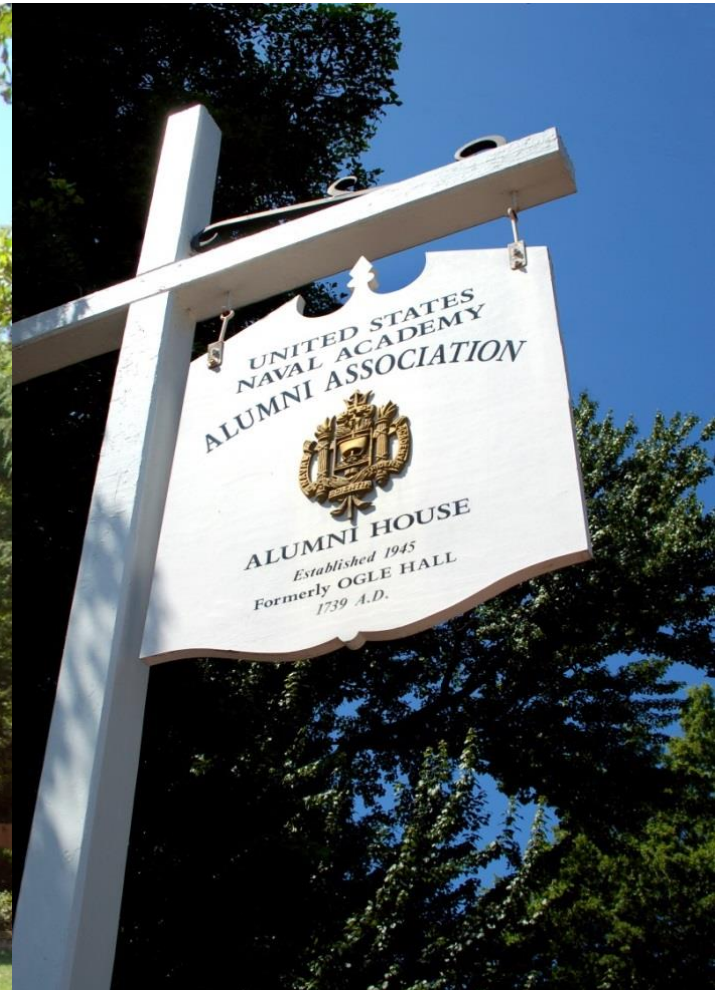


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USNA Alumni Association
Director, Engagement Operations

Jan Washington
Mom of Mike '13 & Matt '17



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USNA Current Events

- **Battalion Receptions**
- **Community Assignment Dinners**
- **Summer TAD Assignments**
- **Spring Break (10-19MAR)**
- **Distinguished Graduate Award Ceremony (31MAR)**
 - **Admiral Harry D. Train II '49**
 - **Milledge A. "Mitch" Hart '56**
 - **The Honorable James H. Webb Jr. '68**
 - **Vice Admiral Cutler Dawson '70**
 - **Admiral Eric T. Olson '73**
- **Exhibition Major League Baseball. 01APR. Nat's vs Red Sox**
- **Alumni Mentoring Program Intro (19/20APR)**
- **Final Exams 04-11MAY**

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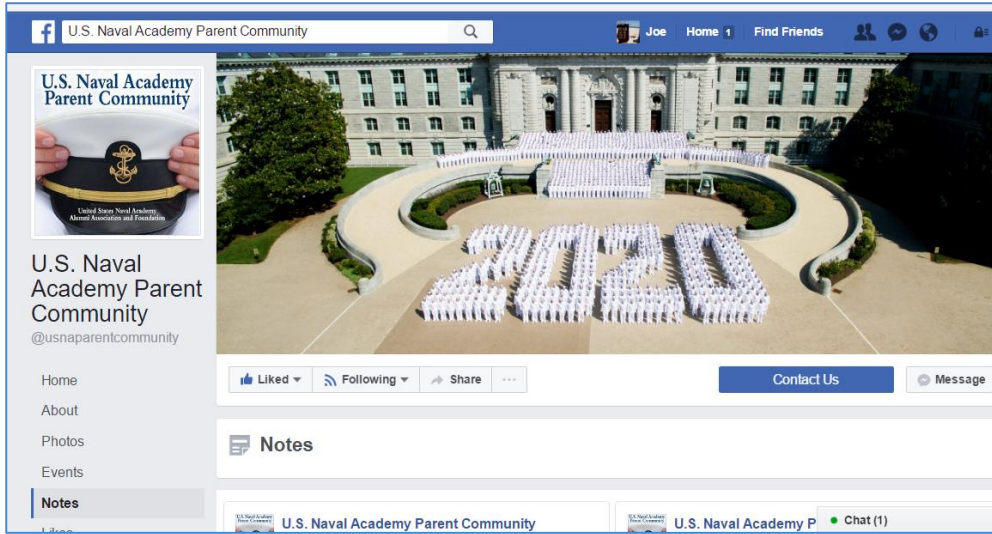
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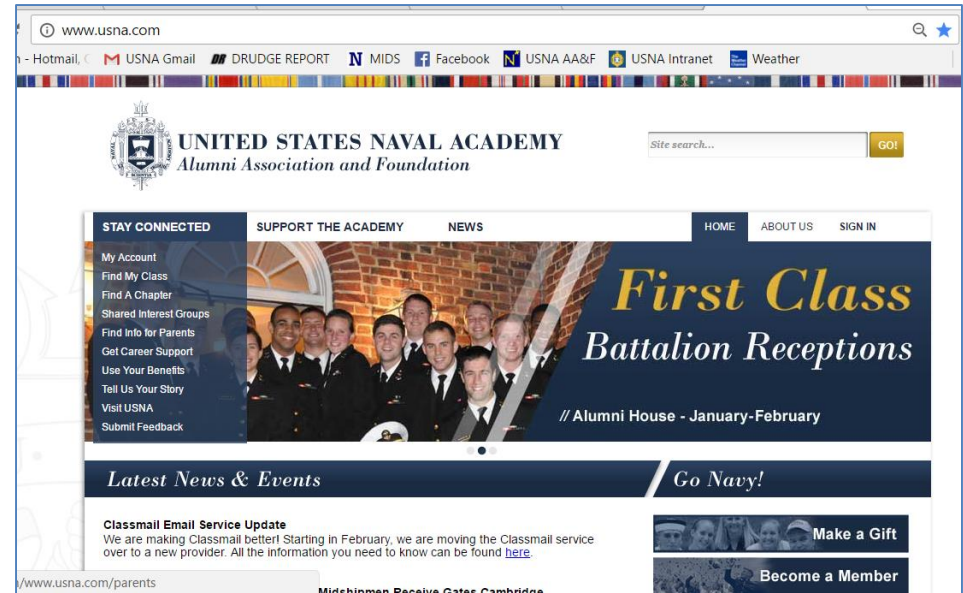
Schedule

Commissioning Week 2017 is scheduled for 19-26 May 2017. Please see the [detailed tentative schedule of events for Commissioning Week](#).

