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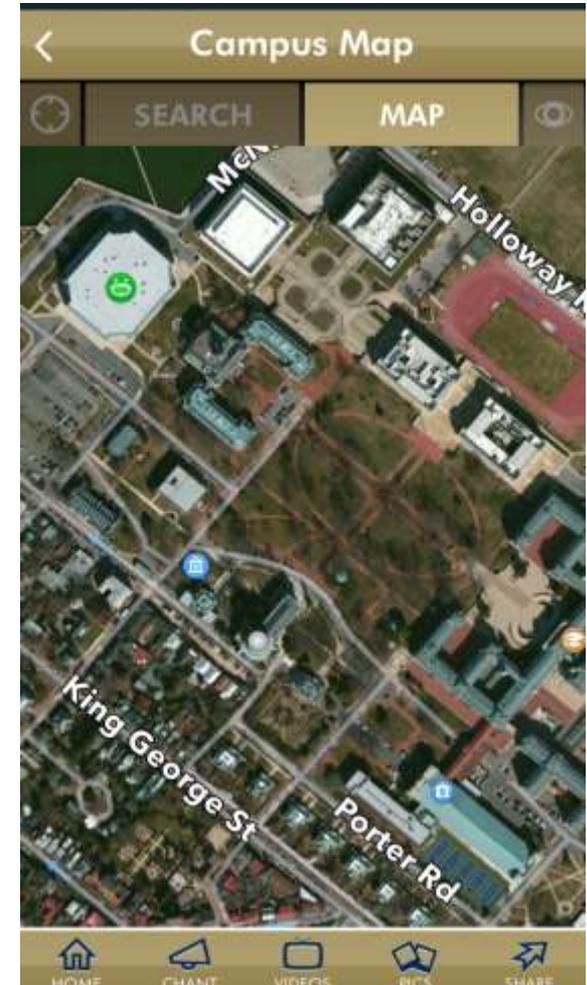
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Commissioning Week 2016

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, May 20, 2016

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
2:30 PM	Robert Crown SC	Seamanship & Navigation Awards Ceremony
2:30 PM	Mahan Auditorium	Seamanship & Navigation Awards Ceremony (Inclement Weather Alternative)
7:15 PM	Levy Chapel	Jewish Baccalaureate Sabbath Service

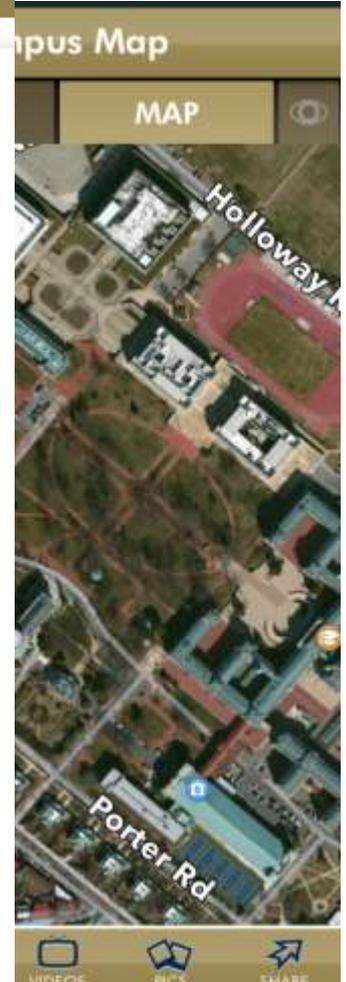
Saturday, May 21, 2016

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM	Midshipmen Store	Midshipmen Store Hours
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Dahlgren Hall	Drydock Restaurant Hours
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Dahlgren Hall	Class of 2017 Ring Dance

