

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Legacy Saber

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Sir, Thank you for your question and your concern about following the federal ethics laws. There is no legal problem with the gifts you describe. Since the ceremonial saber is an item that is intended for presentation and display only, it is not considered to be a gift under the ethics laws. Therefore, there is no prohibition on a USAFA graduate giving his/her saber to a graduating cadet in a following class.

Please let me know if you need any more help on this issue.

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USAF Academy JAG office,
Good Morning Mr. Garney,

As discussed, the question has been raised on legal issues associated with a graduate of the Academy giving his/her saber to a member of a following class. Specifically, a graduate selecting a surrogate son or daughter in a their 50th anniversary class. This is a request for a written reply that can be used to answer this question now and in the future.

Thank You for your speedy reply.

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