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Facebook: US Naval Academy Parent Community





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Parent Information



Plebe Year/Permit to Report

Welcome Aboard! to new candidates for the USNA Plebe year, to view details and information included in your *Permit To Report* packet.

[Read More...](#)



USNA Parent Clubs

There are 80+ clubs throughout the U.S. Parent clubs are a great resource to keep you informed about USNA, Annapolis and your MID's four year journey.

[Read More...](#)



USNA Commissioning Week ~ Graduation

Congratulations to the graduating class and their proud parents. For up-to-date information on Commissioning Week.

[Read More](#)

USNA Commissioning Week

Congratulations to the graduating class and proud parents, the four year journey by the Severn is coming to end. Provided below is information to help in the planning for USNA Commissioning Week.

The Alumni Association partners locally with Naval Academy Parent Club of Maryland for the Commissioning 101 booklet and presentation, which includes excellent resources and up to date information for this years Commissioning Week. The parent perspective is provided as one version of their families personal perspective and expectations for commissioning and graduation.

If you have a parent perspective to be considered and added to this page please send an email submission to [Elizabeth Beedenbender](#). If approved it will be included in the information below.

[USNA Commissioning Week Website](#) - 2016 tentative schedule is available

2016 Graduation and Commissioning Packet information (was) mailed to parents in March 2016

ALITC: [Another Link in the Chain - Class of 1966](#) - great photos of events over the last 4 years with the graduating class

[Maryland Naval Academy Parent Club Commissioning 101 website](#)

[USNA Alumni Association slideshow presentation](#) - 2016 presentation

[Commissioning 101 booklet](#) - 2016 edition

[Commissioning 101 video presentation](#) - 2016 edition

[Susan Gibbs Commissioning Week Parent Perspective](#) - used with permission

More information:

2016 Graduation Speaker:

[Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter](#)

Ceremony Video/Stream:

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USNA Commissioning Week

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USNA Commissioning Week Website

2016 Graduation and Commissioning

ALITC: **Another Link in the Chain** for the graduating class

Maryland Naval Academy Parent Club**USNA Alumni Association slideshows****Commissioning 101 booklet** - 2016**Commissioning 101 video presentation****Susan Gibbs Commissioning Week**

COMMISSIONING 101 2016



Presented by the USNA Parents Clubs of Maryland and Northern Virginia

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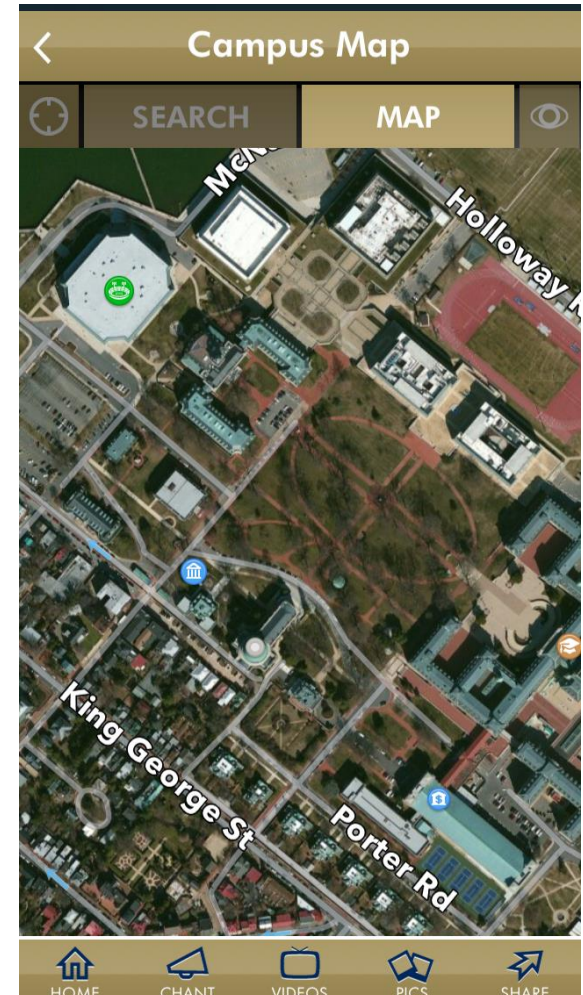
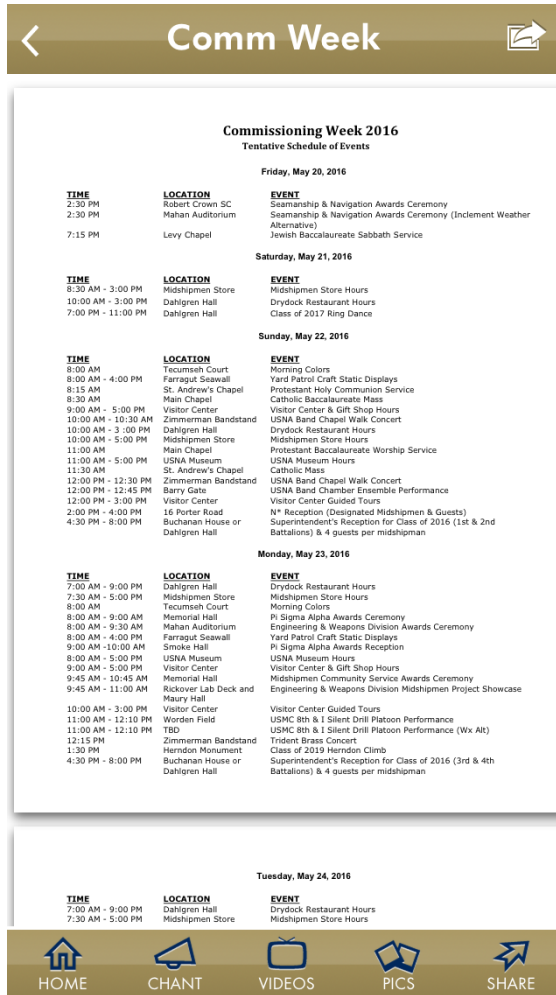
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Commissioning Week 2016

