

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

## *Southern New Jersey USCG Ball 2014*

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### ***When is the Southern New Jersey Coast Guard Ball?***

The ball is Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 1800 to 2300.

### ***Where is the ball?***

The 2014 Coast Guard Ball will be held at the Cape May Convention Hall. This brand new facility is located on the beach at 714 Beach Ave, Cape May, N.J. 08204 and is just 3 miles from TRACEN Cape May. Please visit the Cape May Convention Hall website for more information regarding the building and its location.



**Cape May Convention Hall**  
**714 Beach Ave**  
**Cape May, N.J. 08204**



### ***Who may attend?***

All Active Duty, Reserve, and Retired Coast Guard personnel, civilian employees presently employed by the Coast Guard, and their guests are invited and encouraged to attend. Minors are not permitted to attend the Ball and only one guest per Coast Guard member/civilian/retiree. Attendance is strongly encouraged for all Officers and Chiefs. The Coast Guard Ball is the only time each year where all Coast Guard personnel from around our AOR can get together in a formal setting and celebrate the birth of our Service.

## Will child care be provided?

Child care will be provided free of charge for participants aboard TRACEN Cape May in the Child Development Center from 1700 to 2330 on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old. However, space is limited so guests interested in utilizing this service should make their reservations early. If you plan to use this child care service, please RSVP on the e-invitation prior to Monday, 10 March, 2014. On the RSVP you will need to indicate the number of children between 6 weeks and 18 months old as well as the number of children between 18 months and 12 years old you wish to register for child care. The RSVP will allow us to secure enough staff to run the child care services. If you do not RSVP by 10 March you may still be able register your children for child care IF space is still available. Registration for child care is not completed until you purchase your tickets, at which point you will need to indicate again your desire to use this service. Please note that the Child Development Center will NOT be providing meals for the children so parents are encouraged to provide snacks. Also, if you are registering **children under 18 months** you will need to **provide a pack-n-play, diapers and bottles with formula.**

## What are my parking options?

FREE trolley service for CG Ball guests is being provided by American Trolley Co. from 1715 until 2330. This 40 passenger trolley will depart from each of the designated stops every 20 minutes. The trolley stops include the Harborview Club parking lot at the Training Center, Training Center base housing bus stops # 3 & 7, La Mer Beachfront Inn (1317 Beach Ave, Cape May), Grand Hotel (1045 Beach Ave, Cape May) and the Cape May Convention Hall. The map below depicts the trolley stops and a larger map can be found on the CG Ball [website](#). The trolley phone number is (609) 846-4057. Free parking is available on Beach Ave., where the parking meters will not be in effect until May, however, this street parking may be limited.





### ***What are my lodging options?***

A block of 25 rooms are being held at the **Grand Hotel** for \$110 for double occupancy rooms and \$133 for triple occupancy rooms. To book one of these rooms at this rate you will need to make your reservation by March 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact: **Grand Hotel**, 1045 Beach Ave, Cape May, NJ. Phone number (609) 884-5611.

Additionally, a block of 50 rooms are being held at the **La Mer Beachfront Inn** for \$129 for the night. To book one of these rooms at this rate you will need to make your reservation by March 14<sup>th</sup>. Contact: **La Mer Beachfront Inn**, 1317 Beach Ave, Cape May, NJ. Phone number (609) 884-9000 or click on this link to reserve a room via their [website](#).

Be sure to reference the CG Ball when making your reservation so that you get the group rates listed above. The trolley will be stopping at both of these hotels.

### ***What's on the menu?***

For the entrée the choices are prime rib, baked salmon or a vegetarian option. Dessert will be cake and assorted dessert pastries. Drinks may be purchased at the bar. Guests will need to make their meal selection when they purchase their tickets.



***What is included in the price of my ticket?***

The price of your ticket includes your admittance to the ball, dinner, dessert, and entertainment throughout the evening.

Ticket Prices are:

Tiers	Ticket Price/person
E-9 / CWO4 / O-5 & Above/ GS13 & Above	\$75.00
E7 to E8 / CWO1 to CWO3 / O1 to O-4/ GS8 to GS12	\$60.00
E-5 to E-6 / GS6 to GS7	\$40.00
E-4 & below	\$30.00

***Can tables be reserved?***

Tables for up to 8 guests may be reserved for a fee of \$15 so that your group may sit together during the ball. Minimum group size is 6 to reserve a table. Only one person from the group will need to pay for the table; you will have the option to reserve a table when you purchase your ticket to the Ball. Guests who reserve a table will receive an email requesting they provide the list of names of everyone at their table. Note: Tables reserved for parties of less than 8 may have the remaining seats filled.

***How do I register to attend the event?***

You will receive an e-invitation via email. Please RSVP to the e-invitation to provide a preliminary head count. Tickets will be available for purchase starting 14 February, 2014. You will be able to purchase your tickets online or via the MWR Office, as described below.