Sunday, May 22, 2016

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
8:00 AM	Tecumseh Court	Morning Colors
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Farragut Seawall	Yard Patrol Craft Static Displays
8:15 AM	St. Andrew's Chapel	Protestant Holy Communion Service
8:30 AM	Main Chapel	Catholic Baccalaureate Mass
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Visitor Center	Visitor Center & Gift Shop Hours
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Zimmerman Bandstand	USNA Band Chapel Walk Concert
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Dahlgren Hall	Drydock Restaurant Hours
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Midshipmen Store	Midshipmen Store Hours
11:00 AM	Main Chapel	Protestant Baccalaureate Worship Service
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM	USNA Museum	USNA Museum Hours
11:30 AM	St. Andrew's Chapel	Catholic Mass
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Zimmerman Bandstand	USNA Band Chapel Walk Concert
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM	Barry Gate	USNA Band Chamber Ensemble Performance
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Visitor Center	Visitor Center Guided Tours
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	16 Porter Road	N* Reception (Designated Midshipmen & Guests)
4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Buchanan House or Dahlgren Hall	Superintendent's Reception for Class of 2016 (1st & 2nd Battalions) & 4 guests per midshipman

Monday, May 23, 2016



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Social Media

- Twitter: [@USNAAlumni](#)
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/USNAAlumni>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/usnaalumni/>

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<p>2</p> <p>PE Record Review (TBD) (TBD)</p> <p>Intramurals Awards Banquet in King Hall (1830)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Classes End</p> <p>PE Ac Board Appeals (TBD) (TBD)</p> <p>Holocaust & Genocide Victims Remembrance in Miller Chapel (1900-2000)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Review & Study Day</p> <p>PE Ac Board Appeals (Back-up) (TBD) (TBD)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Cinco de Mayo</p>	<p>6</p> <p>SeaPerch Showcase in Rickover Hall (0800-1600)</p> <p>Hymn Sing in Main Chapel (1900-2000)</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>
Examinations						
<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>USNA AA BOT Meeting at N-MCMS (0700-1600)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Grades Due</p> <p>AcBoards Posted (PM) (T)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Leave Expires for 4/C & Sea Trials Detail (2200)</p>
Examinations				Summer Training Block 0		
				MI Period		
<p>16</p> <p>MAPRs/ CoMAPRs Due</p> <p>2/C & 3/C Leave Expires (1800)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Sea Trials (All Day)</p> <p>1/C Leave Expires (1800)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Academic Board Record Reviews</p> <p>Commandant's Call on Underclass (0730)</p> <p>1/C Graduation Brief w/ Crest & Gavel Presentation & Constitution Distribution in Alumni Hall (0845)</p> <p>CNO/CMC Call on 1/C (T)</p> <p>Youngster Luau (1700)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Indoor Graduation Muster (0945)/ Rehearsal (1030)</p> <p>CNO/CMC Call on 1/C (T)</p> <p>Zero Block Party - Smoke Park (WxAlt - Mitscher) (1730-2300)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1/C Distribution of Records and Tickets in Alumni Hall (0700-1145)</p> <p>Jewish Baccalaureate Sabbath Service (1915-2015)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Armed Forces Day</p> <p>Ring Dance (1900)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Baccalaureate Sunday</p> <p>Catholic Baccalaureate Mass (0830-1000)</p> <p>Protestant Baccalaureate Service (1100-1200)</p> <p>N* Reception (1400)</p> <p>Superintendent's Reception for 1/C (1st & 2nd Bn) (1630-2000)</p>
Academic Board Appeals				Summer Training Block 0		
May Intersessional Period					Commissioning Week	
<p>23</p> <p>USNA AA&F Pre-Herndon Lunch in NA Club (1100-1300)</p> <p>USMC BC Detachment Performance (1100-1210) (T)</p> <p>Herndon Climb (1330)</p> <p>Superintendent's Reception for 1/C (3rd & 4th Bn) (1630-2000)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Color Parade Practice (0700)</p> <p>Blue Angels Rehearsal (1400)</p> <p>Superintendent's Reception for 1/C (5th & 6th Bn) (1630-2000)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Graduation Rehearsal @ Stadium (0700)</p> <p>Blue Angels Flight Demonstration (1400)</p> <p>CW Organ Concert (1600)</p> <p>Graduation Ball (1930)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Indoor Color Parade Practice (0630)</p> <p>USNA AA&F Pre-Color Parade Breakfast in NA Club (0830-1000)</p> <p>Color Parade (1100)</p> <p>Prizes & Awards Ceremony (1400)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Class of 2016 Graduation (1000)</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
Summer Training Block 0				Commissioning Week		
<p>30</p> <p>Memorial Day (Federal Holiday)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Summer School Block 1 Commences</p>					