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, May 20, 2016

TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
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

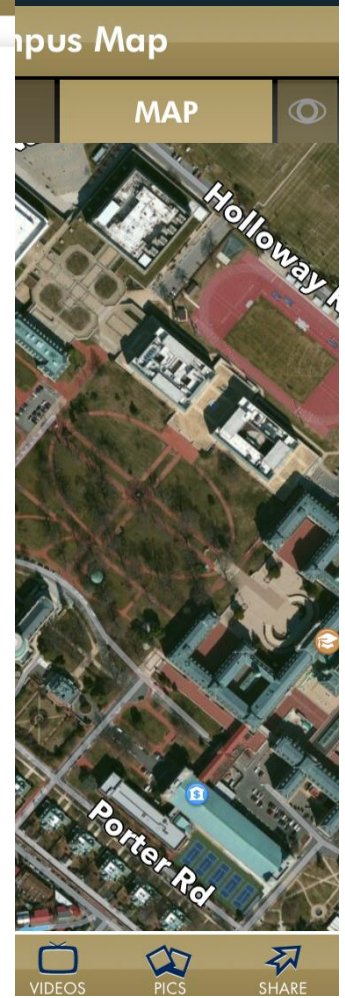
Saturday, May 21, 2016

TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
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

TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
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	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/>

May 2017 (Asian Pacific American Heritage Month)

As of 20 JAN

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<p>1 USN Uniform Changeover (T) Academic Board Underclass PE Record Reviews (0800-1000) Travis Manion Foundation Lecture in Alumni Hall (2/C) (1900-2000)</p>	<p>2 74 Class Days Classes End Academic Board PE Appeals (1530-1830) SWO Barbecue in Smoke Park (1630-2000)</p>	<p>3 Review & Study Day Academic Board PE Appeals (0830-1530)</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Cinco de Mayo SeaPerch Showcase in Rickover Hall (0800-1600) Hymn Sing in Main Chapel (1900-2000)</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
Examinations				Examinations		
8	9	10	11 Int'l Chapter Officers Forum in Alumni DR (0700-1700)	12 USNA AA BOT Meeting at N-MCMS (0700-1600)	13 Grades Due Ac Boards: Dean/Dant Scrub (1300-1600)	14 Mother's Day Leave Expires for 4/C & Sea Trials Detail (2200)
Examinations				Midshipmen Leave		
HURREX Citadel Gale 17					MI Period	
<p>15 MAPRs/CoMPRs Due (1600) 2/C & 3/C Leave Expires (1800) Sea Trials Opening Ceremony (1900)</p>	<p>16 Sea Trials (All Day) Academic Advisory Board (0800-1600) Academic Board Record Reviews (1200-1500) 1/C Leave Expires (2000)</p>	<p>17 Commandant's Call on Underclass (0730)(T) Commandant's Call on 1/C (0845) (T) 1/C Graduation Brief w/ Crest & Constitution Distribution in Alumni Hall (1100) (T) Spring Bell Ringing Ceremony (1205) Youngster Luau (1700) CNO Call n Alumni Hall/MCMC</p>	<p>18 Academic Board Appeals (0800-1000, 1200-1800) Academic Advisory Board (0800-1600) Indoor Graduation Muster (0945)/ Rehearsal (1030) Call in Mahan Hall on 1/C (T)</p>	<p>19 1/C Distribution of Records and Tickets in Alumni Hall (0700-1145) Jewish Baccalaureate Sabbath Service (1915-2015) Academic Board Appeals (0800-1700) Academic Advisory Board (0800-1600)</p>	<p>20 Armed Forces Day Academic Board Appeals (If Required, 0800-1300) Ring Dance (1900)</p>	<p>21 Baccalaureate Sunday Catholic Baccalaureate Mass (0830-1000) Protestant Baccalaureate Service (1100-1200) N* Reception (1400) Superintendent's Reception for 1/C (1st & 2nd Bn) (1630-2000)</p>
Summer Training Block 0						
HURREX Citadel Gale 17					Commissioning Week	
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<p>22 USMC BC Detachment Performance on Worden Field (wx alt WBFH) (1100-1210) (T) USNA AA&F Pre-Herndon Lunch in NA Club (1100-1300) Herndon Climb (1330) Superintendent's Reception for 1/C (3rd & 4th Bn) (1630-2000)</p>	<p>23 Blue Angels Flight Rehearsal (T) Superintendent's Reception for 1/C (5th & 6th Bn) (1630-2000) Glee Club & Gospel Choir Concert in Main Chapel (2030-2200)</p>	<p>24 Graduation Rehearsal @ Stadium (0700) Blue Angels Flight Demonstration (T) CW Organ Concert (1600) Graduation Ball (1930)</p>	<p>25 Graduation Rehearsal @ Stadium (0700) (WxAlt) USNA AA&F Pre-Color Parade Breakfast in NA Club (0830-1000) Color Parade on Worden Field (wx alt WBFH) (1100) Prizes & Awards Ceremony (1400)</p>	<p>26 Class of 2017 Graduation (1000)</p>	<p>27 Ramadan (Muslim Holy Month of Fasting) Begins</p>	<p>28</p>
Summer Training Block 0					Commissioning Week	

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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 23rd

