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Commissioning 101

Introduction

Commissioning Week is the biggest event of the year at the United States Naval Academy. It will be a memorable event for your family and your Midshipmen, more so with appropriate forethought and planning.

The Class of 2016 Commissioning Week is scheduled for the week of 22 May, with the graduation ceremony on 27 May. Commissioning Week starts with the Second Class Ring Dance, includes the Plebe's Herndon Climb, and culminates with the Graduation and Swearing-In Ceremonies.

One of the most important things to remember is that information and events are subject to change. The caveat of **SEMPER GUMBY** is in full force during this week. Always check with your Midshipman, with the Information Packet you will receive from the Academy, and on the USNA website (www.usna.edu) to make sure you have the most up-to-date information available.

Another important thing to remember is that Commissioning Week is about one person – your graduating Midshipman. While your feelings are important, it is all about him/her. They have worked and endured – academically, physically, mentally, and emotionally – for the past four years, no doubt wondering some days if they would ever see the light at the end of the tunnel. Now that day is finally here and they are one week from stepping onboard as a Division Officer and assuming leadership of their own people in some instances, or headed off to TBS, Pensacola, Charleston, BUDS, Dive School or graduate school. They are one week from literally being scattered to the seven seas from those with whom they have forged bonds in the fiery furnace of USNA that turns out Navy and Marine Corps officers. Only God – and whoever is in charge of deployments, leaves, advanced schools, and duty station assignments – knows when, or if, they will meet again. They are leaders now, follow their lead. While this is a time for family, you need to remember that their “family” has grown exponentially in the last four years.

The information presented here has been compiled from official sources, as well as from the suggestions of many parents and sponsors over the last several years. We wish for you sunny skies, cool temperatures, and the most wonderful of all times during Commissioning Week. It is truly a magical time to remember.

Commissioning Week Schedule

The following is the tentative schedule of events based on the schedule released 20 December 2015. The notes column gives information from those that have passed this way before. You will need to refer to the actual schedule that you will receive in April from USNA and subsequently to the final schedule posted on the website for the most up-to-date information. Refer to your Midshipman and the USNA website (www.usna.edu) for more detailed information.

**REMEMBER, THE SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.
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Friday, 20 May 2016

TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	NOTES
1430	Robert Crown Sailing Center	Seamanship & Navigation Awards Ceremony (Inclement Weather Alternative-Mahan Auditorium)	
1915	Levy Chapel	Jewish Baccalaureate Sabbath Service	

Saturday, 21 May 2016

TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	NOTES
1900 - 2300	Dahlgren Hall	Class of 2017 Ring Dance	This event is open to only 2/C Midshipmen and their invited guests. There is no public admittance. However, the fireworks display that accompanies it is visible from a variety of areas, including downtown Annapolis.

Sunday, 22 May 2016

TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	NOTES
0800	Tecumseh Court	Morning Colors	
0800 - 1600	Farragut Seawall	Yard Patrol Craft Static Displays	
0815	St Andrew's Chapel	Protestant Holy Communion Service	Dress: Informal
0830	Main Chapel	Catholic Baccalaureate Mass	Dress: Informal Mids may sign the Dedication Book dedicating their service to God after the Baccalaureate Service
0900 - 1700	Visitor Center	Visitor Center and Gift Shop Hours	
1000 - 1030	Zimmerman Bandstand	USNA Band Chapel Walk Concert	
1000 - 1500	Dahlgren Hall	Drydock Restaurant Hours	
1000 - 1600	Midshipmen Store	Midshipmen Store Hours	
1100	Main Chapel	Protestant Baccalaureate Worship Service	Dress: Informal Mids may sign the Dedication Book dedicating their service to God after the Baccalaureate Service
1100 - 1700	USNA Museum	USNA Museum Hours	
1130	St Andrew's Chapel	Catholic Mass	
1200 - 1230	Zimmerman Bandstand	USNA Band Chapel Walk Concert	
1200 - 1245	Barry Gate	USNA Band Chamber Ensemble Performance	
1200 - 1500	Visitor Center	Visitor Center Guided Tours	
1400 - 1600	16 Porter Road	N* Reception	Invited Guests only, not open to the Public. RSVP required. Dress: Informal
1630 - 2000	Buchanan House	Superintendent's Reception for the Class of 2016, 1st and 2nd Battalions (Inclement weather location: Dahlgren Hall)	Tickets required, four per Midshipman. Dress: Informal Wear comfortable shoes as it is likely that you will be standing a majority of the time, High heels are not recommended as you will be standing in grass, and the ground can be soft.

Monday, 23 May 2016

TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	NOTES
0700 - 2100	Dahlgren Hall	Drydock Restaurant Hours	
0800	Tecumseh Court	Morning Colors	
0800 - 0900	Memorial Hall	Pi Sigma Alpha Awards Ceremony	
0800 - 0930	Mahan Auditorium	Engineering & Weapons Division Awards Ceremony	
0800 - 1600	Farragut Seawall	Yard Patrol Craft Static Displays	
0800 - 1700	Midshipmen Store	Midshipmen Store Hours	
0800 - 1700	USNA Museum	USNA Museum Hours	
0900 - 1000	Smoke Hall	Pi Sigma Alpha Awards Reception	
0900 - 1700	Visitor Center	Visitor Center and Gift Shop Hours	
0945 - 1045	Memorial Hall	Midshipmen Community Service Awards Ceremony	
1000 - 1500	Visitor Center	Visitor Center Guided Tours	
1100 - 1210	Worden Field	USMC 8th & I Silent Drill Platoon Performance (Inclement Weather Location: TBD)	
1215	Zimmerman Bandstand	Trident Brass Concert	
1330	Herndon Monument	Class of 2019 Herndon Climb	
1630 - 2000	Buchanan House	Superintendent's Reception for the Class of 2016, 3rd and 4th Battalions (Inclement weather location: Dahlgren Hall)	Tickets required, four per Midshipman. Dress: Informal Wear comfortable shoes as it is likely that you will be standing a majority of the time, High heels are not recommended as you will be standing in grass, and the ground can be soft.

