

Congratulations to all of you and your Cadets.....

As you may have ascertained, Graduation Day is action packed. There is very little time allotted between that day's twin events of Graduation Ceremonies and Commission Swearing In. Lorraine and I have looked into various alternatives for the "Noon" meal on that day. In the past, folks have found that there hasn't been enough time to leave, find somewhere to eat and return to Post between these events. Post facilities are woefully inadequate for this task and less than accommodating.

We have tried to figure out how to handle this problem and determined that the most efficient means (and best chance for some "relaxation" time) would be for us to arrange to have a catered lunch delivered to us somewhere on the Academy. To that end, we contacted a number of possible vendors and decided that T&M II GO was the best available for our purposes. These are the same folks many of the Saint Louis Parents Club Class Of 2007 Members used last year. We have engaged them and the Hughes' are going to join us. We wish to invite each of you to join us. I am attaching a copy of their Menu for your review. Wayne (the owner) would like some idea of what we anticipate our numbers will be as soon as possible. If you are interested, please let us know at your earliest opportunity.

The Menu will include each item shown in quantities according to the number in our party, so there isn't any need to make a selection. If you have children in your party, Wayne is willing to work with us on some alternatives for them. Let me know how many youngsters you will have (Lorraine and I will have two of our grandchildren there) and we will coordinate with you about how to reduce their Menu cost.

You should also know that we will need to prepay. T&M accepts credit cards.

I am currently trying to arrange for a convenient location for this on the Academy. I know that there should be room down along the River or on Buffalo Soldier Field. I have tried to "rent"/reserve the various pavilions and other facilities on Post -- they are all filled. No permanent facilities are available on the Academy, so we will need to find some alternative. I know that there should be room down near the River near the Rowing or on Buffalo Soldier Field. I have several calls into various "event" shops and acquaintances who have made similar arrangements (e.g. for Class Reunions) to see if we can rent a tent, tables and chairs and ensure we can place a tent for this purpose. If anyone has any other ideas, contacts or suggestions feel free to send them to me.

Again, best wishes and hope to see you at Graduation!

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