***What method of payment is accepted for the purchase of the ticket(s)?***

Online Payment Option: You can pay by credit card via the CG Ball website:

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/capemay/ball/> . Click on the Tickets tab and click on the link for Online Payment Option. Select Tickets again and then you are ready to make your entree selection and select your pay grade. Select “Add to Cart” and then repeat process for your guest if applicable. Next select child care if you will be using TRACEN child care services. For child care select the age of your child, then add to cart and repeat for additional children. Then click “Checkout” and follow the Paypal instructions. Please double check that you provided your meal selections for you and your guest and the number and ages of children you are registering for free childcare. Note: this step completes registration for the free childcare.

MWR Office Payment Option: Cash, check, or money order will be accepted at Training Center Cape May’s MWR Office. Make checks or money orders payable to Cape May MWR. You can call this office (609) 898-6922 to pay by credit card or mail a check/money order to:

USCG TRACEN Cape May  
ATTN: MWR  
1 Munro Ave  
Cape May, NJ 08204

Please double check that you provided your meal selections for you and your guest and the number and ages of children you are registering for free childcare.

***What if I purchase my ticket(s) and find that I cannot attend?***

You may receive a refund up till 21 March, 2014, no later than 1700. Contact LT John Suckow to cancel your registration: (609) 898-6819.



### ***How do I get my ticket(s)?***

For guests located at the Training Center, tickets will be available for pickup at the TRACEN MWR Office. For all other guests, tickets will be mailed to the CG Ball Point of Contact for your unit, listed below:

Air Station Atlantic City: LT Joseph Coffman, phone: (609) 677-2214

Sector Delaware Bay: ENS Terry Plank, phone: (215) 271-4800 Ext. 4654;  
ENS Michael Griffin, phone: (215) 271-4652

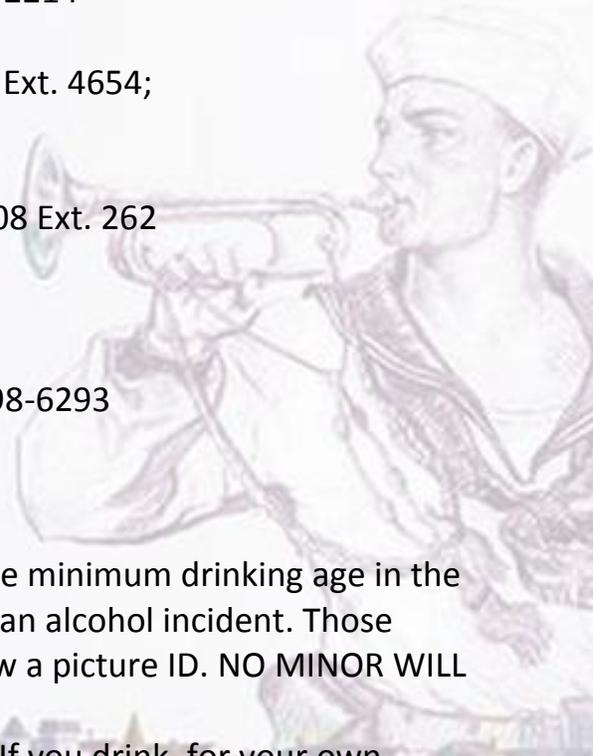
Atlantic Strike Team: LT Annjea Cormier, phone: (609) 724-0008 Ext. 262

USCGC VIGOROUS: ENS Caitlin Force, phone: (609) 898-6800

USCGC DEPENDABLE: ENS Jonathan Paquette, phone: (609) 898-6293

### ***What is the alcohol policy?***

1. A cash bar will be available at the 2014 Coast Guard Ball. The minimum drinking age in the state of New Jersey is 21 and underage drinking is considered an alcohol incident. Those individuals suspected of being a minor will be required to show a picture ID. **NO MINOR WILL BE PERMITTED TO CONSUME ALCOHOL AT THIS EVENT.**
2. Attendees may be refused purchase of alcohol at any time. If you drink, for your own protection and that of others, please allow a sober family member or friend to drive you home. You may also seek out the assistance of a Ball volunteer, who can find a ride home for you, call a cab, or assist you to the hotel. The trolley service will also be available to transport guests to the above listed locations.



### ***What is the itinerary?***

Below is the complete itinerary for the evening.

1800	Cocktail Reception Begins
1845	First Call To Seating, Doors Are Opened, Seating Begins.
1850	Second Call To Seating
1900	Program Commences
1905	National Anthem / Invocation
1910	Welcome Remarks by Captain Prestidge
1915	Remembrance Table
1920	Long Dinner Pipe, Dinner Is Served
2030	Introduce Keynote Speaker
2035	Remarks by Keynote Speaker
2050	Toasting
2100	Closing Remarks
2110	Dancing
2300	Ball Concludes

### ***Will there be an ATM at the venue?***

Yes, there is an ATM inside the Cape May Convention Hall.