Tuesday, 24 May 2016

TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	NOTES
0700 - 2100	Dahlgren Hall	Drydock Restaurant Hours	
0800	Tecumseh Court	Morning Colors - USNA Silent Drill Team Performance	
0800 - 1000	Farragut Seawall	Yard Patrol Craft Static Displays	
0800 - 1700	Midshipmen Store	Midshipmen Store Hours	
0800 - 1700	USNA Museum	USNA Museum Hours	
0900 - 1030	Mahan Auditorium	Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) Division Awards	
0900 - 1700	Visitor Center	Visitor Center and Gift Shop Hours	
1000 - 1500	Visitor Center	Visitor Center Guided Tours	
1000 - 1145	Alumni Hall	USMC Family Orientation/Awards Ceremony	
1045	Annapolis, MD	USNA (Route 450) Bridge Closes	
1100 - 1300	Severn River	Blue Angels Circle and Arrival	
1100 - 1600	USNA Yard Various	USNA Gates Close to Incoming Traffic	
1205	Tecumseh Court	Noon Meal Formation	
1250 - 1320	St Andrew's Chapel	Catholic Mass	
1300	Annapolis, MD	USNA (Route 450) Bridge Opens	
1300 - 1330	Tecumseh Court	Pipes & Drums Performance (Inclement Weather Alternative: Rotunda)	
1345	Annapolis, MD	USNA (Route 450) Bridge Closes	
1400	Severn River	Blue Angels Flight Rehearsal	USNA Gates will be closed periodically throughout this time period
1600	USNA Yard Various	USNA Gates Open	USNA (Route 450) Bridge Opens at the Conclusion of Blue Angels Rehearsal
1630 - 2000	Buchanan House	Superintendent's Reception for the Class of 2016, 5th and 6th Battalions (Inclement weather location: Dahlgren Hall)	Tickets required, four per Midshipman. Dress: Informal Wear comfortable shoes as it is likely that you will be standing a majority of the time, High heels are not recommended as you will be standing in grass, and the ground can be soft.
2030-2200	Main Chapel	Commissioning Week Glee Club and Gospel Choir Concert	

Wednesday, 25 May 2016

TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	NOTES
0700	N-MC Memorial Stadium	Graduation Rehearsal	Required for all 1/C Midshipmen
0700 - 2100	Dahlgren Hall	Drydock Restaurant Hours	
0800	Tecumseh Court	Morning Colors	
0800 - 1000	Farragut Seawall	Yard Patrol Craft Static Display	
0800 - 1700	Midshipmen Store	Midshipmen Store Hours	
0800 - 1700	USNA Museum	USNA Museum Hours	
0900 - 1700	Visitor Center	Visitor Center and Gift Shop Hours	
0930 - 1020	Robert Crown Sailing Center	Navy Sailing Awards Ceremony	
1000 - 1500	Visitor Center	Visitor Center Guided Tours	
1030 - 1200	Memorial Hall	Humanities & Social Sciences Division Awards Ceremony	
1030 - 1200	Mahan Auditorium	Mathematics & Science Division Awards Ceremony	
1045	Annapolis, MD	USNA (Route 450) Bridge Closes	
1100 - 1300	Severn River	Blue Angels Circle and Arrival	Weather Alternative from Previous Day
1100 - 1600	USNA Yard Various	USNA Gates Close to Incoming Traffic	
1205	Tecumseh Court	Noon Meal Formation and Brigade Change of Command Ceremony	
1245	Ingram Field	USNA Band Concert	
1250 - 1320	St Andrew's Chapel	Catholic Mass	
1250 - 1350	Memorial Hall	Navy & Marine Association Awards Ceremony	
1300	Hospital Point	Electric Brigade Concert	
1300	Annapolis, MD	USNA (Route 450) Bridge Opens	Weather Alternative from Previous Day
1345	Annapolis, MD	USNA (Route 450) Bridge Closes	
1400	Severn River	Blue Angels Flight Demonstration	USNA Gates will be closed periodically throughout this time period
1600	USNA Yard Various	USNA Gates Open	USNA (Route 450) Bridge Opens at the Conclusion of Blue Angels Rehearsal
1600	Main Chapel	Commissioning Week Organ Concert by Monte Maxwell	
1930 - 2300	Dahlgren Hall	Graduation Ball	