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



Wednesday, May 24th

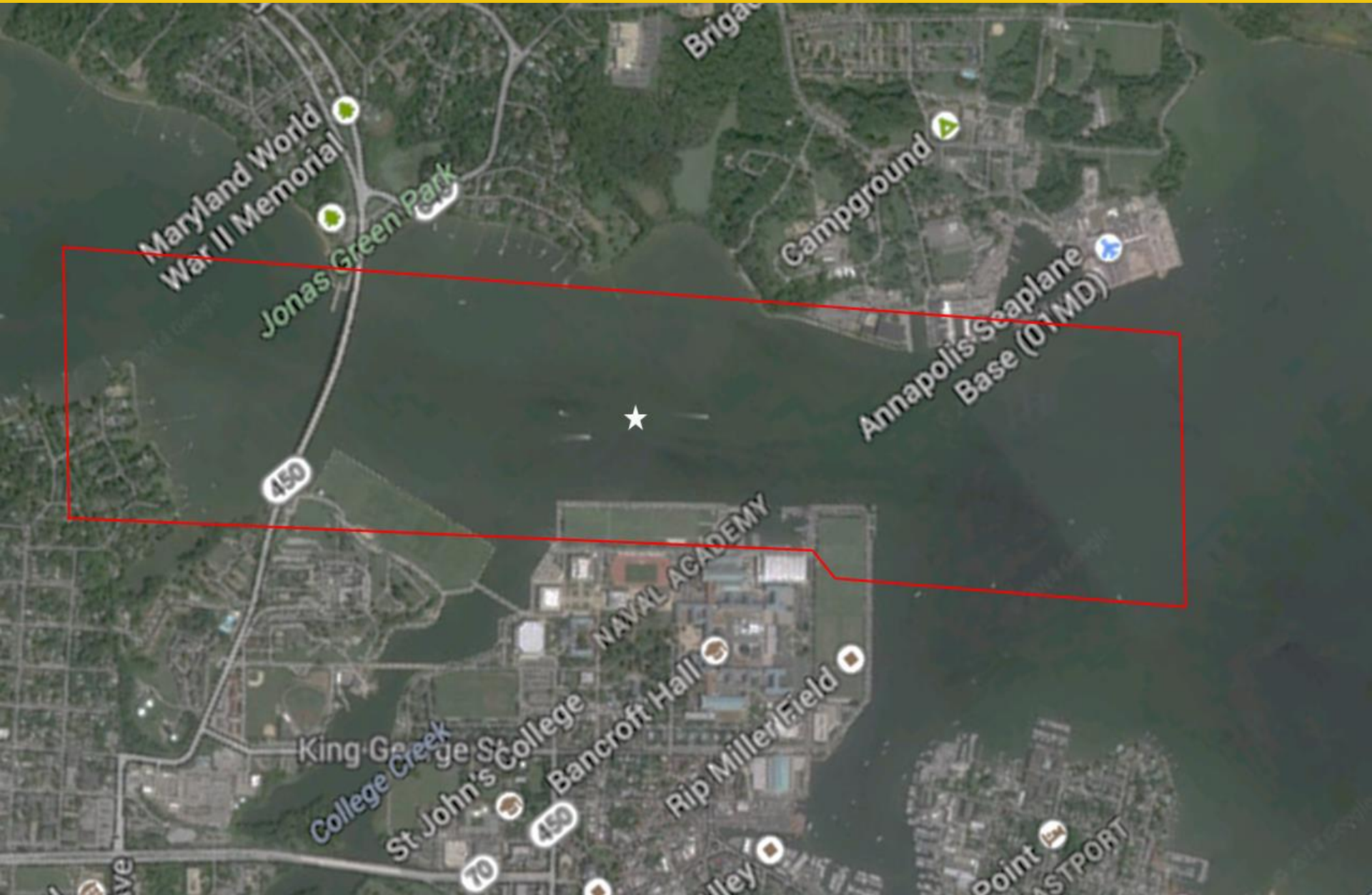
- **Circle and Arrival (if unable on May 23rd): 1100-1300**
- **Blue Angels Air Show: 1400-1600**

Friday, May 26th

- **Graduation Flyover: 1004**

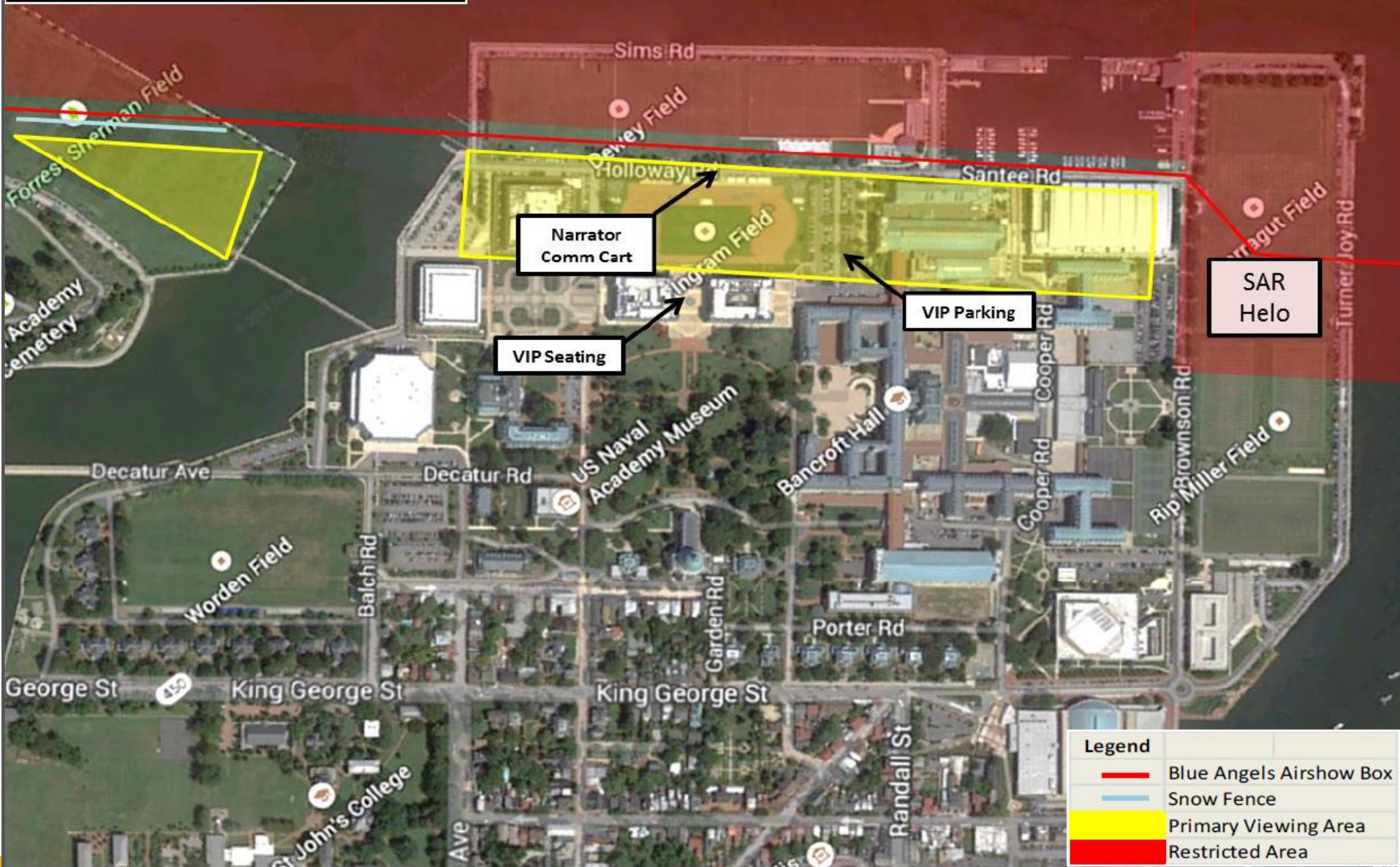


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Blue Angels Flight Demonstration