Major Events



- **Supes' Receptions: (Sun 1/2, Mon 3/4, Tue 5/6) / (16:30 – 20:00)**
- **Mon: USMC 8th & I (1100 – 1210) / Herndon (1330)**
- **Tues: USMC Family Orientation (1000-1145) / Blue Angel Practice**
- **Wed: Blue Angel Performance (1400) / Graduation Ball (1930)**
- **Thur: Color Parade (1100) / Prizes & Awards (1400)**
- **Fri: Graduation**

Blue Angels

Tuesday, May 24th

- **Circle and Arrival: 1100-1300**
- **Practice Air Show: 1400-1600**



Wednesday, May 25th

- **Circle and Arrival (if unable on May 24th): 1100-1300**
- **Blue Angels Air Show: 1400-1600**

Friday, May 27nd

- **Graduation Flyover: 1004**



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NAVAL ACADEMY BRIDGE CLOSURE

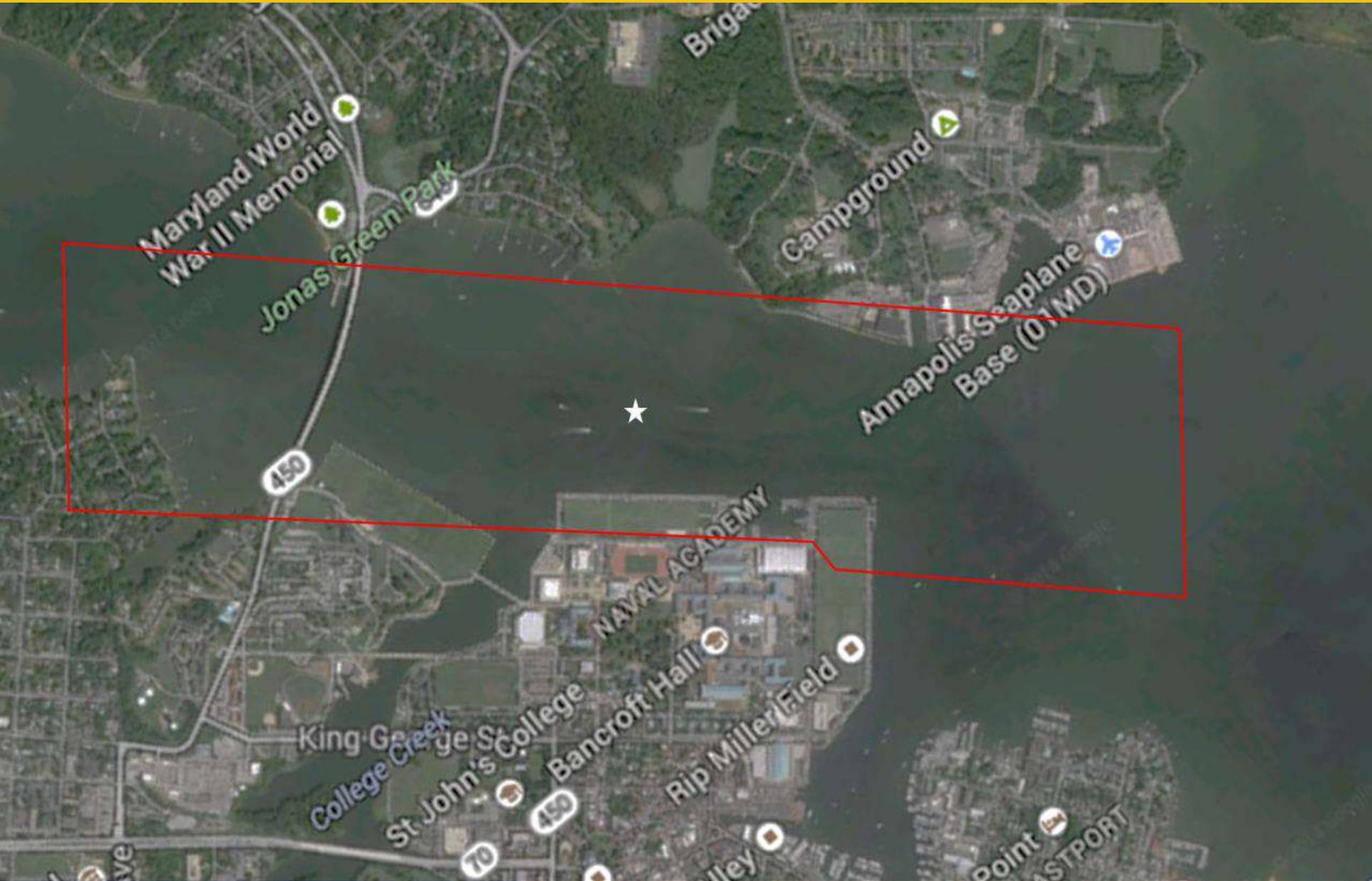
Tuesday, 24 May 1045-1600

- **Reopen during dead time (1300-1345)**

Wednesday, 25 May 1345-1600

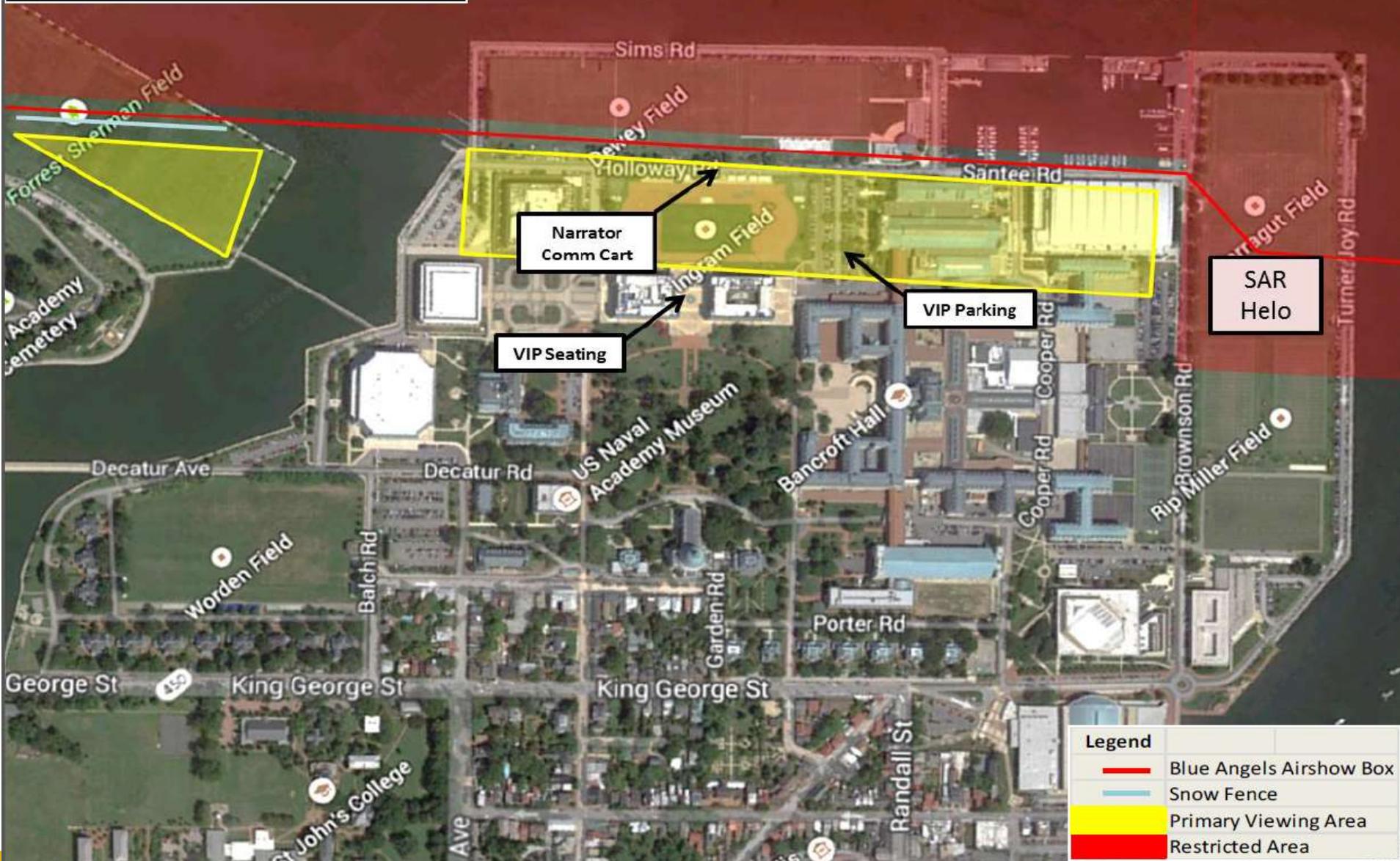
- **(15 minutes prior to show)**
- **If unable to do Circle/Arrival on Tuesday, Wednesday timeline will shift to replicate Tuesday's timeline**

