Military Ball

Etiquette Class

January 31, 2026

WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON ?

Food

Do not chew with your mouth open or be messy.

PHONES

Try not to be on your phone while the presenter is talking.

DRIVING/PARKING

Do not speed they are very strict. You can park in the front not the back. They WILL pull you over.

Invitations

Make sure to RSVP even if you are not going.

The area

Do not speed, they are very strict. You can park in the front not the back.

This is a predominantly veteran neighborhood.

Be respectful. Do NOT blast music, speed, or cause any disturbances.

They WILL pull you over.

When you arrive at the gate, let the gate attendant know that you are here for the JROTC Military ball. If you have an ID, bring it. It's a 50/50 shot they ask for it.

When you Arrive

Indian River Colony Club

Address: 1936 Freedom Dr, Melbourne, FL 32940

Receiving Line - What to Do

- Put your food ticket in your pocket, don't lose it
- Introduce your date or guest
- Shake hand
  - Shake a gentleman's hand firmly
  - Shake a lady's hand gently

- Who introduces who?
  - Male with female guest (not in JROTC): male introduced female on the left
  - Female with male guest (not in JROTC): female introduces male on the left
  - Male and female both in the program: Male on the right, female on the left
  - Alone: You still have to go through the receiving line, friends are more than welcome to enter together

Receiving line

Attire

Ladies

Ladies are expected to wear floor length dresses or uniform, slits in dresses should be no higher than just above the knee, and cleavage should be modest. Cardigans and jackets are encouraged, it will be cold.

This is what we mean by a cardigan or jacket. Wear something nice, no hoodies.

Acceptable female attire

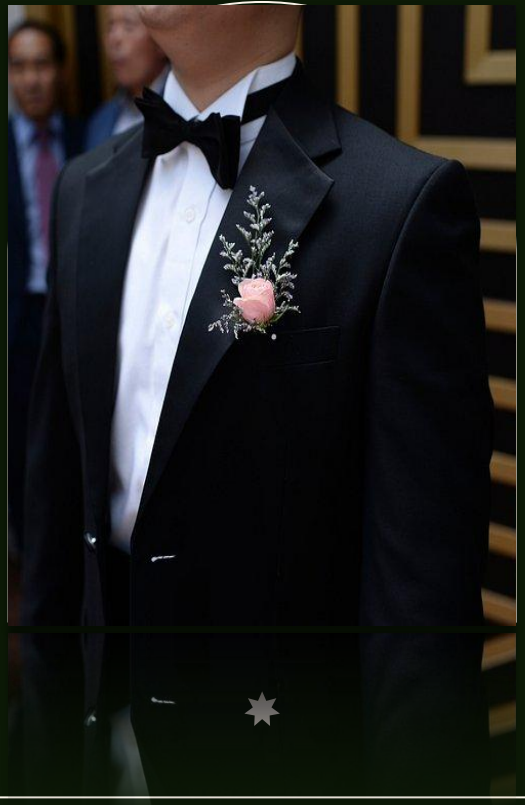
Unacceptable female attire

Tips for the Ladies

Don't go crazy with the shoes, be comfortable
Bandaids and moleskin are your friend

Bring socks or ballet slippers to change into on the dance floor. No house slippers.

This is a formal event, stay decent



Gentleman

Gentleman are expected to wear suit and tie or uniform.

Acceptable Male attire

Unacceptable Male attire

Tips for the Gentleman

Introduce your date properly in the receiving line

Pull out and push in your date's chair

Be respectful

No messing around at the table

Boutonniere and corsage for the lady, order ahead

Tips for Everyone

Picky eaters eat before hand

Be aware of your surroundings
There is an entire ceremony so listen to directions and be aware

Take your souvenir cup home

Watch your mouth

No Elbows on the table

DON'T stand, speak, or leave when anyone is speaking

DON'T pregame or anything of the sort

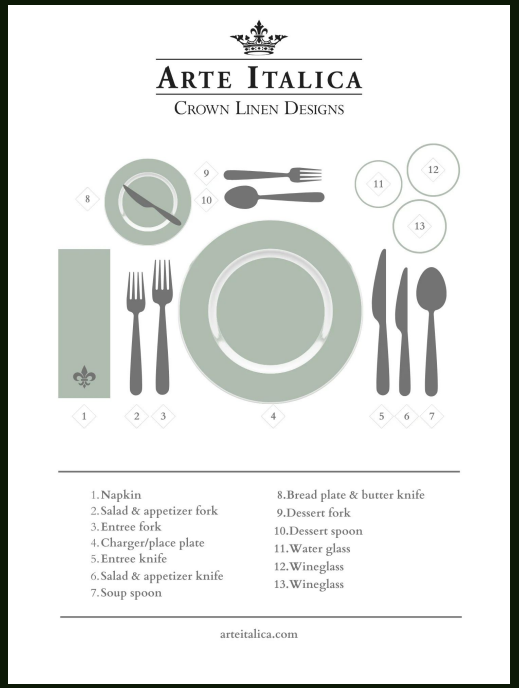
Have fun!

Formal part of the night

Tables are first come first serve, just look to make sure that there is not a reserved sign on it.

Make sure to place your good ticket somewhere visible so they bring you the correct meal.

Tables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1. Napkin
2. Salad & appetizer fork
3. Entree fork
4. Charger/place plate
5. Entree knife
6. Salad & appetizer knife
7. Soup spoon
8. Bread plate & butter knife
9. Dessert fork
10. Dessert spoon
11. Water glass
12. Wineglass
13. Wineglass
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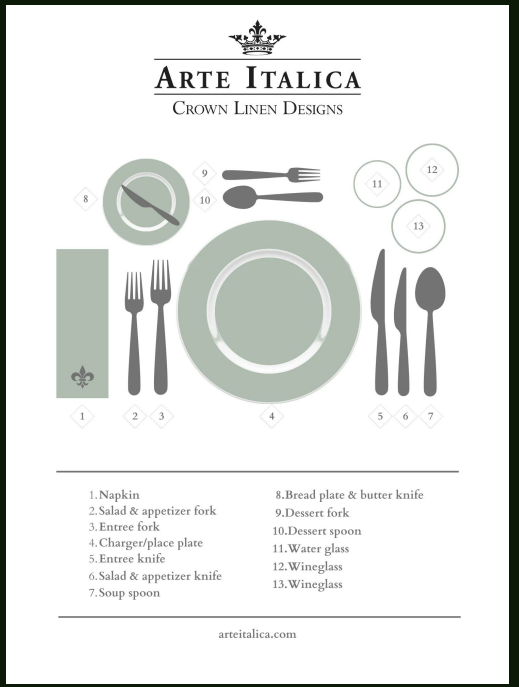
Less formal part of the night

Thank you

If you have any questions, please ask Gallego, your leadership, or LTC/SGT T



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