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NAVAL ACADEMY BRIDGE CLOSURE

Tuesday, 23 May 1045-1600

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

Wednesday, 24 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**

GATE CLOSURE AND SECURITY

- **USNA gates closed to unauthorized (non-faculty/staff traffic)**
 - **Tuesday, 23 May- 1100-1600**
 - **Wednesday, 24 May- 1100-1600**
- **Road closures – (0600 each day) Sims Rd around Dewey**
- **Removal of cars**
- **Parking/gate passes (Blue Angel-VIP and USNA Passes)**

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

YARD PARKING

- **Short answer – there is none**
 - **Some Handicap parking**



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Logistical Hurdles

- **Weather Alts (Color Parade, Commencement, Supe's Reception)**
- **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 Commencement (4 per family)**
 - **Indoor Color Parade (4 per family / only 4 companies)**
 - **Supes Reception (4 + 1 MIDN)**
- **FYI: Commencement 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
 - USNA App ping notification
- **Handicapped or Mobility limited guests**
- **Dress (Casual -> Formal)**
- **Long Days**



Managing Expectations

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

Commissioning Ceremony

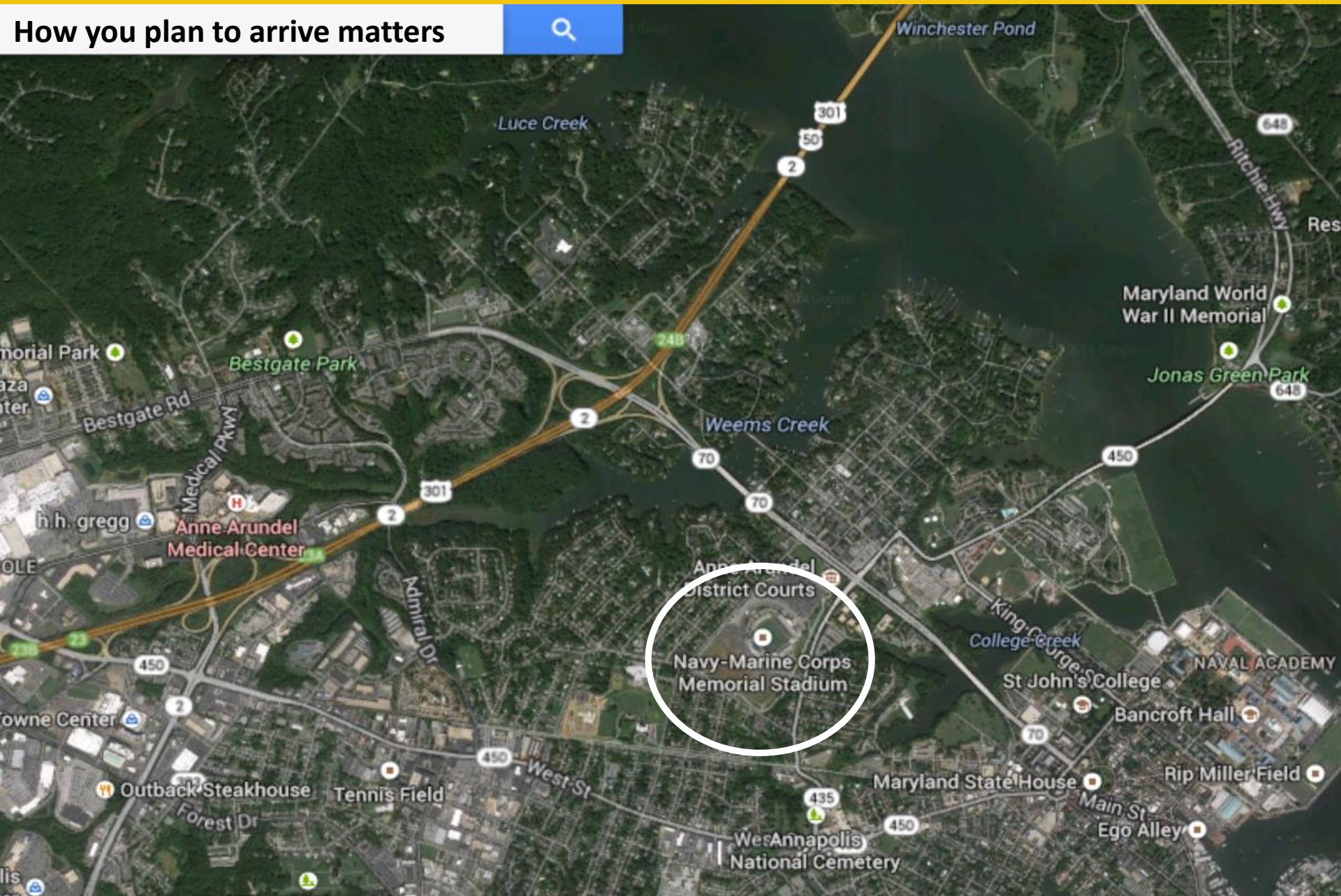
- Getting to the stadium (Family / MIDN)
- 0600: Parking Lot Gates open
- 0700: Stadium gates open / Grads muster
- 0900: MIDN Procession
- 0930: Staff / Faculty procession
- 1000: Begin Ceremony
- 1230 ~ approx hat toss
 - Finding your new ENS/2LT On-field
 - Shoulder boards / cover exchange
 - Expect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



Weather Affected Event

- **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**
- **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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Commencement Ceremony Arrival & Departure

