

36th Annual Joint Service Academy Military Ball Monday, December 26th, 2022 MOODY GARDENS CONVENTION CENTER SEVEN <u>HOPE BOULEVARD</u> GALVESTON, TEXAS 77554

RECEPTION 5:30 PM DINNER, PROGRAM & DANCING 7:00 PM

We are delighted you are taking part in this holiday tradition honoring Cadets and Midshipmen.

Tickets for the event will not be mailed. You will receive an email **Reservation and Payment Confirmation** that will serve as proof of your reservation for Check-In.

If you requested seating with another party, please confirm with them that they have submitted their reservation via the RSVP form and completed payment. If the other party submits their RSVP much later than yours, we cannot guarantee you will be seated together. All reservations are final, and no refunds will be made.

Please remember that your Cadet or Midshipman will need a paid reservation for the Ball. If he/she is not included in your reservation above, or if you wish to add other guests to your party, please email our reservations chairman, <u>rhonda.w.pelton@gmail.com</u>

Reservations Deadline is December 12th

Please take note of the instructions under the section titled "Cadet/Midshipmen Photo Presentation" to submit your photos for the slideshow. The deadline for submitting photos is December 12th.

If you have additional questions, please contact your Academy Parents' Club Ball Representative, or email <u>jsambfundraising@gmail.com</u>

Dress: Cadets and Midshipmen should be in full Mess Dress uniform for the Academy Group Photos, March-In, and Toasts. Following the toasts, females may change into gowns if they wish; Restrooms are provided in the lobby. Uniforms can be hung on the provided coat racks or taken up to hotel rooms. Remind your Midshipman or Cadet to bring his or her uniform home for the Holidays! Air Force Cadets who do not have Mess Dress should wear Service Dress, without gloves. West Point Cadets should wear Full Dress over White, with gloves, no covers; First Class Cadets should wear their red sash. **Civilian dress** is Black Tie Optional. Women typically wear long, formal evening dresses or short, dressy cocktail dresses.

Parking: Complimentary parking is provided in the garage adjacent to the entrance of the Convention Center. From the garage, guests should enter the Expo B entrance to the Convention Center.

Check-In and Academy Group Photos: The check-in area is located just inside the Expo B entrance to the Convention Center. Check-in opens at 5:15 pm for early arrivers. Upon arrival, Cadets and Midshipmen should proceed to the check-in tables to receive their table assignments for their parties. Cadets and Midshipmen are asked to check in before reporting to the reception area (Expo B) for Academy group photos, starting at 6:15 pm.

Reception: Everyone is invited to the reception in Expo B to enjoy light hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and the silent auction/raffles at 5:30.

March-In: At around 6:45 after group photos, Midshipmen and Cadets move to the North Lobby and line up for March-In, between the Reception (Expo B) and the Ballroom (Expo C) revealing the dinner tables as the air wall goes up. Guests should locate and take their seats at 7:00 pm for the March-In of the Cadets and Midshipmen.

Dinner Menu: Due to supply issues/uncertainty, Moody Gardens is not able to confirm the exact menu until 6 weeks prior to the event.

Professional Photography: Take advantage of the opportunity for a beautiful family portrait located in the reception area (Expo B) made possible by Douglas Burns Photography.

5:30-6:15 pm Family Portraits 6:15 pm Academy Group Photos 9:00-10:00pm Family Portraits

To speed up the registration process for the formal poses we ask that you prepay for your session. Payment at the event will still be possible. Please bring your receipt as proof of purchase.

Payment Link: https://buy.stripe.com/7slfZxd22dcn52w4gk

Dance: Disc jockey and entertainment provided by PRP Entertainment

Cadet and Midshipman Photo Presentation: We would like all Cadets and Midshipmen attending the Ball to be a part of the slide show presentation. **The deadline for submitting photos is December 12th!** Pictures can be at the Academy, at home on leave, training, traveling, etc. Landscape pictures are preferred. Also, pictures may be cropped for presentation. Instructions for submitting photos are as follows:

Send an email with no more than 8 photos of your Cadet or Midshipman as attachments to <u>jointacademyball22@gmail.com</u> An email confirmation will be sent once your pictures have been received.

Please include the following information when you submit your pictures: Email subject line: Academy, Class Year, First & Last Name of Midshipman or Cadet Example of how to label individual pictures: USNA_2022_Smith_John_01.jpg USNA_2022_Smith_John_02.jpg

USNA_2022_Smith_John_03.jpg

Hotel Reservations: Moody Gardens Hotel is offering a special JSAMB rate of \$126.00 plus tax for the 25th and 26th and \$99 for the 27th.. To request these JSAMB special rates, call 1-888-388-8484 and mention the JSAMB rate.

Silent Auction: Please bring your credit card, checkbook or cash to support the incredible number of prizes offered at the Ball. Prizes include jewelry, wine tastings, vacation rentals, Academy specific baskets, etc.

Raffle Tickets: We are also offering raffle tickets this year. We have 3 great prizes:

Prize 1: 4 Club level seats to Bruce Springsteen, Tundra Garage parking pass and \$200 gift card to the Rodeo Goat restaurant nearby.

Prize 2: One pair of custom made cowboy boots with a matching belt and buckle from Al's Handmade Boots.

Prize 3: Large, swiveling, Texas themed fire pit/grill from Buzzard Industries.

Tickets may be purchased at the ball. If you'd like to purchase raffle tickets in advance, please contact <u>jsambfundraising@gmail.com</u>