

Class of 2025

Commencement Ceremony
May 3, 2025



Event Details:

- **Date:** May, 3 2025
- **Location:** Quad
- **How:** In-Person and Livestreamed
- **Tickets:**
 - Four seats per graduate in the reserved area
 - Open non-reserved seating in the grass area and Rizza will have livestreaming
- **Weather Plans:** Rain or shine, unless risk of lightning or extreme weather

Note: Contingency plans for extreme weather are being developed.

Who:

- **Graduating Seniors and Masters Grads** from the Class of 2025 (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 reserved seating guests per grad and open non-reserved seating guests) (Approximately 1,000)
- **TOTAL = Approximately 1200 people**

Commencement Week:

- **Monday, April 26 – 30**
Final Exams
- **Thursday, May 1**
Affinity Reception
(6:00 – 7:30pm)
- **Friday, May 2**
Commissioning Rehearsal
(11:15 am - 12:00pm)
Commencement Rehearsal
(1:00 - 3:00pm)
Academic Receptions (3:30 - 4:45pm)
Senior Awards (5:00 - 5:45pm)

Commencement Day:

- **Saturday, May 3**

Coast Guard and Navy Officer Commissioning
Ceremony (9:30-10am)

Commencement Ceremony Line-Up & Seating for
Families (10:00-11:00am)

Commencement Ceremony (11:00am-1:00pm)

Salt & Pepper Uniform Requirements

SALT AND PEPPERS

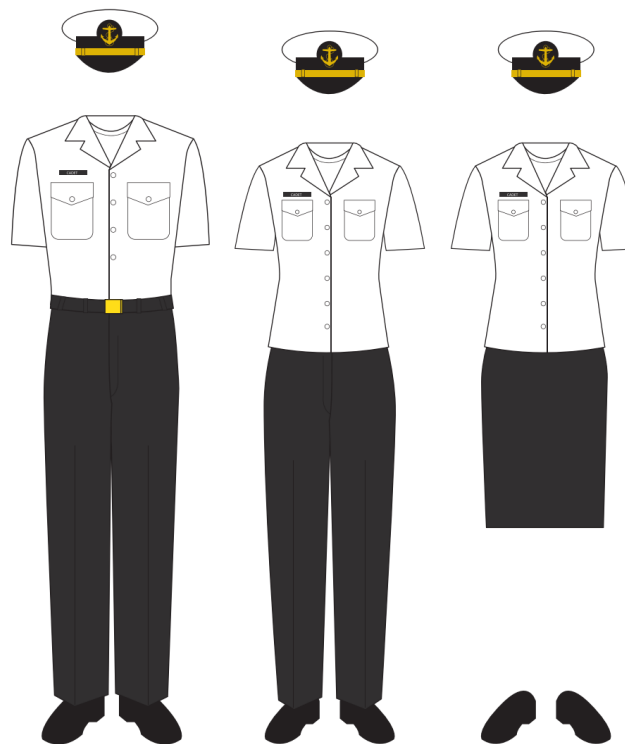
(AUTHORIZED DRESS UNIFORM)

THE SALT AND PEPPER UNIFORM

consists of:

- White combination cover
- White short sleeve dress shirt
- Name tag
- Black dress trousers or optional black dress skirt
- Black belt with shined brass buckle
- Campus-issued black leather dress shoes
- Plain white crew neck undershirt, and
- Black dress socks
- Collar Devices (*formerly shoulder boards*)

When worn with black dress skirt, in lieu of black crew cut socks and shined black leather dress shoes, a 2 inch or less black heel will be worn.



SALT & PEPPERS (S&P)

Traditional Students Regalia Requirements



- Attire: Cap & Gown Rentals (conducted through the Bookstore)
- Regalia Guidelines:
 - Stoles – Approved stole designs to wear during commencement are only available through the Bookstore
 - Anyone can buy stoles but only Traditional Students can wear during ceremony.
 - Other items/adornments not permitted.

Safety Protocols:

- Outdoor venue
- Traffic control in place between 10:45 am – 1pm (no cars allowed on campus during the ceremony)
- Canine sweep on the morning of the event
- Restrooms available in proximate building around Quad

Important Dates:

- **January 30: GradFest** – Senior pictures, regalia order, license requirement review and sign-up to participate in commencement (no make-up portrait dates)
10:00am – 2:00pm at Mayo Patio
- **February 19:** Salt and Pepper Uniform inspection at Formation
- **Feb - Apr:** Senior Commencement Speaker Selection
 - *Senior Speaker Committee Opportunity*
 - *Speaker Application*
 - *Speech Review by Committee*
 - *Speaker Identified*
 - *Campus Announcement*

Important Dates:

- **March 18:** Senior Meeting 2
11:00am in Rizza
- **April 15:** Senior Meeting 3
11:00am in Rizza
- **May 2:** Commencement rehearsal
Required of all graduates; guest tickets distributed

Notes and Reminders:

- **Guest tickets** will be distributed at rehearsal and **only** at rehearsal
- **Parking** is first-come, first-served and shuttles will be running from Lot E/F/O
 - Parking in A reserved for ADA parking, B/D lots will be restricted.
- **ADA Services** for guests with disabilities include accessibility parking, ASL interpreters, and accessibility seating
 - **Only service animals** are allowed – no emotional support animals or pets
- **Revoked Participation** may occur which would prevent you from walking due to:
 - Intoxicated/under influence/delayed response, not in compliance with uniform and grooming standards policy, disruptive of ceremony, significant conduct violation prior to, etc.
- Check commencement webpage for updates

To-Do Items for Graduates:

- Apply to Graduate with Registrar
- Register to walk in Commencement
- Check Salt & Pepper uniform
- Traditional student regalia
- Register personal needs for disability access (*before 04/01*)
- Register for late stay in residence hall if remaining until Commencement (*form available in April with CHECK-OUT info*)

Questions?