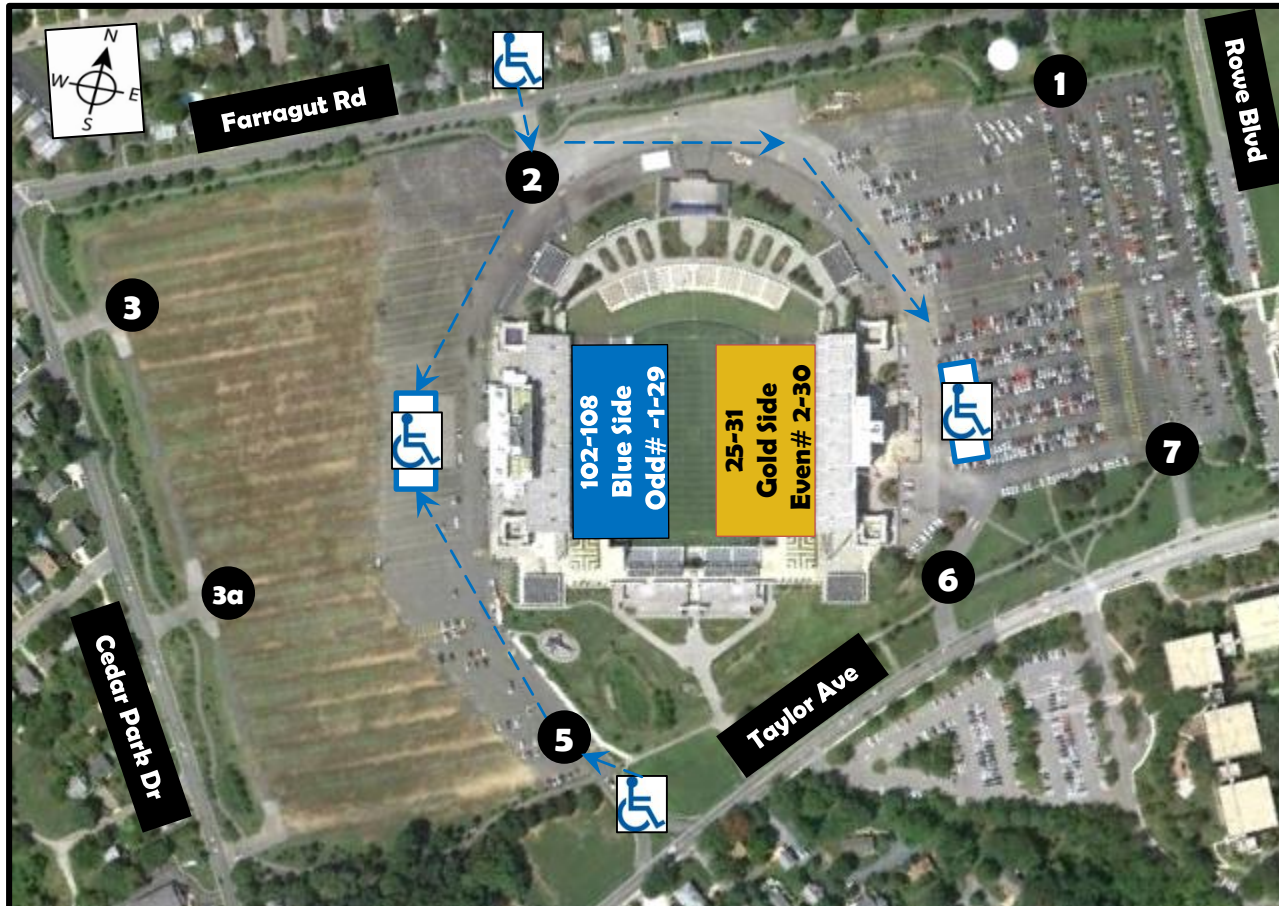
Friday, May 26, 2017, 10 a.m.

