safety.

Photography: The Citadel has contracted with a professional photographer to take color pictures of each individual receiving a diploma. Graduates will be contacted by the firm concerning the purchase of photos. **The Citadel Alumni Association (843.953.7696) will offer video highlights of the week's cadet activities. Information on purchase of these videotapes will be sent to cadet families. Families are asked not to come forward to take family snapshots or video during Commencement Exercises or Commissioning Ceremonies.**

Restrooms/Water: A campus map is included in this guide which shows the location of restrooms and water availability.

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Schedule of Commencement Week Activities

SUNDAY, MAY 1

- 2:00 p.m. **College of Graduate and Professional Studies Commencement Exercises**
Place: McAlister Field House **Inclement Weather:** As Scheduled **Approx. Running Time:** 1.5 hours
Suggested Dress: Coat and tie
Suggested Arrival: All guests are asked to be seated 15 minutes prior to the processional.
Suggested Parking: Once on-campus parking areas fill, campus parking will be limited to handicapped vehicles. Most visitors will be directed by Public Safety to park near Johnson Hagood Stadium and then walk to McAlister Field House or take the campus shuttle van from Johnson Hagood Stadium. **No parking is allowed in Hampton Park.**
Graduates and Participants: Graduates will gather in Deas Hall no later than 1:15 p.m. for robing and lineup.
Special Information: A professional photographer will take photos of each graduate during the diploma presentation. **Families are asked not to come forward to take family snapshots or video.**
What to Expect: The ceremony will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. with the processional of the graduating class, the faculty and the platform party. After the invocation, national anthem and introductions of the special guests, Maj. Gen. Grinalds will deliver remarks. Awards will be presented prior to the commencement address by the Honorable Alex M. Sanders, Jr., President Emeritus of the College of Charleston and Founder and Chairman of the Board of the Charleston School of Law. The presentation of candidates and conferring of degrees will precede the actual presentation of diplomas.

- 3:30 p.m. **Reception for CGPS Graduates and Their Guests Hosted by Maj. Gen. and Mrs. John S. Grinalds**
Place: Deas Hall **Inclement Weather:** As Scheduled **Approx. Running Time:** 1 hour
Special Information: CGPS graduates and their families are invited to a special reception hosted by the President and First Lady in Deas Hall, which is located on the north side of McAlister Field House.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

- 1:30 p.m. **Star of the West Finals**
Place: Summerall Field **Inclement Weather:** Deas Hall **Approx. Running Time:** 45 minutes
Suggested Dress: Casual
Suggested Arrival: All guests are asked to be seated in the bleachers 15 minutes prior to the competition.
Suggested Parking: Once on-campus parking areas fill, campus parking will be limited to handicapped vehicles. Most visitors will be directed by Public Safety to park near Johnson Hagood Stadium and then walk to Summerall Field.
Special Information: This event is the culmination of many hours of practice in rifle drill. The winner will be named the "Best Drilled Cadet" and will have his or her name inscribed on the *Star of the West* Monument located near the flagpole on Summerall Field. That cadet will also wear the *Star of the West* Medal. The ship, *Star of the West*, was fired upon by Citadel cadets in 1861.
- 3:45 p.m. **Awards Review**
Place: Summerall Field **Inclement Weather:** Review cancelled; awards presented in Mark Clark Hall
Approx. Running Time: 1 hour
Suggested Dress: Casual
Suggested Arrival: All guests are asked to be seated in the bleachers 15 minutes prior to the Review.
Suggested Parking: Once on-campus parking areas fill, campus parking will be limited to handicapped vehicles. Most visitors will be directed by Public Safety to park near Johnson Hagood Stadium and then walk to Summerall Field.
Special Information: The afternoon Review will feature the presentation of several prestigious awards.
- 7:30 p.m. **Baccalaureate Service**
Place: Summerall Chapel **Inclement Weather:** As Scheduled **Approx. Running Time:** 1.5 hours
Suggested Dress: Coat and tie
Suggested Arrival: All guests are asked to be seated in the Chapel 20 minutes prior to the processional. Please note that the Chapel will fill quickly.
Suggested Parking: Once on-campus parking areas fill, campus parking will be limited to handicapped vehicles. Most visitors will be directed by Public Safety to park near Johnson Hagood Stadium and then walk to Summerall Chapel.
Special Information: The speaker will be the Right Reverend William J. Skilton, '62, Bishop Suffragan of South Carolina. **Please, no flash photography or artificial lighting inside the Chapel.**

FRIDAY, MAY 6

2:15 p.m. 2006 Summerall Guards Performance in Honor of the Class of 2005

Place: Summerall Field

Inclement Weather: Cancelled

Approx. Running Time: 30 minutes

Suggested Dress: Casual

Suggested Arrival: All guests are asked to be seated in the bleachers 15 minutes prior to the performance.

