



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

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Dear Families and Friends of the Class of 2022

On behalf of the United States Air Force Academy community, I am thrilled to extend my congratulations on your cadet's upcoming graduation!

During one of the most difficult times to attend our Academy, the Class of 2022 has stepped up and led the Cadet Wing with grit, discipline, and excellence beyond their years. They were tested in the classroom, in their squadrons, and on the athletic fields, and have lifted one another up to persevere the hardships of a historic pandemic. As this class progressed through our challenging and interdisciplinary curriculum, they built the foundation for promising careers of service on a bedrock of education, training, and character development. They are ready to make an immediate impact in our Air Force and Space Force, and I look forward to the incredible things they will accomplish.

It is with great pride that I invite you to join me in Falcon Stadium on the May 25, 2022, when the 64th graduating class of the United States Air Force Academy receives their diplomas and commissions as second lieutenants. Graduation week activities for the Class of 2022 will culminate with this ceremony, and at its conclusion the class will be honored with a thrilling performance by the Air Force Thunderbirds. We are currently planning to allocate 20 tickets per graduating cadet to distribute to their family, friends, and supporters to attend the graduation ceremony. Each graduate will also be allowed to bring 6 guests to the Graduation Parade on May 24. Attendance numbers remain subject to change as we monitor conditions and consider recommendations of local, state, and federal health authorities. We will communicate additional details to our cadets, parents, and community in the near future.

In addition to the many events offered during the week, my wife Amy and I would like to invite you and your guests to a reception in honor of our graduates at the Carlton House on Sunday, May 22, 2022, where it will be our pleasure to extend personal congratulations to you and your cadet. Please visit <https://www.usafa.edu/graduation/> for more detailed information on the entire week's festivities.

This milestone marks the end of a transformational experience at our Academy for this outstanding class, and signifies the beginning of another journey. Greater challenges await, and I am confident that our newest officers will not only succeed, but will lead a generation of even greater innovation, excellence, and accomplishment in the profession of arms. On behalf of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, the Chief of Space Operations, and our entire Academy community, thank you for all you have done in support of your cadet. We look forward to celebrating the extraordinary accomplishments of these outstanding young leaders with you!

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard M. Clark".

RICHARD M. CLARK
Lieutenant General, USAF
Superintendent