Thursday, 26 May 2016

TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	NOTES
0700	N-MC Memorial Stadium	Graduation Rehearsal	Weather Alternative from Previous Day
0700 - 2100	Dahlgren Hall	Drydock Restaurant Hours	
0800	Tecumseh Court	Morning Colors	
0800 - 1600	Farragut Seawall	Yard Patrol Craft Static Displays	
0800 - 1700	Midshipmen Store	Midshipmen Store Hours	
0800 - 1700	USNA Museum	USNA Museum Hours	
0900 - 1700	Visitor Center	Visitor Center & Gift Shop Hours	
1000 - 1500	Visitor Center	Visitor Center Guided Tours	
1045 - 1215	Gate 8	Vehicle Access to Worden Field Via Gate 8 Restricted	
1100	Worden Field	Color Parade (Inclement Weather Alternative Location: Wesley Brown Field House)	Each 1/C will receive four tickets to the Color Parade for Bleacher Seating. However, there is always plenty of standing room on the Parade Grounds. Please leave pets at home; the cannon fire terrifies even the hardiest animal
1215	Tecumseh Court	USNA Silent Drill Team Performance	
1250 - 1320	St Andrew's Chapel	Catholic Mass	
1315 - 1345	Mahan Hall	Dean's Award for Academic Excellence by Varsity Athletic Teams	
1400 - 1600	Alumni Hall	Prizes & Awards Ceremony and Reception	



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Friday, 27 May 2016

TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	NOTES
0630	Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium	Parking Gates Open	Suggest arriving as early as possible after the lots open
0700	Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium	All Stadium Gates and Concessions Open to Guests	Processional will begin at 0915. You will want to be in your seats by 0900.
0800 - 1500	Dahlgren Hall	Drydock Restaurant Hours	
0800 - 1600	Midshipmen Store	Midshipmen Store Hours	
0800 - 1700	USNA Museum	USNA Museum Hours	
0900 - 1700	Visitor Center	Visitor Center & Gift Ship Hours	
1000	Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium	Class of 2016 Graduation (Inclement Weather Alternative Location: Alumni Hall)	Tickets are required for the Graduation. Each Midshipmen will receive six tickets for the company seating area, and unlimited tickets for the general seating area. Tickets must be obtained in advance by your Midshipman. (Inclement weather location is limited to four tickets per Midshipman.) Dress: Informal
1000 - 1500	Visitor Center	Visitor Center Guided Tours	
1004	Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium	Blue Angel Graduation Flyover	
1300 - 1420	Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium	Graduation Photos/Swearing In Ceremony	
1300	Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium	Interservice/Foreign Graduate Commissioning Ceremony	



Thank you!

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Commissioning Week Tips and Information

We have updated the tips this year with input from Wendy O'Shea and Lauren Wood-Viscardi whose Mids graduated in 2015, as well as other information from sources far and wide. Many thanks to Wendy and Lauren for much of the new material!

Overall Tips

- Be prepared for all types of weather for Commissioning Week. It is frequently hot and humid, but can also change to cold and rainy in a heartbeat. Be sure you have comfortable shoes, as you will be standing and walking a lot of the time.
- Be sure you have sunscreen and brimmed/billed hats for outdoor events. You will be glad you did. Do not forget an ample supply of tissues. Even the most hardened Marines have been known to shed a tear.
- Be at any event, especially those most important to you, at least an hour in advance.
- If you are scheduled to be on the Yard for an evening event, you may not be able to leave from an afternoon event, and return on time for the evening event. Bring your clothing with you and change in a restroom. Consider bringing a picnic lunch and spending time along the Sea Wall.
- USNA does NOT have any wheelchairs available. You will need to bring a chair or rent a chair if one is required. Wheelchair rental information can be found on page 45.
- The days are long, challenging and emotionally charged. Building in rest time is important.

Communication Tips

- Discuss the schedule and invitees with your Midshipman in advance. Don't expect them to know what is important to you, and don't expect that what is important to you will necessarily be important to them.
- Your Mid is leaving the cloistered environment that has been home for the last four years. The friends they have made are scattering to the four corners of the earth, and they don't know when or if they will ever see them again. They need time to say goodbye, and to adjust. Try to give them space to do that.

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- Make sure that you have an early, firm count for the events that require tickets in order for your Midshipman to secure the extra tickets required from other Midshipmen who may not have as many family or friends committed to these events.
- Remind your Mid to procure the Ensign or 2nd Lieutenant Kit from the Mid Store. They will need the uniform parts contained therein on Graduation Day. Plan in advance who will pin on the shoulder boards, who will place the new cover, and who will receive the first salute. More information on the First Salute Coins can be found on page 46.
- For those unable to attend the event, it is typically live telecast on the Navy All Access at <http://www.navysports.com/allaccess> beginning at 0900 and on the Pentagon Channel at www.PentagonChannel.mil beginning at 1000. More details will be available on the Naval Academy website www.usna.edu prior to the event.

Official Information Tips

- Look for the Commissioning Packet from the Academy right before Spring Break. If you have moved your residence since your Mid entered the Academy, make sure that his/her address of record is correct. This is also when your Midshipman needs to turn in numbers for quantity of tickets required
- If you have a split family, your Mid must provide details about the second family, or that family will NOT receive any information.

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Awards Ceremony Tips

- There are award ceremonies for various majors. Don't miss the opportunity to see your Midshipman's academic accomplishments recognized. Sometimes you will have the opportunity to see what they built or did to earn their award.
- Varsity athletes are invited to the Athletic Director's Varsity Letter Reception. This event honors the graduating USNA varsity athletes and they will receive their "N Star" blanket.
- If your Mid receives an award, expect to stay a little longer for pictures after the event.