Suggested Parking: Once on-campus parking areas fill, campus parking will be limited to handicapped vehicles. Most visitors will be directed by Public Safety to park near Johnson Hagood Stadium and then walk to Summerall Field.

Special Information: The 2006 Summerall Guards will perform the traditional "Citadel Series" in honor of the Senior Class.

3:00 p.m. Graduation Parade

Place: Summerall Field

Inclement Weather: Cancelled

Approx. Running Time: 1 hour

Suggested Dress: Casual

Suggested Arrival: All guests are asked to be seated in the bleachers 15 minutes prior to the parade.

Suggested Parking: Once on-campus parking areas fill, campus parking will be limited to handicapped vehicles. Most visitors will be directed by Public Safety to park near Johnson Hagood Stadium and then walk to Summerall Field.

Special Information: Members of the Class of 2005 will march in their final parade as cadets. As the class crosses Summerall Field to "take the review," the leadership of the Class of 2006 will take command of the Corps of Cadets.

4:00 p.m. Garden Party Given by Maj. Gen. and Mrs. John S. Grinalds for the Class of 2005 and Their Guests

Place: Quarters One

Inclement Weather: Cancelled

Approx. Running Time: 1.5 hours

Suggested Dress: Casual

Suggested Arrival: Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Grinalds will welcome guests on the porch of the President's House immediately after parade until 5:30 p.m.

Suggested Parking: Same as for Graduation Parade

Special Information: This is an opportunity for the Senior Class and their guests to meet the President and First Lady. Light refreshments will be served in the garden.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

9:30 a.m. Cadet Commencement Exercises

Place: McAlister Field House

Inclement Weather: As scheduled

Approx. Running Time: 3 hours

Suggested Dress: Coat and tie

Suggested Arrival: All guests are asked to be seated 10 minutes prior to the processional. **Please refer to the box on the back page for important, detailed information.**

Suggested Parking: Once on-campus parking areas fill, campus parking will be limited to handicapped vehicles. Most visitors will be directed by Public Safety to park near Johnson Hagood Stadium and then walk to McAlister Field House or take the campus shuttle van. **No parking is allowed in Hampton Park.**

Graduates and Participants: Graduates will gather in Deas Hall no later than 8:30 a.m. for lineup. Alumni fathers presenting diplomas to their sons or daughters will be lined up in the rear hallway of McAlister Field House.

Special Information: A professional photographer will take photos of each graduate during the diploma presentation. **Families are asked not to come forward to take family snapshots or video.**

What to Expect: The ceremony will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. with the processional of the graduating class, the faculty and the platform party. After the invocation, national anthem and introductions of the special guests, Maj. Gen. Grinalds will deliver remarks. Honors, awards and honorary degrees will be presented. The commencement speaker will then deliver the address to the Class of 2005. Maj. Gen. Grinalds will administer the oath to those entering the Armed Forces. The presentation of candidates and conferring of degrees will precede the actual presentation of diplomas. At the conclusion, the President of The Citadel Alumni Association will have graduates rise and turn their rings so that the numerals face out. The ceremony will conclude with the singing of the *alma mater*, the benediction, closing remarks by Maj. Gen. Grinalds and the "tossing of hats."

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SPECIAL EVENTS FOR SELECTED GROUPS

These events are for selected graduates and their families and are by invitation only.

Thursday, May 5 – 11:00 a.m.

Who's Who Awards Presentation

Place: Mark Clark Hall Auditorium **Inclement Weather:** As scheduled **Approx. Running Time:** 30 min.

Suggested Arrival: All family members and guests are asked to arrive 15 minutes prior to the start.

Special Information: This ceremony is for members of the Senior Class who were selected for the award of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Friday, May 6 – 8:00 a.m. – Army 10:00 a.m. – Air Force 6:00 p.m. – Navy/Marine

Commissioning Ceremonies

Place: Summerall Chapel **Inclement Weather:** As Scheduled **Approximate Running Time:** 1 hour each

Suggested Dress: Coat and tie

Suggested Arrival: All guests are asked to arrive 15 minutes prior to the start.

