

Frequently Asked Questions about a JROTC Military Ball

This being our 34th Annual Military Ball, and the first for the LET I class, there are a few things that you should be aware of. In many JROTC units, the Military Ball is a larger event than the prom. All cadets in JROTC are expected to attend the Military Ball. It is part of the class and points will be awarded for 3rd quarter grades. Following are FAQ's.

What is a Military Ball?

- A Military Ball is a social event that allows JROTC members and guests to enjoy a formal evening together based upon Military Tradition.

What time does it start, and how long does it last?

- The Military Ball will officially start at 1500 hours, 3:00 PM. Cadets & guests may start arriving at 2:00 PM

Must I dress up?

- The Military Ball is a formal event, which requires proper attire. All cadets will wear their Military Class A Uniforms. Male guests should wear a coat and tie. Female guests should wear a nice dress or gown. No sneakers or jeans will be allowed. This is not acceptable dress for this event. You will be allowed to change out of uniforms and formal wear for the dance.

Must I have a date?

- It is not necessary to have a date to attend the Military Ball. It is perfectly acceptable to come by yourself and meet with other friends at the ball.
- Parents/Guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.

How much will it cost?

- No cost for cadets who have sold \$100.00 in fundraisers. All others the cost is \$12.00 a person. This price will include a full course meal, refreshments, and music and entertainment by a DJ. If the cost is a problem for you, please talk to the LTC Stefanchik or Sergeant First Class Bates.

Sequence of Events

A Receiving line?

- Starts at 3 PM. Cadets and guests will form a line and be formally introduced to the Battalion Commander, the guest speaker, special guests, and the Officer in Charge of the Military Ball. After this, you will be seated.

Seating Charts?

- Please check the seating chart to see where you are to sit. Do not change the seating arrangements. If you have a preference of whom you want to be seated with, make it known when you RSVP.

Posting of Colors?

- Everyone will stand while the Color Guard presents our colors to the Battalion Commander

Toasts?

- A toast is a gesture done in honor of a person or group. A glass is raised, the toast and response given, and then a sip is taken from the glass.

Meal?

- The meal will be a buffet style meal, where the guests and cadets will be called, by tables, to get their meal in an orderly manner. Not like your normal lunch period at school. You will then return to your table and start to eat.

Cake cutting ceremony?

- The cake cutting ceremony is a tradition in honor of the JROTC cadets.

Recess?

- This is an opportunity to stretch and use the lavatories; this will last about 20 minutes. You will then return to your table for the start of the awards ceremony and the guest speaker.

- We will not be going to the auditorium as done in previous years. The complete program will take place in the gym.

Pictures?

- A professional photographer will be set up in the cafeteria from 5 PM – 8 PM to take pictures of cadets and their guests. Prices are very reasonable.

Skits?

- A Skit may be performed by each LET level for entertainment during the military ball. The skit may be comedic, as it is a presentation for fellow cadets and guests.

Guest Speaker?

- There will be an introduction for the guest speaker. The speech will last approximately 10 minutes.

Retiring of the Colors?

- This is when the color guard will retrieve the colors at the end of the awards ceremony. Once again, everyone will stand for this ceremony.

Closing Remarks?

- There will be closing remarks by the Battalion Commander; and the Senior Army Instructor. this will mark the end of the formal session of the Military Ball.

Changing Clothes?

- Cadets and guests, if they choose to, will be allowed to change attire for the dance.

If there are any other questions about the Military Ball, feel free to ask other cadets who have gone to

previous events. Or ask the SAI or AI. Parents / Guardians may call us at 345-2731 ext 222 or email jrotc120751@pgasd.com.