Gift Giving Suggestions and Tips

- Swords are a USMC requirement, but they are very specialized, and are fitted to the individual. For this reason, it is best not to buy the sword for a Marine Select, but rather to wait until after graduation and obtain one at Quantico. In fact, if their sword is engraved before they attend and graduate from TBS, they will be required to purchase another sword.
- Your Midshipman may receive a sword as an award, but they will not know until at least two weeks before the award ceremony.
- A cover bag is a good choice for your Midshipman, and you can use it on Commissioning Day to ensure that new Officer cover doesn't go missing.

Invitation Tips

- Herff Jones will be in Smoke Hall the day before Spring Break to display invitations. Invitations are also available online at www.collegegrad.herffjones.com or in the Mid Store.
- There are a lot of options other than formal printed invitations that can display your Mid's accomplishments and personality. Explore some of those options, and include your Mid in the discussion, before opting for the formal printed invitations.



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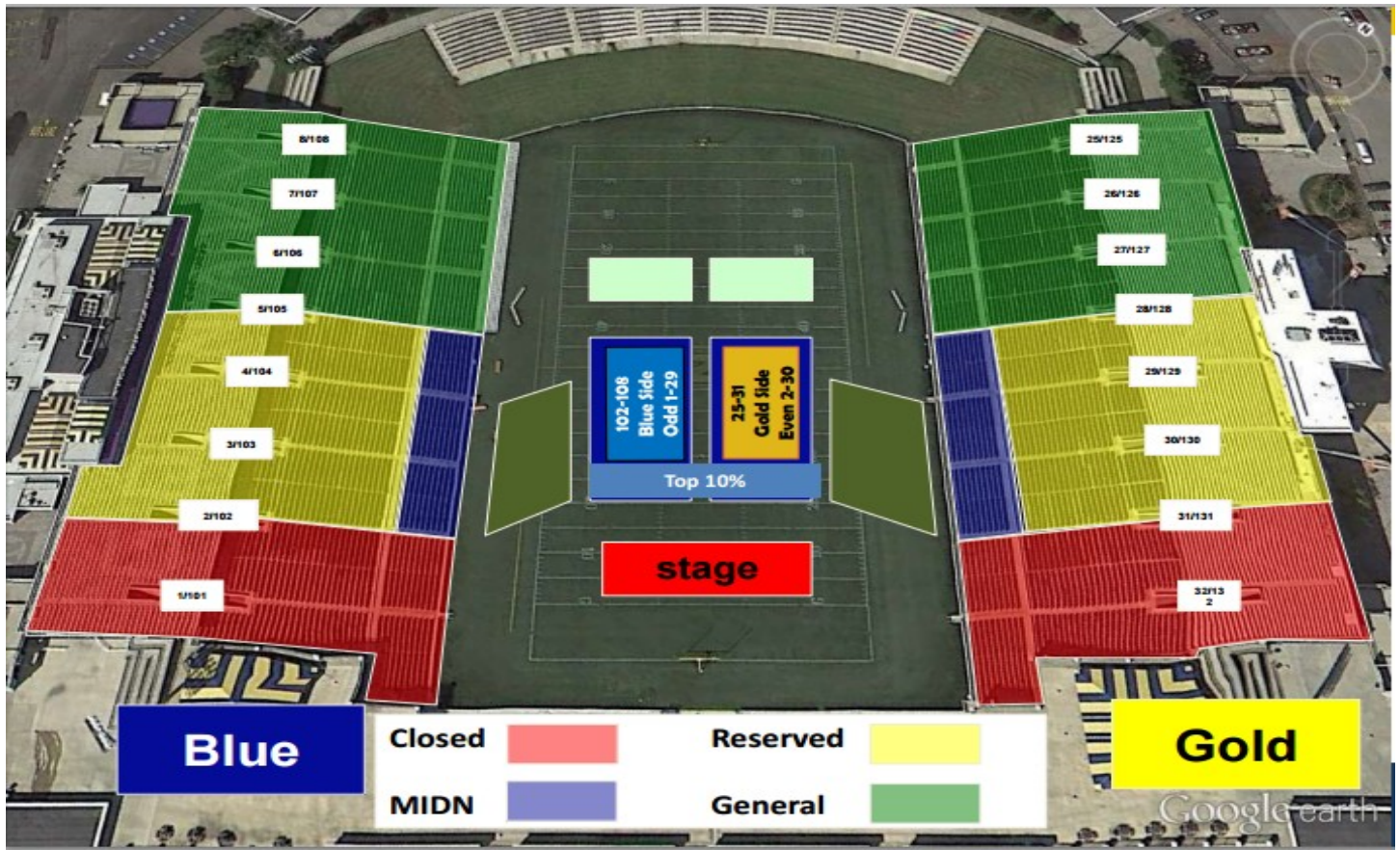
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Graduation Day Tips