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

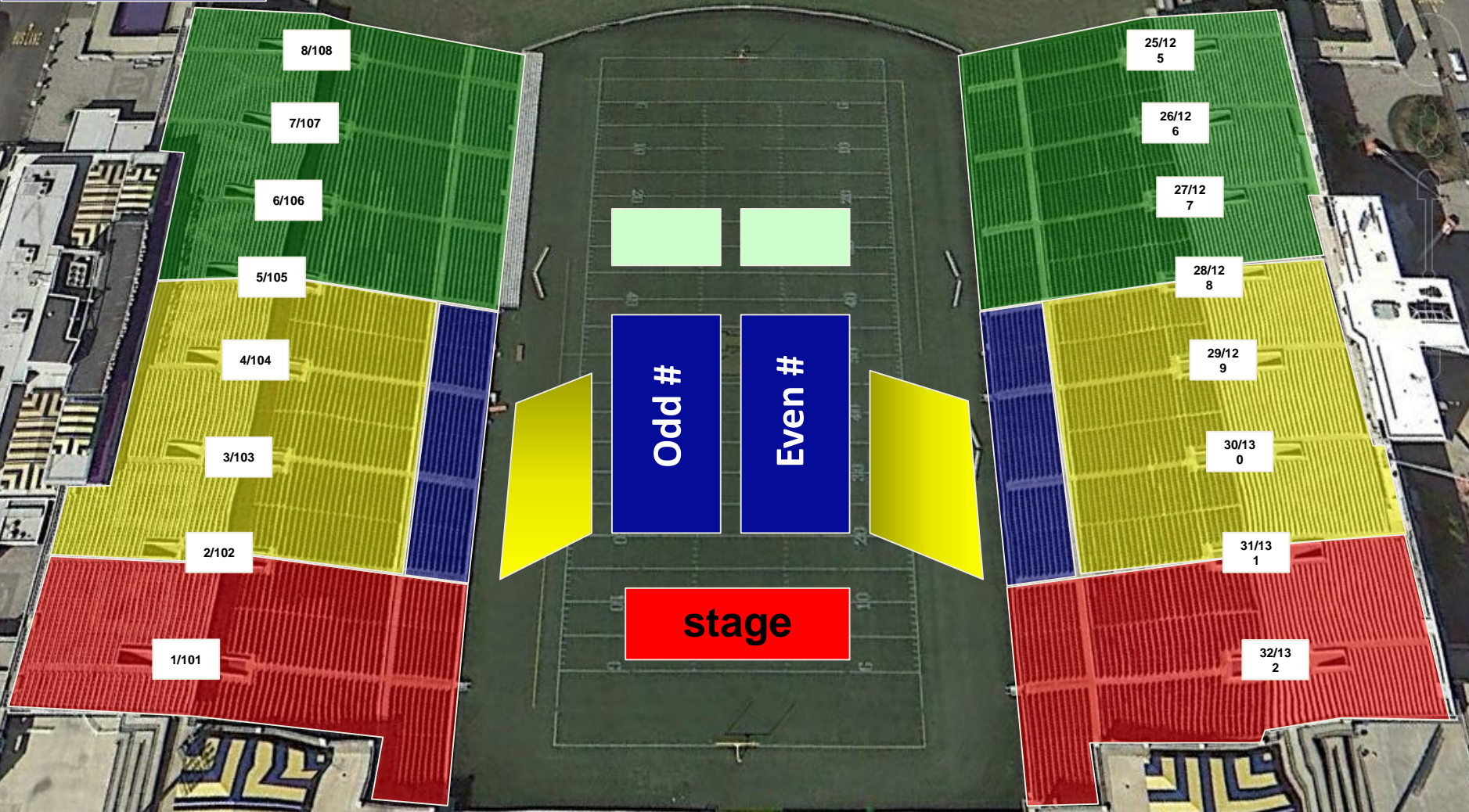






eCruisers (shown above) will circle the parking lots to pick up guests needing assistance getting to a Stadium entrance.



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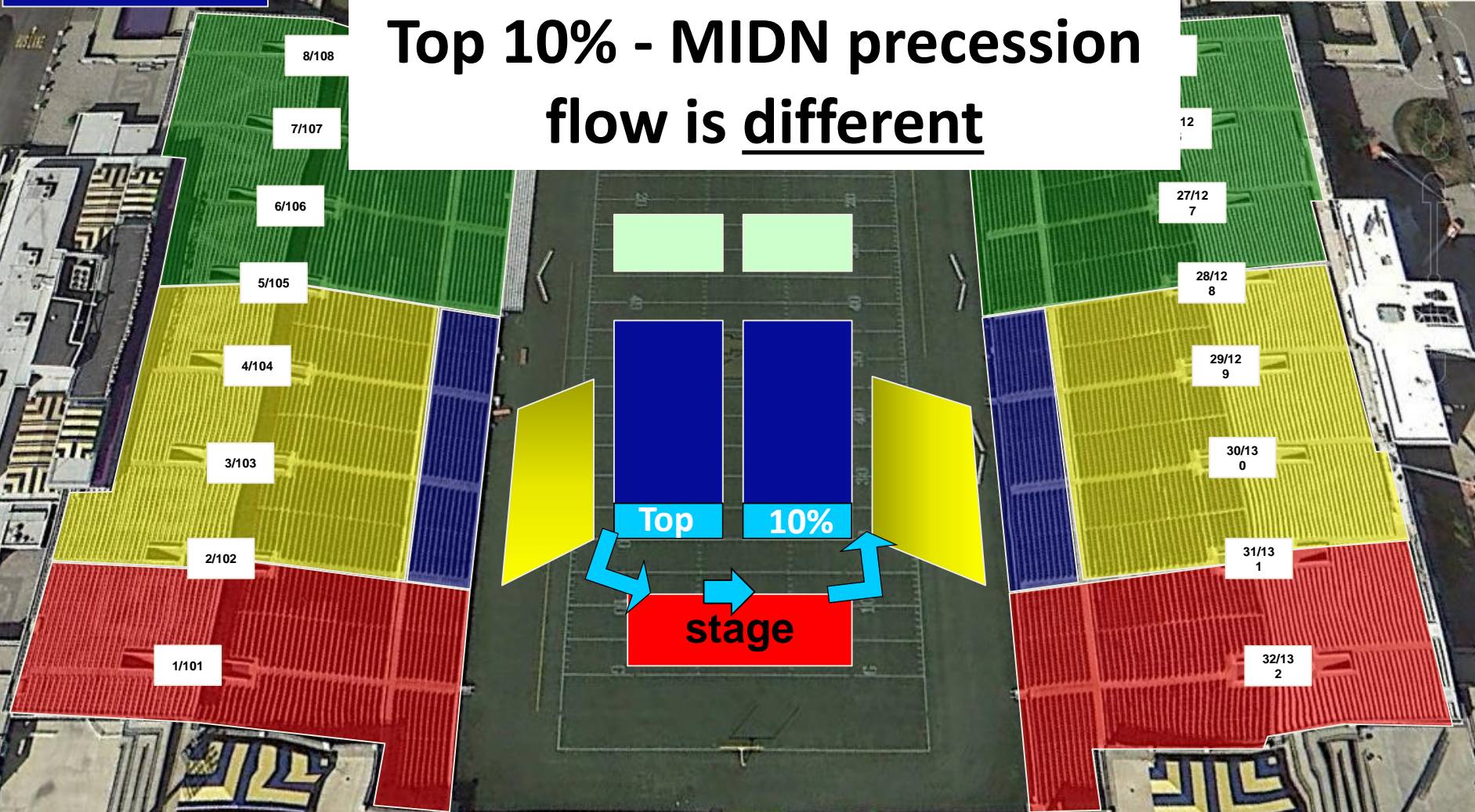


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MIDN		General	

Blue

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Top 10% - MIDN precession flow is different