***** Highway Signs will be posted about road/bridge closure**



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U.S. Naval Academy Commissioning Week
Blue Angels Flight Demonstration



Legend	
	Blue Angels Airshow Box
	Snow Fence
	Primary Viewing Area
	Restricted Area

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GATE CLOSURE AND SECURITY

- **USNA gates closed to unauthorized (non-faculty/staff traffic)**
 - **Tuesday, 24 May- 1100-1600**
 - **Wednesday, 25 May- 1100-1600**
- **Road closures – (0600 each day) Sims Rd around Dewey**
- **Removal of cars**
- **Parking/gate passes (Blue Angel-VIP and USNA Passes)**
- **5 States with Driver's License Issues**
 - **Minnesota, Illinois, Missouri, New Mexico and Washington**
 - **Need 2nd form of Photo ID to drive aboard USNA. Walking is fine**

Park at the stadium. Ride the bus. Expect a slow departure.

YARD PARKING (oxymoron)

- After midnight on Monday - No parking on Holloway Road from the Mid-Store Lot to Ericson Court
- No traffic on Turner Joy, Bronson & Sims Roads from bike racks to River 1045-1600 (Tue) and 1340-1600 (Wed)
- Handicapped Parking by Cutter Shed and North end of Dewey



Logistical Hurdles

- **Weather Alts (Color Parade, Graduation, Supe's Garden Parties)**
- **Blue Angel Traffic impact. Gate/Road closures**
- **USNA Parking and Access**
 - **1 stadium Parking Pass per family (week). Extra cars / 5\$ day**
 - **Utilize USNA busses or park downtown**
- **Medical Support (Civilian vs Military)**
- **Tickets**
 - **Outdoor unlimited (only 6 in Company area, over flow unlimited, top 10% / legacy – stadium field seating)**
 - **Indoor Graduation (4 per family)**
 - **Indoor Color Parade (4 per family / only 4 companies)**
 - **Supes Reception (4 + 1 MIDN)**
- **FYI: Graduation streamed on usna.edu website**

Logistical Hurdles

- **Weather (high 100 – low 50 / not kidding)**
- **Rained out / rain affect events**
 - Weather calls come very late
 - Facebook & Twitter will provide timely updates
- **Handicapped or Mobility limited guests**
- **Dress (Casual -> Formal)**
- **Long Days**



Managing Expectations

- **Emotional roller coaster for the MIDN & Parents**
- **Conflicting Priorities**
 - **Family vs MIDN**
- **Military Obligations**
- **Scheduling too much**
- **Consider traffic / time when making reservations for family events**
- **Weather considerations**

