

# Class of 2023

Commencement Ceremony  
May 6, 2023



## Event Details:

- **Date:** May 6, 2023
- **Location:** Bodnar Field
- **How:** In-Person and Livestreamed
- **Tickets:**
  - Four tickets per cadet for reserved section on the field (first-come basis)
  - Open non-reserved seating in field bleachers
- **Weather Plans:** Rain or shine, unless risk of lightning



## Who:

- **Graduating Seniors and Masters Grads** from the Class of 2023 and 2020 who opt to participate (Approximately 200+)
- **Platform Party and Distinguished Honorees, Faculty/Staff** (Approximately 100)
- **Event Staff/Support** (Approximately 25)
- **Vendors** (Band, AV/IT Production, and Interpreter) (Approximately 25)
- **Cal Maritime Police Department**
- **Guests** (4 ticketed seats for guests per grad and open non-reserved seating guests) (Approximately 800+)
- **TOTAL = 1800 Approximately**

# Commencement Week:

- **Monday, May 1**  
Final Exams
- **Tuesday, May 2**  
Final Exams
- **Wednesday, May 3**  
Final Exams
- **Thursday, May 4**  
Final Exams
- **Friday, May 5**  
Commissioning Rehearsal  
(11:00-12:00)  
Commencement Rehearsal  
(1:00-3:30pm)  
Alumni Welcome (3:00-3:45)  
Academic Receptions (4:00-5:00pm)  
Senior Awards (5:00pm)  
Lavender Reception (5:30-6:00pm)

# Commencement Day:

- **Saturday, May 6**
  - Coast Guard and Navy Officer Commissioning Ceremony (9:00-9:45am)
  - Commencement Ceremony Line-Up (10:00-11:00am)
  - Commencement Ceremony (11:00am-1:00pm)

*\*Seniors going on TSGB cruise: Liberty ends 11:59pm*

# Safety Protocols:

- Outdoor venue (limited shade)
- Masks optional
- Handwashing stations and portable restrooms

## Important Dates:

- **February:** Senior pictures and class photos - *12:00-5:00pm in Compass Room*
- **February:** Deadline to submit Senior Commencement speeches
- **April 4:** Senior Meeting - *11:00am in Rizza*
- **April 7:** Salt and Pepper Uniform inspection at Formation
- **April TBD:** Grad photo opportunity (if anyone missed Feb dates)
- **May 5:** Commencement rehearsal in FULL UNIFORM  
*Required for all graduates; guest tickets distributed*

# To-Do Items for Graduates:

- Apply to Graduate with Registrar
- Register to walk in Commencement
- Check Salt & Pepper uniform (*excluding shoulder boards*)
- Register personal needs for disability access (*before 04/01*)
- Register for late stay in residence hall if remaining until Commencement (*form coming soon*)



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## Important Notes and Reminders:

- 4 Guest tickets will be distributed at rehearsal and **only** at rehearsal (seating will be first-come, first served in the reserved area)
- Parking is first-come, first-served and shuttles will be running from Lot O and Lower Campus – **parking near McAllister and Bodnar restricted**
- Services for guests with disabilities include handicapped parking, ASL interpreters, and handicapped seating
- Only service animals are allowed – no emotional support animals or pets
- Some – not all – of the reasons you might not be allowed to walk
  - Intoxicated, not in compliance with uniform and grooming standards policy, disruptive of ceremony





Questions?

Concerns?