### ***Will there be a photographer at the Ball?***

Yes, Prince Photography will be set up at the Convention Hall to take pictures of guests interested in getting their portraits with Cape May Beach and the Atlantic Ocean as the backdrop. Package details and prices can be found on the CG Ball website:

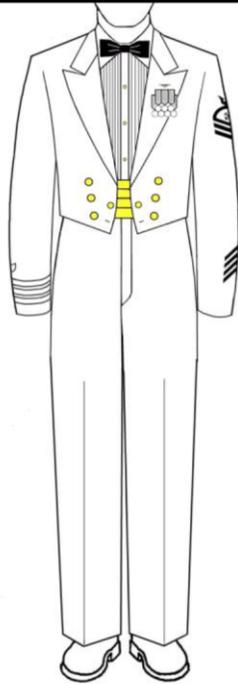
[uscg.mil/hq/capemay/ball/](http://uscg.mil/hq/capemay/ball/)

### ***What is the uniform code for the event?***

The uniform code for this event for members O-4 and above is the Dinner Dress Blue Jacket (DDBJ) per COMDTINST M1020.6H 3.B.2 . For members O-3 and below the uniform is the Dinner Dress Blue (DDB) IAW COMDTINST M1020.6H 3.B.4. All military members shall wear the prescribed uniform. Civilian guests should wear formal attire (black tie/evening gown). See the excerpts from COMDTINST M1020.6H below.



### 3.B.2. Dinner Dress Blue Jacket



Men

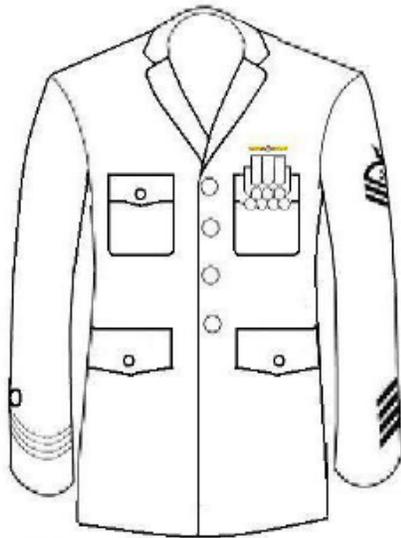


Women

Authorized Uniform Items	Additional Comments
Dinner Dress Blue Jacket	This jacket is the Navy Dinner Dress Blue Jacket that is Black in color.
Dress Coat Buttons	Substitute CG buttons for Navy buttons for both men and women.
Blue Evening Trousers	For men. High waist. Black in color.
Blue Formal Skirt/Slacks	For women: skirt or slacks optional.
White Shirt	Men: soft pleated long sleeve or standard long sleeve optional. Women: soft pleated long sleeve.
Tie	Men: black bow tie. Women: black formal dress necktie.
Gold Cummerbund	Men and women. Pleats up.
Small Medals	Worn 3" below left lapel notch. Women: 1/3 of distance between shoulder & bottom hem of jacket. With Multiple medals, medals may overlap the lapel and extend onto the chest area. Backing shall be affixed through both lapel and jacket.
Miniature Qualification Insignia, Devices, and Small Identification Badges	See section 3.E.4 for proper wear instructions.
White Gloves	Worn only when wearing outerwear. (Officers Only)
White Suspenders	For men.
Black Socks or Hosiery	Socks are worn with oxfords, hosiery with pumps or flats.
Black Oxford Shoes, Pumps or Flats	Men: Oxfords. Optional synthetic high-gloss. Women: Flats or pumps are worn with the dress slacks; pumps are mandatory with the formal dress skirt. Optional synthetic high-gloss.

Authorized Uniform Items	Additional Comments
Head Gear	Combination cap for men worn only when wearing outerwear.
Occasions for Wear	Cold weather - official evening functions when civilians wear black tie with tuxedos and almost any formal event such as formal dances, formal wedding, theater, opera, receptions, etc. Prescribed for O-4 and above, MCPOCG, and Gold Badge CMCs. Optional for O-3 and below.

### 3.B.4. Dinner Dress Blue



Men



Women

Authorized Uniform Items	Additional Comments
SDB Coat	
Long Trousers	Blue Dress Trousers
Skirt	Optional for women.
White Shirt	Long or short sleeve.
Shoulder boards/Collar Insignia	None.
Tie	Men: black bow tie. Women: black tab tie.
Small Medals	Worn over left pocket.
Miniature Qualification Insignia	See section 3.E.4 for proper wear instructions.
Miniature Devices	See section 3.E.4 for proper wear instructions.
Small Identification Badges	See section 3.E.4 for proper wear instructions.
White Gloves	Not required for E-9 and below. At prescribing officer's discretion for CWO2 and above.
Black Socks or Hosiery	Socks are worn with oxfords for men or women. Hosiery may be worn with oxfords, pumps, or flats for women.
Black Oxford Shoes, Pumps, or Flats	<b>Oxfords, pumps, or flats are worn with the trousers; pumps are mandatory with the skirt.</b> Optional synthetic high-gloss.
Belt with Buckle	Standard 1 ¼ inch black web belt with brass buckle. 1 ¼ inch nylon belt is optional.
Head Gear	Combination cap.
Occasions for Wear	Cold weather - Official functions where civilians wear black tie such as dinners, dances, receptions, weddings, ceremonies, etc. (Not as formal as Formal Evening Dress or Dinner Dress Jackets.) All personnel.