Suggested Parking: Once on-campus parking areas fill, campus parking will be limited to handicapped vehicles. Most visitors will be directed by Public Safety to park near Johnson Hagood Stadium and then walk to Summerall Chapel.

Graduates and Participants: Commissionees, in service uniform, will be instructed where to assemble.

Special Information: These ceremonies are for graduates being commissioned into the Armed Forces and their families. A "swearing-in" ceremony for *all branches* will take place Saturday morning during Commencement Exercises. **Please, no flash photography or artificial lighting inside the Chapel.**

Friday, May 6 – 10:45 a.m.

Briefing for Alumni Fathers Presenting Diplomas

Place: McAlister Field House **Inclement Weather:** As scheduled **Approx. Running Time:** 30 minutes

Suggested Dress: Coat and tie for fathers (to be prepared for photos immediately following the briefing)

Suggested Arrival: Fathers are asked to arrive no later than 10:35 a.m. in McAlister Field House.

Special Information: Alumni fathers who will be presenting diplomas to their sons or daughters will meet with the Associate Provost for special instructions. Information will include a walk-through of the presentations on the stage and details on where to meet, park and when to arrive Saturday morning.

Friday, May 6 – Immediately after Briefing for Alumni Fathers (approx. 11:15 a.m.)

Individual Diploma Presentation Photos for *alumni news* magazine, Family Photos and the Legacy Photo of Alumni Fathers and Graduates

Place: McAlister Field House **Inclement Weather:** As scheduled **Approx. Running Time:** 45 minutes

Suggested Dress: Coat and tie for fathers; full dress with waistplate or sash (no hats) for cadets.

Special Information: Immediately following the Briefing for Alumni Fathers, individual diploma presentation photos for *alumni news* magazine will begin. Family photos may also be taken at this time. **Families are asked to wait in the Field House Lobby until the conclusion of the Fathers' Briefing.** The legacy group photo of alumni fathers and their graduating sons/daughters will be taken at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Friday, May 6 – Noon

Life Membership Ceremony for The Citadel Alumni Association

Place: Holliday Alumni Center **Inclement Weather:** As scheduled **Approx. Running Time:** 1.5 hours

Suggested Arrival: New Life Members in the Class of 2005 and their families will gather at the Holliday Alumni Center for this "by invitation" event.

Suggested Dress: Casual for invited guests; full dress with waistplate or sash (no hats) for cadets.

Special Information: Families which purchased a Life Membership in The Citadel Alumni Association for their sons or daughters will receive 4 invitations (including the cadet's) to this event. A stand-up reception will be held for invitees and the new life members. The cadets will be presented life member plaques by the Association President at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Friday, May 6 – Noon

Honors Program Certificate Presentation Luncheon

Place: Regimental Commanders' Riverview Room **Inclement Weather:** As scheduled

Approximate Running Time: 1 hour

Special Information: This is a special luncheon for Honors Program participants and their family members.

Parking Areas for Commencement Week Activities

For *most* events, campus parking will be limited to handicapped vehicles once **on-campus** lots fill. Most families and graduates will be directed by Public Safety or a cadet traffic detail to park near Johnson Hagood Stadium and then walk to campus or take the campus shuttle van (when provided).

Parking areas are shown in gray. Please note that not all *on-campus* parking areas shown are available for each event.

DO NOT PARK IN HAMPTON PARK.

Families are urged to allow sufficient time to park when planning their arrival time for an event.

