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General public tickets for the Air Force Academy Graduation Ceremony, which will be held on 26 May from 1000-1330 at Falcon Stadium, will be available through the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce beginning on Tuesday, 11 May. Tickets must be picked up in person between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Chamber offices at 6 S. Tejon Street, Suite 700, in Colorado Springs.

Falcon Stadium gates will open at 8 a.m. on 26 May, and ticket holders are encouraged to arrive no later than 9 a.m. Stringent security measures will be in effect and stadium security staff will check tickets, IDs, and hand-carried items and will require attendees to be scanned by airport-style metal detectors. No boxes, alcohol, weapons, firecrackers, beverage containers of any sort, backpacks, large handbags, coolers, thermoses or similar items will be allowed in the stadium. Food and drink are prohibited with the exception of clear, unopened water bottles and medically necessary items with a doctor's order. Cameras, video cameras and binoculars are permitted; however, please be prepared to remove camera lenses for security inspection at the stadium gates. Diaper bags will be allowed when a child is present - no strollers please. Refreshments will be available from vendors throughout the stadium. Seatbacks will be available for rent. Please note that there are no elevators in the stadium, and handicapped-accessible seating is very limited and first-come, first-served.

Uniform for the Graduation Ceremony is: Military: Service Dress w/flight or service cap (platform guests will wear wheel hat). Ladies: Dress or Jacket with Skirt or Slacks; Gentlemen: Coat or Suit and Tie.

Once the ceremony has begun at 10 a.m., no one will be allowed to leave the stadium until after the end of the Thunderbirds' performance at about 1:30 p.m.

No tailgating parties will be permitted in the stadium parking lots. RVs or vans may be parked in the stadium lots, but no open fires or charcoal/wood grills are permitted.

As the Air Force Academy graduation ceremony is conducted in an outdoor stadium, guests should be prepared for any kind of weather. Medical personnel will be available for individuals who may experience illness or other medical emergencies.

General public and staff ticket holders will not be allowed to attend the graduation ceremony if it is moved indoors due to dangerous weather or heightened security. Notification will go out by 0800 on Wednesday, 26 May, via base message boards and local media, if the ceremony venue is changed.

For more information on the Academy Graduation visit the Web site, www.usafa.edu, or call HQ USAFA/XPB (Sue Christensen) at 333-3451.

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