



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **ACADEMY HOSTS GRADUATION PARADE MAY 22**

**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** – The Air Force Academy's Class of 2018 Graduation Parade is May 22 at Stillman Parade Field on the Air Force Academy.

Pre-parade events begin at 7:25 a.m. when Wings of Blue plan to jump into Stillman Field. A cadet aerial capabilities demonstration, along with the Cadet Falconry Team and the Saber Drill Team are also scheduled to perform. Additionally, a B-2 Spirit will flyover Stillman Field before the parade begins. This will be the last parade for the Class of 2018 as they turn over leadership of the Cadet Wing to the Class of 2019.

The events are free, open to the public, and tickets are not required. Seating is first-come, first-served.

Visitors should enter the Academy through the Academy's North Gate, at Exit 156 off I-25. Visitors are advised to arrive early, as parade attendance and vehicle traffic are typically very high. Vehicles entering the Academy are also subject to random searches, which could also delay traffic.

Parade parking will be directed to the Cadet Field House, where shuttle bus services will transport attendees to the parade field. Attendees are advised to wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water, since bus wait times may sometimes be longer than expected. Although handicapped shuttles will be available throughout the Cadet Area, there may be extensive walking required from bus stops to the parade field bleachers. Please consider this when bringing elderly or guests needing additional support to the Academy.

The public should not bring large bags and backpacks to the parade. Cameras, video cameras and binoculars are permitted, but attendees should be prepared to remove the camera lenses for security inspection.

The parade is subject to cancellation in the event of severe weather.

For information about graduation, visit <https://www.usafa.edu/about/traditions/graduation/>.

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**Media interested in covering the parade should call Public Affairs (719) 333-7731 by 2 p.m. May 21.**