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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY
COLORADO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CCA/2710

15 May 1963

SUBJECT: Graduation Ball

TO: The Class of 1963

1. This letter is written in order to solicit the assistance of the Class of 1963 in the execution of their Graduation Ball on the night of 4 June 1963:

a. The Arnold Hall auditorium will have free, continuous entertainment by the Air Force Academy Band and guest artists from 9:00 PM until 12:00 midnight for parents and guests of the graduating class.

b. The count of the number of people who will be at the Academy as guests of the Class of 1963 during June Week now totals approximately 3000; consequently, access to the ballroom floor during the Graduation Ball must be restricted because there just is not enough room. This restriction will be accomplished by employing the following methods:

(1) Each graduate will be given two passes which he may give to those individuals whom he desires to have access to the ballroom. Those passes will double as "guest" cards to the Academy Officers' Club. The passes may be exchanged at the discretion of the individuals who receive them so that a cadet with a large number of guests may afford those guests access to the ballroom during the course of the evening. However, no more than two guests per graduating cadet may be allowed on the ballroom floor at any one time and those guests must have guest passes in their possession to gain admittance.

(2) The mezzanine area of the present Fourth Class Lounge at the east end of the ballroom will be used as an area from which to observe the Graduation Ball in progress; no passes will be required for this area. The spiral staircase leading from the mezzanine will be the access point to the ballroom for those individuals with ballroom access passes while the receiving line is in progress.

(3) Staff members of the Directorate of Cadet Activities will be placed at the following points in order to restrict access to the ballroom area for unauthorized individuals:

- (a) West spiral staircase
- (b) East spiral staircase
- (c) West access for the Pegasus terrace
- (d) East access for the Pegasus terrace



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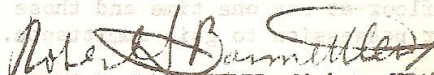
(4) Only those individuals properly attired will be permitted on the ballroom floor. For parents and guests attending: appropriate dress for the gentlemen is a dark business suit, white shirt, and dark tie; summer Mess Dress uniform for military guests; for the ladies, a dressy afternoon frock or cocktail dress; or formal attire for both.


(5) No children under 16 years of age will be permitted on the ballroom floor.

(6) The only camera lighting allowed will be the flash type. No continuous movie camera lighting will be permitted.

(7) The cadets and their dates will use the west spiral staircase for access to the ballroom during the time the receiving line is in progress. Parents and guests of cadets will use the east spiral staircase while the receiving line is in progress. Either staircase may be used after the receiving line is discontinued. Only cadets and their dates will go through the receiving line.

2. The Directorate of Cadet Activities, in cooperation and collaboration with the Wing Dance Committee and its Chairman, has come up with the foregoing suggestions as a result of the criticism by graduating classes of former years. The basic criticism has been that the Graduation Ball, presumably the most elegant ball of the year, has generally deteriorated to an over-crowded county fair atmosphere. The unanimous suggestion was that restrictions be imposed for the purpose of maintaining some semblance of elegance at the Graduation Ball; it is the hope of the Wing Dance Committee and the Directorate of Cadet Activities that each graduate will help inform his parents and guests of the above restrictions in order to amicably accomplish this purpose.


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(d) West spiral staircase

(e) East spiral staircase

(c) West access for the Regatta Terrace

(b) East access for the Regatta Terrace