- It cannot be said enough. Arrive at the parking lot early, when it opens. If you arrive at 0800 or after, you WILL have a parking problem. There will be overflow parking in the MTA lots, as well as at the facilities listed in the Parking Information section of this publication, but using them makes things significantly more difficult.
- If you need handicap parking, you need to be on the approved list. Do not expect to show up the day of graduation with Grandma's hang tag and expect to get parked in the handi-cap area. Your Mid must check this out in advance for you.
- Bring sunscreen and a hat with a brim. Also, bring cold weather and rain gear. The weather can be brutally hot, or it can be cold and rainy. Umbrellas are NOT allowed in the stadium, seat cushions delay your entry into the stadium. Keep in mind that the venue will be changed to Alumni Hall only if there is severe weather, such as lightning. (For reference, this has not happened since 1985.) They absolutely want to keep things at the Stadium to accommodate as many guests as possible.
- Bring a Tide Stick; someone will invariably spill something on their whites.
- Midshipmen in the top 100 of their class will receive two tickets for seating on the floor of the stadium. While this sounds like it is a wonderful opportunity, keep in mind that some of the parents that took advantage of this seating said they would not do it again. The field can be even hotter than the stands, and there is no shade or opportunity to get out of the sun. Ditto the rain; there is minimal shelter on the field. They also said it was harder to see from the floor, although your opportunity to take photos is better.
- Many Midshipmen wear Under Armour gear under their uniforms to absorb sweat or to keep them warmer.
- Before and during the Graduation, only photographers with credentials will be allowed on the field to take pictures. After the ceremony, anyone may get on the field for pictures. See more details on photography on page 34.
- Select a specific place in the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium to meet your Midshipman, family, and friends after the ceremony for the traditional pinning on of the Boards and Bars as well as the exchange of covers. Believe us when we tell you that they all look alike, and those smiles will blind you. It will be hard to find your Waldo in the happy chaos.
- Make one person responsible for carrying your Mid's new cover and other paraphernalia. Be sure that they hold tightly to the cover at the end of the ceremony when the children rush the field to collect the thrown covers. The children do not know the difference between the two covers, and more than one has been lost in the melee on the field. If you bring it in the box that it came in, be SURE to tape the seams of the box to ensure the cover does not drop out of the bottom of the box unnoticed. Yes, this has happened.

Graduation Day Tips (continued)

- Remember that for female Mids that are going into the Navy that have not switched to the new choker white uniforms, you will need a roll of masking tape or similar white colored tape to cover the stripes on their uniform on the morning of graduation. This tape will be removed after the ceremony when they are authorized to have the stripes covered underneath.
- Plan to tailgate before and after. It makes getting to the stadium early a more pleasurable task. Cold drinks, especially water, are a must afterwards. While refreshments are available to those in the stands, your Mid will only have a single bottle of water under his/her seat. They sit in the sun (hopefully) throughout the ceremony, and if it is a hot day, they are going to want/need water.



Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium Tips

- The Gold Side is the side closest to Rowe Blvd; the Blue side is the side with the Blue Angels plane where the Mids normally sit during a football game. Odd companies are usually on the Blue side, even companies on the Gold side. The Blue Side has gates A, B, C, and D. The Gold Side has gates M, N, O, and P.
- Wheelchair accessible seating can be accessed by utilizing the ramps located adjacent to Sections 8 and 25.
- The following items are PROHIBITED from entering through the gates: Weapons/knives of any type to include ceremonial swords; bags larger than a typical purse (i.e. duffle bags, back packs, large camera bags, etc.); any item deemed to be dangerous or inappropriate (Mace, umbrellas, bottles, coolers, alcoholic beverages, folding chairs, camera tripods, noise makers, large strollers, pets, etc.). Individuals shall be allowed entrance only after disposing or securing prohibited items. Screeners will NOT hold items; the owner must dispose of them or secure them in their vehicle.
- Umbrella strollers and wheelchairs are allowed into the stadium after they have been visually swept. Cameras and cell phones are acceptable.
- There are stadium terrace level suites available overlooking the field with a capacity of 24-30 people. You can put your name on a list, and you will be called if any become available. Call the stadium at 410-293-8712 to inquire about the cost. For additional information, visit <http://www.navysports.com/facilities/facilities-rentals.html>.



Naval Academy and Yard Tips and Information

- A new turnstile has been installed at Gate 3, next to the Main Chapel, that allows one to depart the Yard there at any time. It does not allow re-entrance, but is a convenient way to depart.
- The Cemetery and Columbarium located on Hospital Point should not be used as a transit or viewing area for Commissioning Week events.
- Picnicking on the Naval Academy's ceremonial grounds is prohibited.
- Possession and consumption of alcohol on Academy grounds is prohibited, except at USNA-sponsored events.
- Animals may not be brought on Academy grounds during Commissioning Week. They are best left where you are staying while you attend events. There are options in and near Annapolis for pet-sitting and pet daycare. Please believe that even the most well-behaved pet will not enjoy the cannons at various outside events.
- Shirts are always required onboard the Yard, even while exercising.
- Roller skating/roller blading/skateboarding are not allowed on Naval Academy grounds.
- Public restrooms are located in Dahlgren Hall, the Navy Museum, Worden Field Bandstand, and in the gatehouse at Gate 3. Visitors wanting to change clothes between events may use Dahlgren Hall's restrooms.

Naval Academy and Yard Access Information

- Remember that ALL persons over 16 years of age must present a valid government ID (Drivers License, Passport, State-Issued ID, Military ID, etc.) for entrance to the Yard. All vehicles and persons are subject to search. The following items are prohibited from being brought onboard the Yard: weapons/knives, coolers, boxes, mace, alcohol, anything considered a threat by the screeners. Keep in mind that DOD ID card holders can move to the head of the line at USNA entrances at the discretion of the guards.
- If you do not have a parent or sponsor card in addition to your ID, you will not be permitted access to the Yard after sunset.
- For those traveling from outside the country, passports will be required. Also, based on the experience of Wendy O'Shea during 2015 Commissioning Week, it may well be that foreign visitors will be required to access the Yard via Gate 1 versus Gate 8, depending on the event to be attended. You may want to consistently access the Yard through Gate 1 with foreign visitors to avoid any delays in getting to events as well as planning for extra time.

