

SECURITY PROCEDURES FOR GRAD WEEK

BASE ENTRY: Throughout Grad Week, guests may enter the base via the North Gate by showing a driver's license or a military ID. Standard base visitor hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. However, during Grad Week, the North Gate will be open to allow guests to enter the base for early or late events. North Gate times are as follows: 25 May 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 26 May, 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. 27 May, 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. 28 May, 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. 29 May, 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. 30 May, 6:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. A DOD ID card or base visitor pass is required to enter the South Gate and the secure areas of the base (see attached map). All vehicles entering the base are subject to inspection/search by security personnel and you may be asked to show proof of insurance, a valid vehicle registration and a rental car agreement. Guests should refrain from bringing large bags, coolers, backpacks or other items that will require additional scrutiny or searches from security personnel. The South Gate will be open for guests on graduation day for travel to the stadium.

PARKING: Parking for events on Tuesday and Wednesday of Graduation Week is in the Cadet Field House, Parade Field and Cadet Parking Lots. Shuttle buses will run from these parking areas to locations throughout the Cadet Area. All parking for the Graduation Ceremony on Thursday is at Falcon Stadium.

CADET AREA ACCESS: Guests must be escorted by a cadet or USAFA staff with a Cadet Area Badge while in the Cadet Area. Guests should not bring large bags or backpacks into the Cadet Area; bags will be searched at the bus stops and at the parades, potentially delaying your arrival at your destination.

EVENTS IN SECURE AREAS OF THE BASE: For Graduation Week events taking place outside of the immediate Cadet Area or after visitor hours, all non-DOD guests must be escorted through the entry control point by a DOD ID card holder. These events include any held at The Carlton House (e.g., Commissioning Ceremonies). We recommend cadets meet their non-DOD guests either off base or at the Field House in order to carpool and/or caravan to their destination. DOD ID cardholders, including civilian, military cadets and base contractors, can vouch for non-DOD affiliated people in the car which they are traveling and one additional vehicle. Plan to arrive early for Grad Week activities in order to give yourself sufficient time to get through security to your event location.

HANDICAPPED: USAFA does not issue handicapped or special parking passes, so please bring your own handicapped placard in order to access the Cadet Area handicapped lot (immediately north of Stillman Parade Field) and handicapped parking at the stadium on Graduation day. Handicapped shuttles will operate throughout the Cadet Area during Grad Week.

GENERAL BASE DRIVING INFO: Please make sure to follow all posted speed limits when driving on the base. Note that seatbelts must be worn by all vehicle occupants at all times when driving on the Academy. Drivers may not use handheld cellular phones while the vehicle is in motion. If you need to make or take a call, please use a hands-free device or pull to the side of the road. Also, be aware that radar detectors are not permitted on base. Finally, keep in mind that wildlife such as deer, elk and wild turkeys can be a hazard while driving on the Academy. Please be alert for them and drive carefully. Remember, they have the right-of-way!

If Force Protection Conditions change due to world events or events closer to home, some scheduled events may change or require additional security precautions for the safety of all our guests. Any event changes will be widely publicized in local media, on our Graduation Website and throughout the base.

EMERGENCIES: If you have a medical, fire or police emergency, please call 911 immediately. There are several major medical facilities in Colorado Springs to handle medical situations: Memorial Hospital Central, (719) 365-5000, Memorial Hospital North, (719) 364-5000, Penrose-St. Francis, (719) 776-5000, and St. Francis Medical Center, (719) 571-1000. On base, you may contact USAFA Security Forces at (719) 333-2000 or 333-4100.