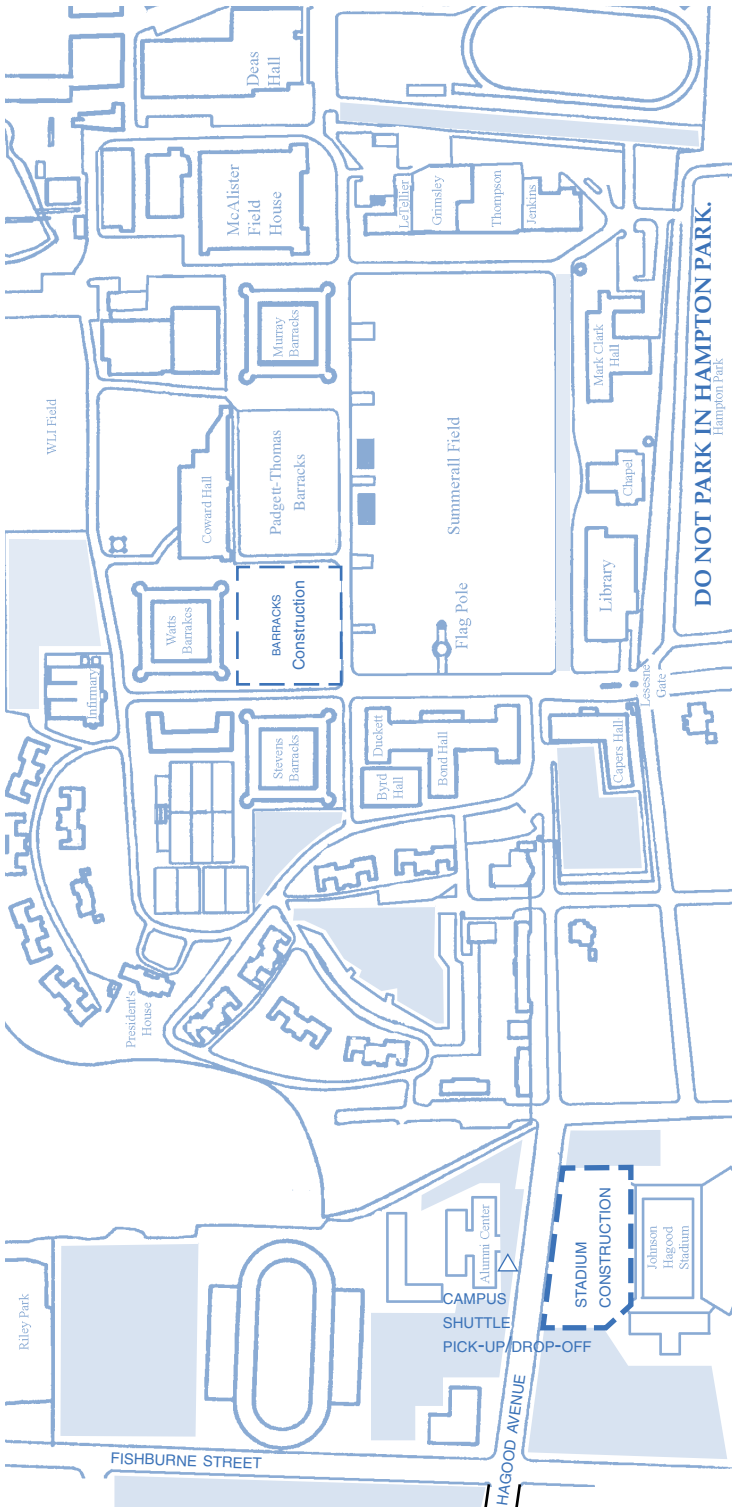
Directions to The Citadel

From Interstate 26 Eastbound: Take the Rutledge Avenue Exit (#219-A). Follow Rutledge Avenue 1.2 miles and turn right on Moultrie Street. Follow Moultrie Street to Lesesne Gate.

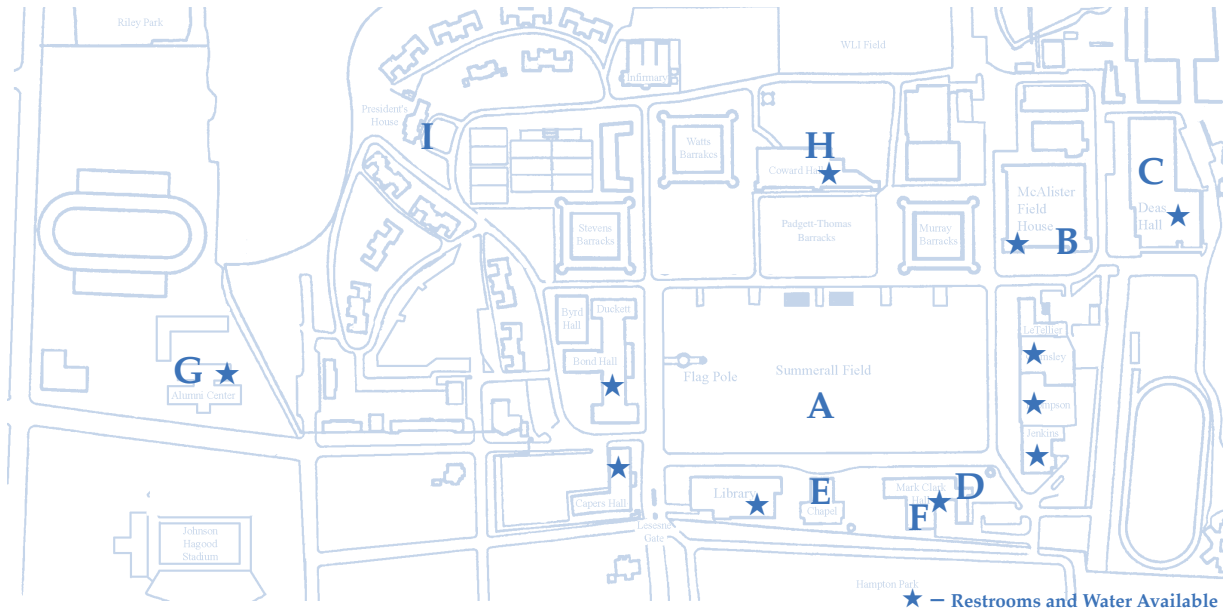
From U.S. 17 Southbound: After crossing the Cooper River Bridge, continue 1.4 miles and turn right onto Hagood Avenue. Follow Hagood Avenue to enter The Citadel through Hagood Gate or circle right via Huger Street and Elmwood Street to enter Lesesne Gate at the end of Moultrie Street.