Driving on the Yard Tips

- Vehicles displaying FONA or Midshipmen Parent Passes will be permitted to drop off and pick up ONLY.
- Parking on the Yard is very limited and is strictly enforced. No parking is allowed in red curb zones. Only official vehicles may park in white curb zones.
- The speed limit for all areas of the Yard is no more than 20 MPH, and some areas are 15 MPH.
- All traffic must yield to Midshipmen marching in formation and pedestrians in crosswalks.
- Seat belt usage is required on the Yard.
- A word to the wise, be sure that you come to full and complete stop at all stop signs. You will be ticketed for a rolling stop and that can be an expensive ticket.
- Drivers may not use a cell phone unless the vehicle is safely parked or the driver is using a hands-free device. Earphones may not be worn on the Academy while bicycling or driving a vehicle.

Mid Store Tips

- The Midshipman Store will be open with special hours for Commissioning Week. Check the official Schedule of Events for actual hours. Parents, guardians, and Midshipmen families are authorized but must present shopping cards or special Commissioning Week nametags. These passes should be included in the official Naval Academy package you receive in April.
- Go early as this will be the last time you will be able to purchase items with the class year on them.
- See pages 49-54 for information about swords and insignia boxes offered by the Mid Store.

Odd Tips from Those Who have Gone Before

- Ladies, clean out your purse. One mom recommends getting a lanyard for your ID even if you just leave it in your purse. No one can get on board the Yard without ID, and making this critical piece easy to find can save countless tears. Additionally, since you will be walking and standing A LOT, the less weight on your shoulders and back, the better.

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Guest Transportation and Handling Tips

- These tips are provided by a mom who graduated three Mids in three different classes:
 - Make a master list of the week's schedule. Highlight what the "extra people" must attend with the departure times. Tell them if they are depending on you for transportation that you will be leaving at the stated departure time. You can tell them that everyone is on military time now, as in if you are five minutes early, you are late. Give them the phone number of a cab service so if they are not ready, they are covered.
 - Make a master list of everyone's cell phone number, and distribute at the beginning of the week, or as people arrive. It will come in handy in ways you can't even imagine. Include the phone number of your Mid's sponsors if they are willing. Having a local contact can be a life-saver.
 - Airport pickups can be a real problem – flights get delayed, people miss connections, etc. – this can cause mayhem with a tight schedule. Have your later arrivals stay at a hotel with airport shuttle service near BWI. Once they have arrived at the hotel, make one trip to the hotel to pick up the entire group. This reduces the stress on everyone.
 - For those arriving on Thursday, or taking a red eye, make arrangements for a cab or for Super Shuttle. Again, a huge stress reduction for everyone not having to worry about airport pickup.
- The Navy usually brings a ship or submarine from the Fleet anchor off of the Academy to be available for those interested. If you elect to take a tour, keep the following in mind:
 - Allow at least four (4) hours, which includes time to and from the vessel and time for the tour.
 - Wear shorts or pants and flat, closed toe shoes. The ladders (staircases) on ships are open, and ladies in skirts quickly wish they had worn shorts.
 - Ships are not for the unfit – ladders are very steep, going through hatches requires ducking and/or stepping very high through the doorways. This is even more crucial for submarines as the quarters aboard are even closer. Access to a submarine will be particularly difficult for older or very overweight persons.
 - Weather can come up quickly, and become rough. If you are susceptible to seasickness, admiring the vessel from the shore may be preferable for you.
- For those with elderly and/or handicapped/mobility challenged guests, the following suggestion comes from Wendy O'Shea. If at all possible, have someone else in your party (other than Mid parents) responsible for those family members/friends so that you are truly free to enjoy the week/graduation event without as much worry.

Description of Commissioning Week Activities and other Naval Academy Traditions

Herndon Monument Climb

A Naval Academy tradition, the Herndon Monument Climb marks the end of Plebe Year. For their final assignment of the year, plebes scale the 21-foot obelisk covered with more than 200 pounds of lard. Through teamwork and perseverance, the group's goal is to raise one of them to the top to switch a white plebe "Dixie Cup" cover (hat) with an upperclassman's cover.


After the Herndon Climb is complete, the plebes earn their new title of Fourth Class Midshipmen. According to Naval Academy lore, the first plebe to scale the monument and switch the covers will be the first member of the class to become an Admiral. The standing record to beat is 1 hour, 14 minutes, and 15 seconds set in 2006 (Editors Note: The 2010 climb was faster, but done without lard, so I don't include it here), but the climb can last as long as four hours. The Herndon monument is located across the street from the Naval Academy Chapel steps.

Ring Dance and Fireworks

Each Naval Academy class designs its own ring with a crest unique to that class. Second class midshipmen do not wear their rings until they are officially "baptized," or dipped in the Seven Seas – literally a mixture of waters from around the world. This ritual takes place at the Ring Dance, a ball traditionally held on the Saturday before Commissioning in Dahlgren Hall. It is not open to the public, but the fireworks display that is held on Farragut Field as part of the ball can be viewed from the neighborhoods surrounding the Yard and from downtown Annapolis.