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MIDN



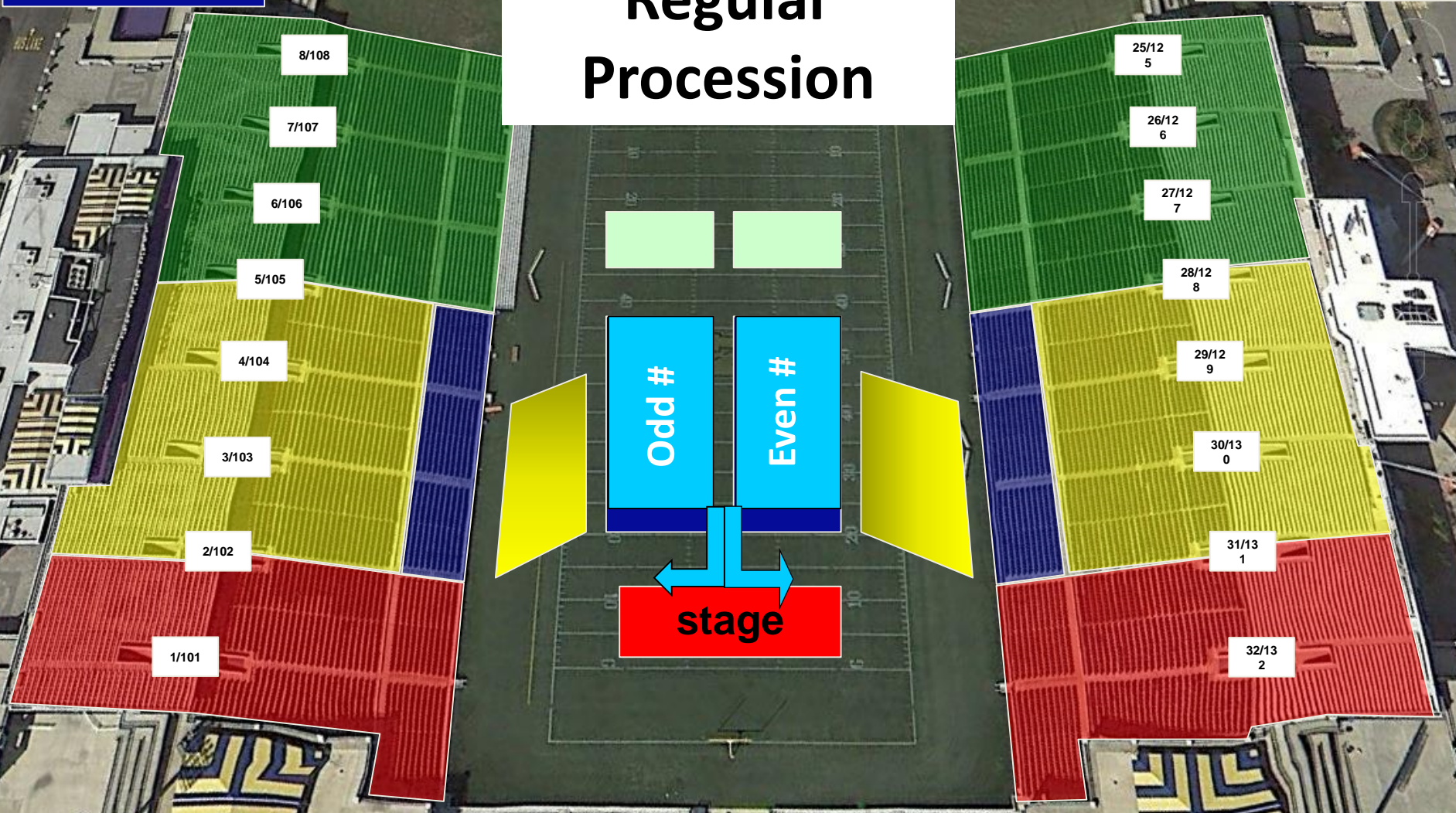
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Regular Procession



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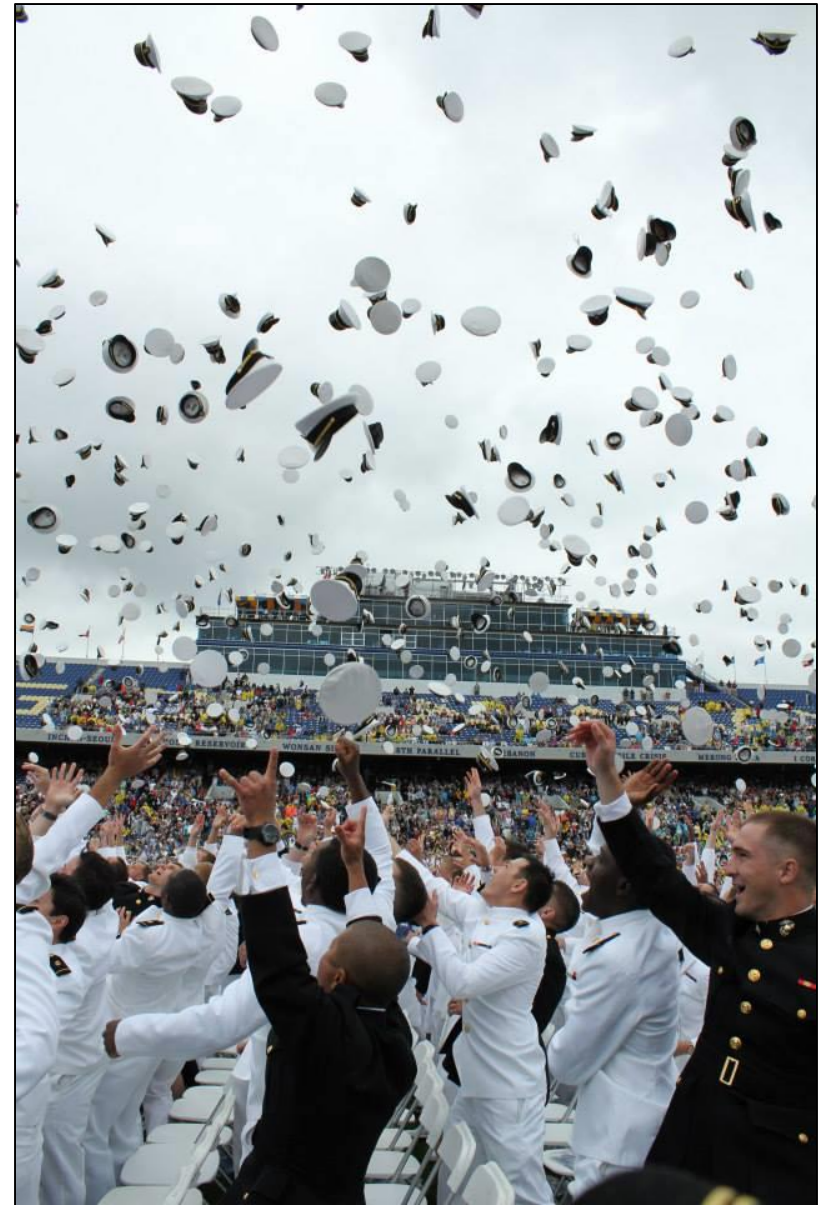
MIDN



General



***Finding your
MID after the
hat toss***



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Pre-arrange a location on the field – ex. 20 yard line, Gold side, nearest the horseshoe end of the field

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