From U.S. 17 Northbound: After crossing the Ashley River Bridge, continue 0.3 miles and turn right onto Cherry Street by Burger King. Turn right onto Bee Street in front of the VA Hospital. Continue to the stop sign then turn right onto Lockwood Drive. Follow Lockwood across U.S. 17 as the road becomes Fishburne Street in front of the Police Department and follow to the traffic light. Turn left onto Hagood Avenue and proceed two blocks to the Hagood Avenue gate.

Please do not park on the grass in Hampton Park for any Commencement Week activities.



Location Map for Commencement Week Activities



A - Summerall Field

Events

Thursday, 1:30 p.m. – *Star of the West* Finals
 Thursday, 3:45 p.m. – Awards Review
 Friday, 2:15 p.m. – 2006 Summerall Guards Performance
 Friday, 3:00 p.m. – Graduation Parade

B - McAlister Field House

Events

Sunday, 2:00 p.m. – Commencement Exercises for the College of Graduate and Professional Studies
 Friday, 10:45 a.m. – Briefing for Alumni Fathers Presenting Diplomas
 Friday, approx. 11:15 a.m. – Individual Diploma Presentation Photos for *alumni news* and Legacy Group Photo
 Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – Cadet Commencement Exercises

C - Deas Hall

Events

Sunday, 1:15 p.m. – Robing and Lineup Area for CGPS Participants and Graduates
 Sunday, 3:30 p.m. – Reception for Graduates of the CGPS and their Guests
 Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – Lineup Area for Cadet Graduates
Inclement Weather Site for the Thursday, 1:30 p.m. Star of the West Finals

D - Snack Bar & Gift Shop

The Snack Bar and Gift Shop will have extended hours. Check the posted schedules for operating times.

E - Summerall Chapel

Events

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. – Baccalaureate Service
 Friday, 8:00 a.m. – Army Commissioning Ceremony
 Friday, 10:00 a.m. – Air Force Commissioning Ceremony
 Friday, 6:00 p.m. – Navy / Marine Commissioning Ceremony

F - Mark Clark Hall Auditorium

Events

Thursday, 11:00 a.m. – *Who's Who* Awards Presentation
Inclement Weather Site for the Thursday, 3:45 p.m. Awards Presentation

G - Holliday Alumni Center

Event

Friday, Noon – Life Membership Ceremony for The Citadel Alumni Association (*by invitation only*)

H - Regimental Commanders' Riverview Room

Event

Friday, Noon – Honors Program Luncheon (*by invitation only*)

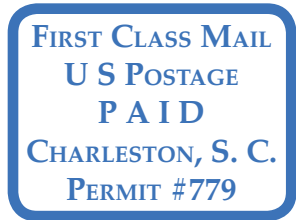
I - Quarters One

Event

Friday, 4:00 p.m. – Garden Party for Cadet Graduates and Their Guests

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**Important Information Regarding Your Arrival and Seating for
Cadet Commencement Exercises
Saturday, May 7, at 9:30 a.m.**

Reserved Seating will be handled through the issuance of 10 tickets to each member of the graduating class. Each person **MUST** have a ticket to enter McAlister Field House. Please note that an invitation or announcement sent by the graduate is **NOT** a ticket for seating.

It is MOST IMPORTANT that you arrive and are seated PRIOR TO THE PROCESSIONAL. Those not seated by 9:20 a.m. must wait until the conclusion of the Processional before being seated.

The ceremony will last approximately 3 hours.