

INDIANA ALL ACADEMY BALL 2017

FAQ

WHAT IS THE INDIANA ALL ACADEMY BALL?

The Indiana All Academy Ball is an annual, formal military gala planned to honor and celebrate the nearly 300 Indiana young men and women who currently attend one of the United States service academies: The US Military Academy at West Point, NY (Army), the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD, the US Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO, the US Coast Guard Academy at New London, CT and the US Merchant Marine Academy at Kingspoint, NY.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE ALL ACADEMY BALL (AAB)?

The local non-profit parents' clubs of Navy, Air Force and Army West Point academies rotate hosting every three years. This year is the 25th Indiana AAB and is hosted by the United States Naval Academy Parent's Club of Indiana. All the academies' parents' clubs work together to hold a memorable gala and fun celebration that has several purposes:

1. To honor the young men and women who have focused their vision on service to our country.
2. To afford these leaders in training an opportunity to gain more experience in a formal military ceremony.
3. To offer the academies an opportunity to recruit new students and future leaders.
4. Not every family is able to attend military galas at their respective cadet or mid's academy. The AAB affords these families a local gala opportunity.

FOR WHOM IS THE AAB GIVEN?

The ball is given for all current Indiana cadets and midshipmen (mids) of the five Academies, alumni, parents and guests. Cadets/mids can attend by themselves, with a date, or with their entire family. Cadets/Mids from surrounding states closer to or visiting Indiana during the holidays are also welcome. Parent club membership is not required to attend. This event honors and celebrates all Indiana cadets/mids.

WHAT DO WE DO AT THE AAB?

The AAB is similar to military ceremony celebrated at academy formal balls. There is a social hour, notable Master of Ceremonies, March On, toasts, invocation, formal dinner, inspiring Keynote speaker, dancing and door prizes for the cadets/mids. There is also a photographer available for family portraits and fun candid shots.

Another special feature is a rolling photo presentation of each cadet or midshipman, so be looking for a photo of your daughter or son in uniform that you can upload or email. Choose one in uniform and/or one doing something at their academy. No more than 2 photos can be used. Information for where to send them will be included in the invitation, Facebook and hosting website.

WHERE IS THE 2017 INDIANA AAB?

The 2017 All Academy Ball will be held at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown
The Indianapolis Marriott Downtown is located downtown at
350 West Maryland Street
Indianapolis IN. 46225
(317) 822-3500

Convenient Parking for Ball Guests will be available

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WHEN IS IT?

The ball is held annually during the Winter Break in late December while the cadets/mids are home for the holidays, a wonderful time for family memory-making. This year, the Indiana All Academy Ball will be held on **Saturday, December 23, 2017**. Registration and cocktails will begin at 5:45 pm, with March On, Formal Dinner and Dancing beginning at 6:30 pm.

WHAT DO WE WEAR TO THE AAB?

Cadets and Midshipmen wear their service dress or their formal mess dress if they have it (upperclassmen). Young ladies have the option of changing into civilian formal wear after the March On, if they prefer (a private ladies changing room has been reserved down the hall from the ballroom). Dress is formal for guests as well: black tie optional, otherwise suits and ties for gentlemen; long (or short) formal wear for ladies. Your cadet/midshipman will need to bring their service/mess dress when they come home for the holidays and may need a reminder.

WHO MAY WE INVITE? AND HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

You may bring the whole family, including grandparents or siblings. There are usually some younger siblings in attendance but rarely small children. Each person will need to register their dinner reservation, including your cadet/mid, but the cost of the cadet's/mid's dinner reservation will be reimbursed during registration, given they attend in their service dress and participate in the March On. Each person's reservation costs \$50 snail mail rsvp, and \$52 online rsvp.

HOW DO I MAKE A RESERVATION TO ATTEND?

Each current cadet's/midshipmen's family will receive a formal invitation in the mail. You can register and pay via mail or online. Links to online reservations will be available in October when formal invitations go out. If you know of a family that did not receive an invitation, please ask them to check <http://usnaparentsclubindiana.weebly.com> for contact information and Indiana All Academy Ball 2017 on Facebook. An invitation will be mailed or they may register on line.

DO THE CADETS AND MIDSHIPMEN HAVE TO HAVE A DATE?

It is a fun opportunity to dress up and bring a date to show off a special glimpse into their military world, but not all cadets/mids will have a date. Some simply enjoy time with their family or friends from their academies without having a date.

WHAT IF MY CADET/MID DOESN'T REALLY WANT TO GO?

Some cadets/mids are hesitant to go if they have never been to an All Academy Ball before. Some are not sure they want to bring their uniforms home for the holidays. However, most will admit they had a good time with friends and family, felt proud to represent their academy, were pleased with the cash door prizes they won, and made their moms happy to have a family portrait taken.

HOW LONG DOES IT LAST?

The AAB begins with Registration and Cocktails at 5:45 pm, the formal program wraps up around 9 and the evening events should last no later than 11:30 pm. A DJ will get the dancing and door prizes started after dessert is served. Cadets/Mids should plan to stay to listen for their names called for the door prizes and enjoy the dancing.

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DO I NEED TO GET A HOTEL ROOM?

Some out-of-town families prefer to get a hotel room so they won't need to cut their evening celebration short, and to have a place to change into their formal wear.

ARE THERE DISCOUNTED HOTEL ROOMS AVAILABLE?

Yes, you can now make reservations at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. This block is only guaranteed through November 23, 2017, due to other events happening in Indianapolis that weekend. If possible, please book early.

TO RESERVE A SUITE IN THE GROUP BLOCK:

Call 317-822-3500 and ask for reservations. Give the arrival/departure dates and mention group code AAB. Verify the group name is All Academy Ball. Verify the group rate of \$107.00 for a King Suite or Two Double Bed Room plus taxes for each night of the stay. The booking agent will ask for a credit card number to guarantee. If experiencing an issue reserving at the group rate for only part of the stay, book the available dates and contact the Sales Department at 317-822-3500. After November 23, 2017 at 11:59 p.m., all remaining rooms will be released and requests for reservations will be made based on rate and availability at the time of the call. Marriott welcomes guests to book online as well!

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