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Dear Parents of the Class of 2026:

For nearly four years, your sons and daughters have been challenged, tested, and forged morally, mentally, and physically at the United States Naval Academy. They have matured into disciplined warfighters and leaders of character, and have committed themselves to a profession that demands selflessness, grit, and an unwavering sense of duty. Their great achievements would not have been possible without your unwavering love and support; for that, we thank you.

In just a few short months, they will be commissioned as officers in the United States Navy and Marine Corps, the finest maritime fighting force in the world. Your sons and daughters have chosen to serve at a time of growing challenges to our nation's security. They have accepted the responsibility to lead Sailors and Marines, and to be ready for the demands of this profession wherever they may be called. Commissioning Week is a time to celebrate and honor our graduating midshipmen's commitment as they prepare to step forward into service.

We look forward to welcoming you to Annapolis to celebrate the Class of 2026 at the Naval Academy, and the Commissioning Week Program of Events is available at <https://www.usna.edu/SpecialEvents/CommWeek/>. I encourage you to make lodging arrangements as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. Additional information on accommodations can be found through the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau at <http://www.visitannapolis.org/>.

I am immensely proud to send our midshipmen into the Navy and Marine Corps. They are prepared to excel in their respective communities and will soon begin leading our Nation's Sailors and Marines with distinction. I have every confidence that the Class of 2026 will make you, the Naval Service, and our Nation proud.

Congratulations on this incredible milestone and I look forward to seeing you in May to celebrate this special occasion together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MJB", is written over the typed name.

M. J. BORGSCHULTE
Lieutenant General, U. S. Marine Corps
Superintendent