Graduation Day

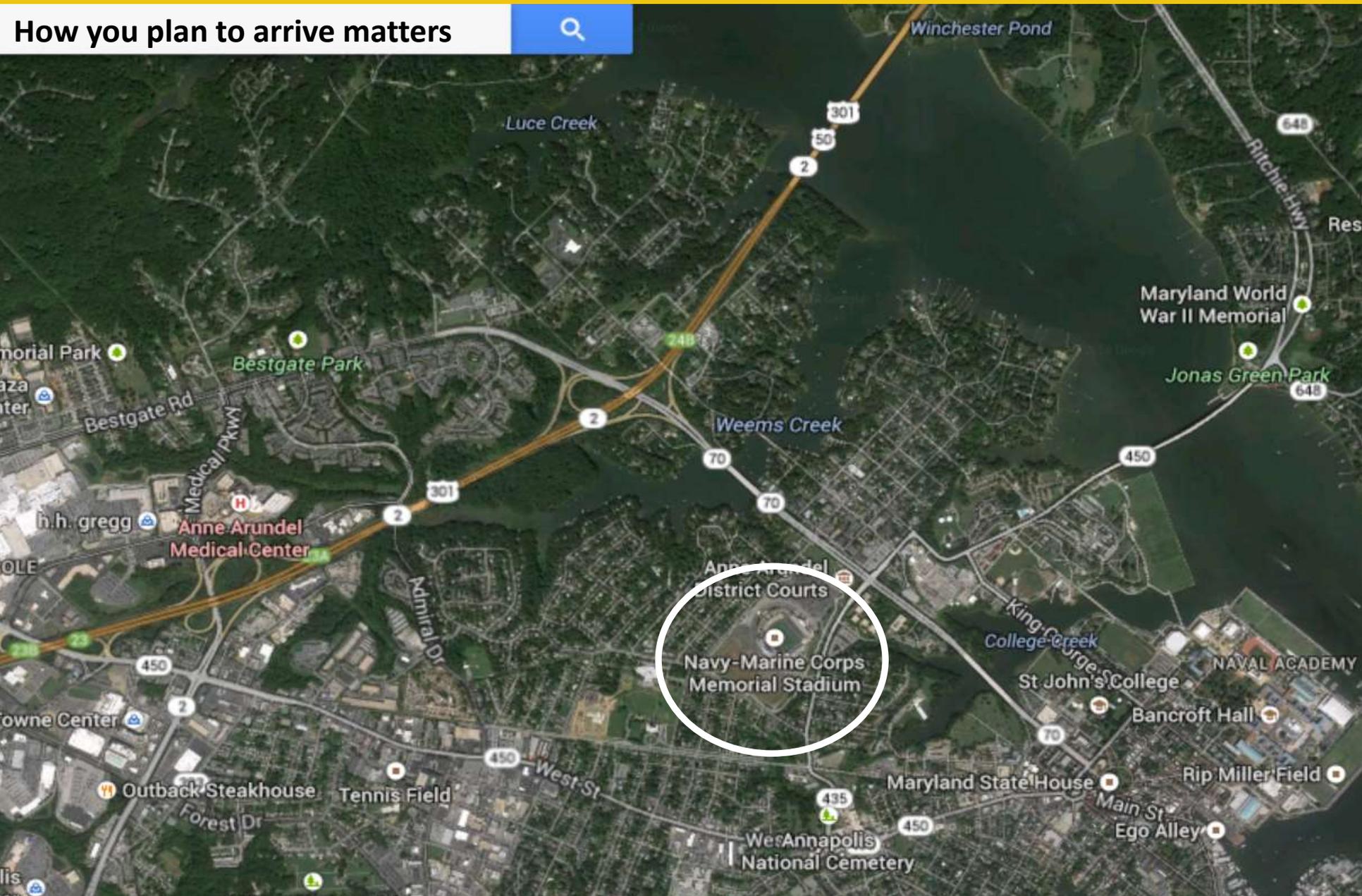
- Getting to the stadium (Family / MIDN)
- 0600: Parking Lot Gates open
- 0700: Stadium gates open / Grads muster
- 0900: MIDN Procession
- 0930: Staff / Faculty procession
- 1000: Begin Ceremony
- 1230 ~ approx hat toss
 - Finding your new ENS/2LT On-field
 - Shoulder boards / cover exchange
 - Ugly traffic while departing



Weather Affected Graduation

- **Very rare, only under dire conditions**
- **Weather Call will not be made until day of event**
- **Indoor = Alumni Hall = Limited seating (4 per MIDN)**
- **Park at the stadium, bus onto yard**
- **Grad ceremony will be streamed live**
 - can be viewed globally w/ internet access
 - Link will be provided via every available social media option (USNA.edu, USNA.com websites, Facebook, Twitter, etc...)