Music Concert

The Music Concert will include the Men's and Women's Glee Clubs, the Gospel Choir and smaller a cappella groups, such as the Skivs. The concert tickets go on sale in April and you can order them online. Seating is somewhat reserved in areas, but you may still be able to get tickets at the door. The concert is wonderful, and hearing these beautiful voices is well worth the time and expense.



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Baccalaureate Services

There are several Baccalaureate services held on the Yard in the time leading up to Commissioning. In the words of Wendy O'Shea, "It is of course a personal choice, but I am glad we got to attend this as it was the calm before the storm and a beautiful service. Watching the Mids sign their names in the book dedicating their service to God was a special moment." The services are listed in the overall schedule.

Blue Angels

The Blue Angels, known officially as the US Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, have performed their precision flying demonstrations for millions of spectators. Their appearance during Commissioning Week is a 50-year tradition. Seeing this either the Tuesday rehearsal or the Wednesday performance is a must, especially if you have not seen them perform before. It is a jaw-dropping experience for everyone, regardless of your age.

Keep in mind that bridges are closed to traffic at specific times. Get to where you are going and then stay there. If you are planning on going to the Graduation Ball later that evening, you may want to consider bringing your clothes and change on the Yard as the traffic is really congested getting out. Remember, all of Annapolis waits each year to see the Blue Angels perform, and they too are in attendance.

If you are bringing young children, it is highly recommended that you bring earplugs or other hearing protection for them. The jets are VERY loud and many a small child has had to be taken away from the demonstration because they are simply terrified. Dogs are an absolute no-no for the same reason.

Organ Concert

Monte Maxwell, organist and assistant director of musical activities at the Naval Academy, performs every Sunday during the Catholic Mass at the Naval Academy Chapel. During Commissioning Week, Maxwell will perform in a public concert.

Color Parade

The Color Parade is the oldest special parade at the US Naval Academy, a tradition that began in 1871. In its last full dress parade, the company that has excelled academically, athletically, and professionally throughout the year is honored by receiving the "colors" (company flags) of last year's winners. The event is open to the public, but seating is only for Academy faculty, staff, family and friends of graduating Midshipmen.

First Salute Coin

It is a Naval Academy tradition that each newly commissioned Officer present a Silver Dollar to the first enlisted person rendering a salute to the new Officer. The coin symbolically acknowledges the receipt of respect due the new rank and position. It is said that the officer pays for his/her first salute, and is expected thereafter to earn the respect a salute symbolizes.

This silver dollar is traditionally a full size dollar, and has a date with significance to the Midshipman. Sometimes, the coin is passed from one officer to another within a family. The first salute is normally orchestrated so the person rendering the salute is someone of importance to the Mid such as a close relative who serves/served or an enlisted person who has been helpful or important the Mid during his time at the Academy. Sometimes the first salute is rendered by a special Midshipman being left behind.

Parents often buy two coins, one to be given for the first salute, the second to be kept as a memento for the Midshipman. Some Mids obtain coins of lesser value so they can present more than one coin upon salutes. The official first salute cannot be rendered until the new Officer has his/her new shoulder boards installed, so he/she should be sure the person he/she wishes to render that first salute is present before switching the boards.

The coins can be obtained from a variety of sources, including the USNA Parents Club of Maryland (proceeds go to support the Club and their efforts on behalf of the Midshipmen, such as the tailgate, throughout the year, see order form on page 46), the US Mint, and other retail coin companies.



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Etiquette Guidelines

Flag Etiquette

During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in a review, all persons present except those in uniform should face the flag and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart. Those present in uniform should render the military salute. When not in uniform, men should remove their hat with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries should stand at attention. The salute to the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes. During honor ceremonies, those in uniform show respect to flags of other countries with a salute. All others should stand at attention.

National Anthem Etiquette

When the flag is displayed during the playing of the national anthem, all present except those in uniform should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove their hat with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the right hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should stand at attention and render the military salute at the first note of the anthem and hold their salute until the last note is played. When the flag is not displayed, those present should face the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed. The same marks of respect prescribed during the playing of the National Anthem should be shown during the playing of a foreign National Anthem.

Service Song Etiquette

It is customary for service members to stand when their service song is played. Family members may also rise. In the Marine Corps, Marines stand at attention for the Marines' Hymn and their family members should also rise. On some occasions, all service members may stand during the playing of all service songs. Take your cue from those around you.

The Service Songs are:

- Navy – Anchors Aweigh
- Marine Corps – Marines' Hymn
- Army – The Army Goes Rolling Along
- Air Force – The US Air Force
- Coast Guard – Semper Paratus.

The Navy Blue and Gold

The Navy Blue and Gold is the Alma Mater of the United States Naval Academy. It is customary for all to rise for the singing of the Blue and Gold. Singing along is mandatory for USNA students and Alumni, optional for all others. Normally, only the first verse is sung. It is customary at the end of the song that one hits one's chest on the left side with one's fist, and then quickly extends that fist straight out, yelling "BEAT ARMY".



NAVY BLUE & GOLD

Now colleges from sea to sea
May sing of colors true,
But who has better right than we
To hoist a symbol hue:
For sailors brave in battle fair
Since fighting days of old,
Have proved the sailor's right to wear
The Navy Blue & Gold.

So hoist our colors, hoist them high,
And vow allegiance true,
So long as sunset gilds the sky
Above the ocean blue,
Unlowered shall those colors be
Whatever fate they meet,
So glorious in victory,
Triumphant in defeat.

