Time-Line for Graduation/Commissioning Ceremony
( Photo / Video Ops) May 26, 2023

Press Briefing - Media Platform 8:10 a.m.
Pre-ceremony music, USNA Band at stadium 8:30 – 8:50
*Entrance of Class of ’23 9:00 – 9:30
• PHOTO OP: Behind or on media platforms on each side. Do not get in front of the procession.
*Academic procession (announced by top graduate) 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, SecDef, and SecNav

Blue Angels Fly-Over 10:04
• PHOTO OP: Behind last row of grads looking at stage

National Anthem, Soloist (announced by Commandant) 10:05
Invocation, Chaplain (announced by Commandant) 10:07
*Remarks, Superintendent (intro of Secretary of Defense) 10:09
• PHOTO OP: Side aisle

*Remarks, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin III 10:22 – 10:40
Conferral of Degrees, Academic Dean and Superintendent 10:40 – 10:42
*Commissioning of USMC Graduates 10:42 – 10:47
Commandant of the Marine Corps
 • PHOTO OP / VIDEO OP: Raising hand, taking oath, yelling “I DO”

*Commissioning of USN Graduates 10:47 – 10:52
Chief of Naval Operations
 • PHOTO OP / VIDEO OP: Raising hand, taking oath, yelling “I DO”

*Recognition of International graduates by Academic Dean 10:52 – 10:55
 • PHOTO OP / VIDEO OP: Each will stand at their seat

*Diplomas to Distinguished (top 100) graduates 10:55 – 11:12
 • PHOTO OP: First 100 grads go from stage left to stage right

*Diplomas to all other graduates by company 11:12 – 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 media platform about halfway through announcement of 30th Co. Staff will take you forward to get hat toss pics in front of the graduate seating.

Class of ’23 presentation of gifts and Honorary Graduates (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 ’24 President) 12:31
Three cheers for those we leave behind (by Class of ’23 Acting President) 12:32
*Hat toss and end of ceremony (kids on field to queue to collect tossed hats) ~12:32

Personal Swearing In, Supt’s tent 1:00 p.m.