

Cow Affirmation Ceremony

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The Cow Affirmation ceremony is an evening ceremony, which is scheduled for the Sunday evening before the beginning of academics the next morning for the new academic year. It takes place in the Roscoe Robinson auditorium (formerly South Auditorium) of Thayer Hall. It begins at 1900 hours and lasts approximately an hour to an hour fifteen minutes. After the ceremony the cadets return to the barracks for evening study period to review homework for the next day.

It is to affirm their commitment to complete their next two years of study and at a minimum to serve five years of active-duty military service thereafter. It is an impressive ceremony held in Ike Hall highlighted by a renewal of the oath they took on The Plain over two years before. Upon completion of the event, which is on the Sunday before classes begin, each Cow receives a Second Lieutenant's gold bar, engraved with the class year. It is both symbolic of their commitment and representative of the goal which they are seeking to attain over the coming two years.