How you plan to arrive matters



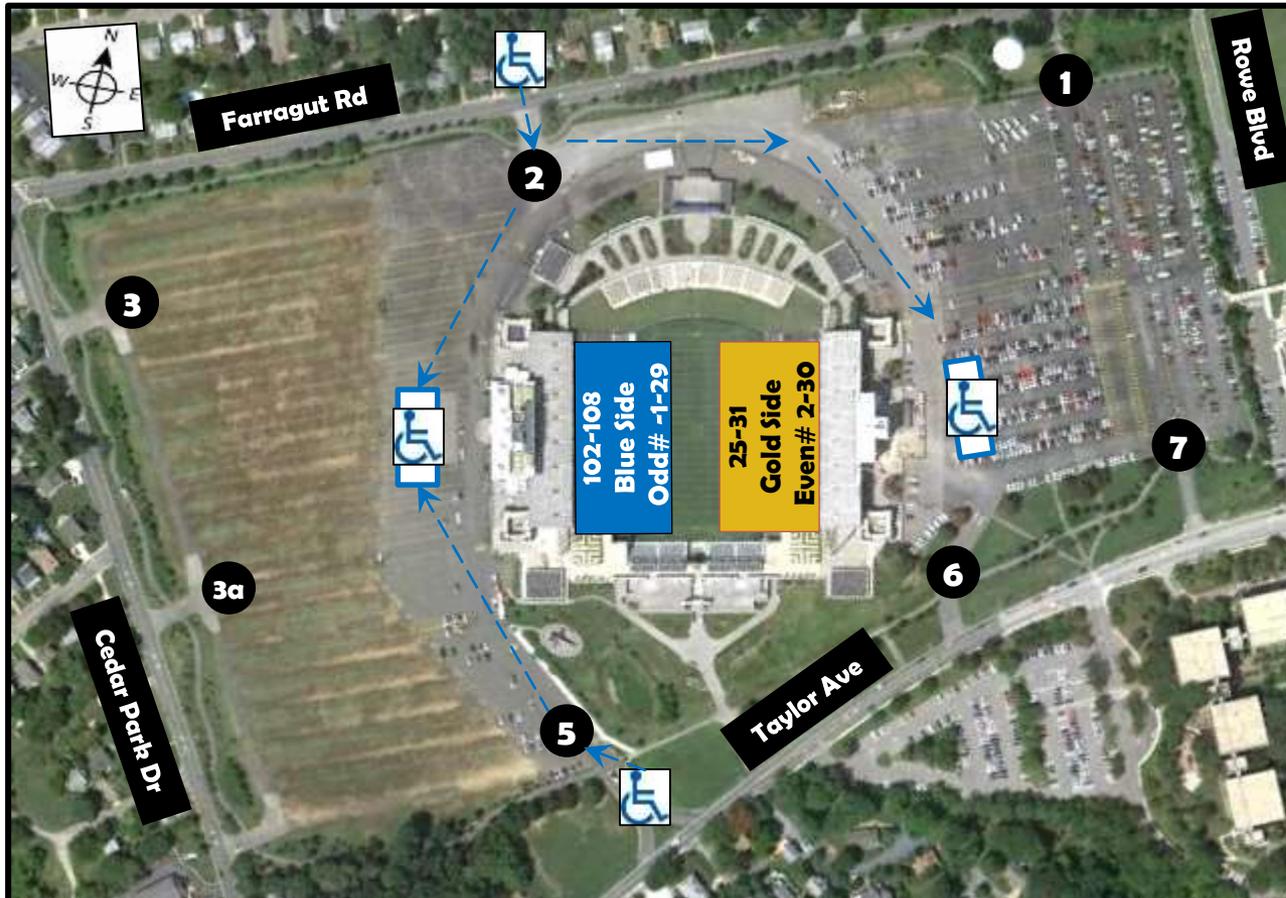
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Graduation Ceremony Arrival & Departure

