

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
High School Principals
Public Information Officers
School Counseling Personnel

FROM: Derek Phillips
Director of Communications

DATE: February 4, 2025

RE: Military Honor Cords and State Recognition Event

The South Carolina Department of Education is pleased to recognize high school seniors who will be entering the military or attending a military service academy with a red, white, and blue honor cord to be worn during graduation ceremonies. Thank you for participating in this program to honor the commitment these students are making to serve our country.

In addition to wearing these honor cords at individual graduation ceremonies, eligible students are invited to attend a statewide recognition ceremony where state, education, and military leaders will publicly recognize them for their commitment.

U.S. Army Major General Daryl Hood will serve as guest speaker at this year's ceremony. You can view his bio by [clicking this link](#). In addition, the [282nd Army Band](#) of Fort Jackson will provide musical selections for attendees.

Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Solomon Center (on base at Fort Jackson), 6510 Strom Thurmond Blvd.,
Columbia, SC 29207

We invite your military bound students, their parents, and school representatives to attend this ceremony and ask that you please submit your information by accessing and completing [this form](#) no later than March 31, 2025, if you plan to attend.