

Spiritual Commissioning

Spiritual Commissioning is a special ceremony for new Christian lieutenants offered by the Officer's Christian Fellowship. It is consecrating you for spiritual service in the military. There will be an opportunity for your family to pray over you. After a special (brief) service, you will take an oath of dedication, publicly committing your career to God. Then you will have the opportunity take your oath of office and do your bar pinning with whomever you choose. We will have flags set up at the chapel, but it is possible to go to another location for your bar pinning. **You can't be late for the Spiritual Commissioning**, so a **later** bar pinning in another location will work. Any commissioned officer, active or retired, from ANY service, can do your oath ceremony. If you have Christian friends who have not been active in OCF they are welcome to participate, but must sign up ahead of time.

Immediately following graduation, your guests will proceed to the basement and outdoor area of the Cadet Chapel for a lunch. Reservations **MUST** be made and \$10/per person paid in advance for the lunch. Only the meal for YOU, the 2LT, is free. If you invite an underclassman to the ceremony you are responsible for paying for their meal. Payments will be accepted by Tom or Cheri. Make checks out to **OCF USMA** with **"spiritual commissioning"** On the "memo" line. We need payment by 4 May, at the End-of-Year party at Ike Hall. If your parent is sending a check, mail it to: 49 Mountain Avenue, Highland Falls, NY 10928. **There is no limit to the number of guests**, we just need to know!

In years past a rumor circulated through the parent network that there was free food for parents after graduation at the Cadet Chapel. Please help squelch this rumor should it appear this year by explaining this carefully to your families.

At approximately 1200 hours we will begin our ceremony. We will give you specific details closer to the event. We just want to give you an overview now. This is a very meaningful time!

We will have one designated photographer for the ceremony who will provide a digital copy to each family. Photography will not be allowed during the administering of the Spiritual Commissioning oath. This will allow your family to concentrate on the ceremony itself and limit distractions to everyone.

Since you probably have no idea exactly who is coming in your family, we would like to communicate directly with a family member. Please give us a name, phone number and email address for the person most likely to know what is going on graduation week! Sign the clip board at OCF and/or email ocfaustins@gmail.com. We will be checking off the number in your party as they come in for lunch, so we need to be very close in our headcount.

OCF HOUSE PHONE NUMBER: (845) 839-0330

OTHER DATES:

4 May End-of-year party at Ike Hall Café

3-8 May **TBA** Firstie Only Cookout at OCF House one night this week. Reservations will be taken for this event as gift bags will be given to each attendee.