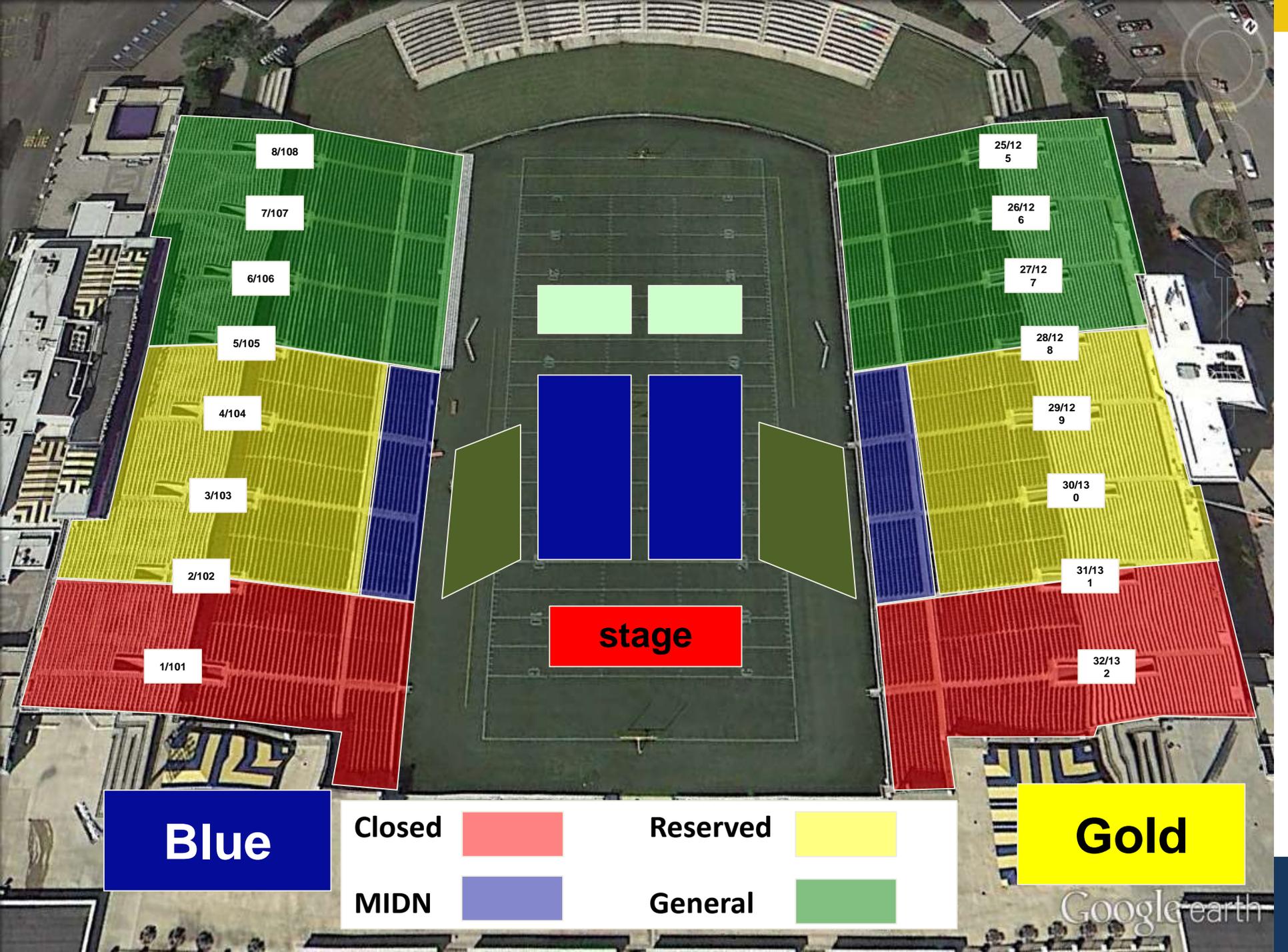
Friday, May 23, 2012, 10 a.m.

Wheelchair ramps and seating are adjacent to Sections 1, 8, 25, and 32.

Stadium Gate Hours:
6:00 a.m. Parking Gates Open
7:00 a.m. Stadium Gates & Concessions Open



eCruisers (shown above) will circle the parking lots to pick up guests needing assistance getting to a Stadium entrance.



8/108
7/107
6/106
5/105
4/104
3/103
2/102
1/101

25/12
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32/13
2

stage

Blue

Closed [Red Box]
MIDN [Blue Box]

Reserved [Yellow Box]
General [Green Box]

Gold



Finding your MID after this happens



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