Class of 2021 Graduation Information

*Masks must be worn at all times while on West Point.*

Wristband/ticket pick up –

Guests invited by cadets to attend the Graduation Parade and Graduation Ceremony are **required** to stop at the Visitors Center to show proof of COVID vax or PCR or Rapid antigen test (negative results) within 72 hours of arriving (electronic or paper accepted) along with a government issued photo ID (DOD ID, driver’s license, passport, etc.)

Wristbands and tickets will be distributed by regiment.

**Guests must pick up wristbands and tickets in person.**

Please confirm your graduate’s company (letter and number) prior to pick up.

**Hours of operation for the Visitors Center wristband/ticket distribution:**

- Tuesday, May 18 (for guests who are vaccinated only) – 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 19, vax or negative tests – 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Thursday, May 20, vax or negative tests – 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Friday, May 21, vax or negative tests – 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 22, vax or negative tests – 6 a.m.-noon.

In addition to wristband/ticket pick up, we will have an Information tent and a few vendors selling WP gift items. The West Point Spouse’s Club, Academy Stores (DCA Bookstore and Cadet Store) and WP Parents Club of MD/DC/VA (class blankets/afghans). The DUSA Gift Shop, located in the West Point Museum and the Army Athletic Association Gift Shop, located in the Visitors Center will be open during their normal hours.

**Parking and Transportation –**

**Graduation Parade** - Guests attending the Graduation Parade on Friday, May 21 – please park at Buffalo Soldier Field and take the bus to The Plain. The bus will drop off behind the Superintendent’s Box. Shuttles will begin running at 7 a.m.

Buses will be available until 3 p.m. to return guests to the Buffalo Soldier Field parking lot.

Once you arrive at The Plain, staff will direct guests to assigned seating locations.

**Please check your tickets for the section assignment designated by a letter.**

**Please be seated by 10:30 a.m. for the West Point Parachute Team demonstration.**

Please review the diagram below to help locate your seats.
VISITOR CENTER - Parking - if you are only visiting the VC to pick up wristbands and tickets, please use the short term parking area. If you would like to tour the WP Visitors Center, West Point Museum or shop at any of our participating vendors, please use the long term parking. Staff will be available to direct you to the appropriate parking area. For wristband and ticket pick up, the tents, annotated by the green rectangles 1,2,3,& 4 represent cadet regiments. If you are unsure of your cadet's regiment, you can visit the Information Tent. This area will be staffed 7 a.m.-7 p.m., beginning on Tues, May 18. Restrooms are available in the Visitors Center and the West Point Museum.

REQUIRED for wristband/ticket pick up: Gov't-issued photo ID & vax card or negative COVID test results (PCR or Rapid-Antigen test. Paper or electronic results accepted.

TUESDAY, 18 MAY
D - H: 0700-0900
S - Z: 0900-1100
A - C: 1300-1500
I - Me: 1500-1700

WEDNESDAY, 19 MAY
A - C: 0700-0900
D - H: 0900-1100
I - Me: 1100-1300
S - Z: 1500-1700

THURSDAY, 20 MAY
I - Me: 0700-0900
S - Z: 0900-1100
D - H: 1300-1500
A - C: 1500-1700

Albis: 1700-1900

Friday, 21 May
Albi (Parade) – 0700-0800
Mi - R: 0700-0900
A - C: 0900-1100
S - Z: 1100-1300
I - Me: 1300-1500
D - H: 1500-1700

Albis: 1700-1900

Saturday, 22 May
Albi (Graduation)
0600-0900
0900-1200

**This is an effort to alleviate extended wait times. While it would be helpful to have a group of guests pick up at the same time, we realize guests may be arriving at different times and will come for pick up at their convenience. Thank you!

