

Time-Line for Graduation and Commissioning Ceremony (Photo / Video Ops) May 22, 2026

Press Briefing, stage right of center media platform	8:10 a.m.
Pre-ceremony music, USNA Band at stadium	8:30 – 8:50
*Entrance of Class of '26	9:00 – 9:30
• PHOTO OP: Behind or on media platforms on each side Do not get in front of the procession	
*Academic procession	9:30 – 9:43
• PHOTO OP: Behind media platforms on each side	
Initial rostrum party	9:45
Music, USNA Band	9:47 – 9:59
Bugle call	10:00
Rostrum party arrival announced by Commandant	10:01 – 10:03
• CMC, CNO, Provost, Commandant, Superintendent, SecNav, and CJCS	
*Blue Angels Fly-Over	10:04
• PHOTO OP: Behind last row of grads looking at stage	
National Anthem by soloist	10:05
Invocation, Command Chaplain	10:07
*Remarks, Superintendent	10:09
• PHOTO OP: Side aisle	
*Remarks, Acting Secretary of the Navy	10:15
*Remarks, CJCS	10:22 – 10:40
Conferral of Degrees, Superintendent and Academic Dean and Provost Dr. Samara Firebaugh	10:40 – 10:42
*Commissioning of USMC Graduates: Commandant of the Marine Corps	10:42 – 10:47
• PHOTO OP / VIDEO OP: Raising hand, taking oath, yelling “I DO”	
*Commissioning of USN graduates: Chief of Naval Operations	10:47 – 10:52
• PHOTO OP / VIDEO OP: Raising hand, taking oath, yelling “I DO”	
*Recognition of international graduates by Academic Dean and Provost	10:52 – 10:55
• PHOTO OP / VIDEO OP: Each will stand at their seat	
*Diplomas to Distinguished (top 100) graduates	10:55 – 11:15
• PHOTO OP: First 100 grads go from stage left to stage right	
*Diplomas to all other graduates by company	11:15 – 12:25
• PHOTO OP: All other grads diplomas in alphabetical by company up center and down each side of stage. Even companies are on the left, odd on the right.	

GET READY FOR HAT TOSS: Photographers gather in front of the media platform after the announcement of the 36th Company. Staff /media escorts will take you forward to get hat toss pics in front of the graduate seating before the singing of Navy Blue and Gold.

Presentation of class gifts and recognition of honorary members (listed in program)	12:25 – 12:29
Singing of “Navy Blue and Gold”	12:29 – 12:31
Three cheers for those about to leave us (by Class of '27 President)	12:31
Three cheers for those we leave behind (by Class of '26 President)	12:32
*Hat toss and end of ceremony	~12:32