Masks must be worn at all times while on West Point. Policy will be updated as needed.
**Graduation Parade** - The graduation parade differs from other reviews in that the Class of 2021 will step out of formation from the Corps (depicted by the red arrows), conduct an about face closet to the bleachers, and then become part of the reviewing party for the “pass in review” portion of the parade. As each of the companies march past their company-mates respectively, the Firsties will recover (put their tarbucket on) and render a salute as they pass — a very special moment for the graduation class as they conduct their final parade with their classmates.

- As a reminder, handicapped parking is available in Clinton lot. Clinton is adjacent to the Malek Tennis Center.
- The post will open at 7 a.m. for visitors/guests attending the parade.
- All must wear masks continuously while on West Point at all locations. *(to be updated if conditions change)*
- Shuttle buses will be available at 7 a.m. from Buffalo Soldier Field to The Plain (Superintendent’s Review Box).
- Shuttle buses will run until 3 p.m.
- Check your tickets for the letter to identify your assigned seating area. (Assigned seating will allow guests to be close to cadets once the ceremony is complete.
- The West Point Club will have a two tents with snacks and beverages (coffee, bottled water, soft drinks, breakfast sandwiches, etc.) for sale, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.
- The tents will be positioned behind the bleachers.
- The West Point Parachute Team will perform a demonstration at 10:30 a.m.
- Once the parade is over, cadets will have time to spend with families.
- Parents/guests are not allowed entry to the Cadet Area. Please respect the security of the area.
- The Graduation Parade will be live streamed via this link - https://www.youtube.com/embed/9UA13CryGOo

*Enjoy the day!*
GRADUATION – parking for graduation – Guests are encouraged to park at Buffalo Soldier Field or enter via Stony Gate, following Stony Lonesome Road to the lettered parking lots above Michie Stadium, depicted below. Once parked in the lettered lots, you can walk to the stadium. “A” lot, closest to the stadium, is reserved for guests with mobility challenges/wheelchairs. Handicapped accessible buses and golf carts will be available to transport guests from A Lot to the entry point for seating. The arrows indicate entry points. Guests parked at BSF will take a shuttle to a drop off point just below the Foley Indoor Facility. (This will require a short walk to the entry point at Michie Stadium – comfortable shoes highly recommended.)

Following the graduation ceremony, buses will be available to transport guests to The Plain (Supt’s Box) and Buffalo Soldier Field from Gate 5/6 area and Gate 1 area (see the gold star on the map). Guests may move their cars to the lots near The Plain, Trophy Point parking lot or Thayer Roof (entrance is across from the library). Buses will continue to circulate around West Point until approximately 6 p.m. but will reduce the number of buses through the afternoon based on use. Stopping points include Michie Stadium area, Buffalo Solider Field and The Plain (near the Supt’s Review Box).

Commissioning/Bar Pinning Ceremonies
Members of the graduating class received guidance for Commissioning/Bar Pinning Ceremonies. There are a variety of popular sites around West Point to honor the new second lieutenants. The graduates were offered the opportunity to sign up for a site. Outside locations are encouraged. Guests who attended the graduation ceremony, coaches, mentors and members of the staff and faculty are allowed/encouraged to attend.
GRADUATION - Guests will enter the stadium on the west side via Gates 5, 6, 6A and 7. Bus pick up following the ceremony will happen at Gate 5/6 and Gate 1. Handicapped shuttles will be available from "A" lot via bus or golf cart - depending on needs. The Class of 2021 will enter via Gates 1 and 3.

Plastic bags are required. Available (free) at the Visitors Center and Grad Parade. Guests are allowed to bring a sealed bottle of water. Please be seated by 9:15 a.m. to watch the graduates march in. Formal ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. Prohibited items - alcoholic beverages, animals, artificial noise makers (air horns), other beverages, weapons of any kind, fireworks, food (except for medical reasons), throwing objects, hazardous materials, laser pointers, pepper spray/mace, razor blades, scissors, signs/banners, smoking, needles, leathermans, screwdrivers, glass bottles, tripods, coolers, aerosol containers, soda cans, sticks/poles, toy guns/toy weapons, umbrellas.