Four years together by the Bay,
Where Severn joins the tide,
Then by the Service called away,
We're scattered far and wide;
But still when two or three shall meet,
And old tales be retold,
From low to highest in the Fleet,
We'll pledge the Blue and Gold.

Guest Attire Guidelines

Event	Location	Attire
Color Parade	Worden Field	Informal
Graduation Ball	Dahlgren Hall	Formal
Prizes & Awards Ceremony	Alumni Hall	Informal
Noon Meal Formation/Change of Command	T-Court	Casual
Division and Special Awards Ceremonies	Various on the Yard	Informal
Superintendent's Garden Reception	Buchanan House Gardens	Informal
Jewish Baccalaureate Services	Levy Center	Informal
Catholic Baccalaureate Mass	Main Chapel	Informal
Protestant Baccalaureate Service	Main Chapel	Informal
Graduation and Commissioning	Navy-Marine Corps Stadium	Informal

Informal

Military:

- Navy – Summer Whites
- USMC – Dress Blue Delta
- Other Services – Wear the corresponding uniform of their service

Civilian women – Suits, street length, mid-length skirts or dresses as current styles dictate, pantsuits

Civilian men – Slacks, collared shirts

Children – Attire to correspond with adults

Formal

Military:

- Navy – Dinner Dress White Jacket
- USMC – Evening Dress Bravo or Blue-White Dress Alpha
- Other Services – Wear the corresponding uniform of their service

Civilian Women – Long formal gowns, dressy cocktail suits, dressy cocktail dresses

Civilian men – Black tie, tuxedo

Children – Attire to correspond with adults

Casual

Military:

- Navy – Summer Whites
- USMC – Dress Blue Delta
- Other Services – Wear the corresponding uniform of their service

Civilian Women – Slacks, walking shorts, Capri pants, sporty skirts, sundresses

Civilian Men – Khakis, polo or sports shirts, walking shorts

Children – Attire to correspond with adults

Annapolis Parking Information

Parking in Downtown Annapolis (DTA) is difficult to find on a quiet day at any time during the year. It becomes more difficult when the Maryland lawmakers are in session (January to early April), more difficult during tourist season (April through October), and nearly impossible during Commissioning Week. Parking regulations and time restrictions are aggressively enforced in both commercial and residential parking areas; thus, you have a recipe for an expensive lesson on Annapolis parking. The first citation for a parking violation is reasonable; however, the fees go up with each successive violation by tracking your license number, including rental cars.

Always check at Annapolis.gov for up-to-date information as parking conditions do change with the events held in DTA as well as the time of the year. Go to www.annapolis.gov, then pull down the information under the tab labeled Visitors; select the topic labeled Parking for the most recent information to help you avoid tickets, costs, and other heartache.

The full-time residents of DTA pay significant real estate prices as well as taxes to live in historic downtown Annapolis. And – they share their neighborhood with over a million visitors a year. In addition to their tax rates, they must pay the City of Annapolis to obtain residential parking permits to park on the public streets of their own neighborhood. Therefore, they support the aggressive parking enforcement, often calling the enforcement officers when they observe violations. Annapolis enforcement now utilizes license plate recognition at all parking spaces, metered or residential. Even temporary parking permits, which only residents are permitted to purchase, must show the street address of the resident providing the temporary permit.

The charms of historic Annapolis are directly related to the 18th century modes of transportation that were available when the city street design was created in 1694. Therefore, it is always easier to walk as our early residents and founding fathers did and/or utilize the available public transportation system. You will often see that walking is faster than trying to drive in DTA. Additionally, if you are staying at one of the local hotels, investigate whether they have shuttle service to take you to various places in the area as the hotels understand the transportation issues faced by visitors. The Circulator Trolley can be a quick and efficient way to enjoy DTA, costing \$1 per trip. Information can be found at: <http://www.annapolis.gov/government/city-departments/transportation/circulator>. Verify hours of operation and realize that heavy traffic may impact the ability of the trolley to operate on schedule.

Maryland law gives the pedestrians the right-of-way over motorized vehicles. There are significant fines for failing to allow pedestrians to pass safely and easily. However, many visitors do not come from states that have this same regulation so you should not only permit the pedestrians to cross if you are driving but you should also be careful when you are the pedestrian.

Annapolis is not insulated from the 21st century realities of auto break-ins. Please take the advice of our local law enforcement officers by not leaving **ANYTHING** of value in view in your car. That includes the cords to various devices, such as GPS devices as well as the mounting brackets. Always lock your doors when leaving your vehicle as local statistics show most break-ins do not require forced entry.

Here is some information that may help as you navigate Annapolis by car. However, always check web sites before your Annapolis visit as the parking programs are consistently being studied and updated in an effort to permit both residents and visitors to enjoy DTA. Parking fees are adjusted depending upon events in Annapolis on any given day.

<http://www.annapolis.gov/government/city-departments/transportation/parking/downtown-parking-garages-and-lots>

On Street Parking – This option is not encouraged and should be restricted to very quick stops in DTA. All on-street parking in downtown Annapolis has a two hour limit, unless your car has a resident parking permit. As noted above, enforcement is very aggressive. Metered parking spaces now accept credit card payments.

City Dock Parking Lot – There are 250+ metered spaces, again with the two hour limit. This lot is located along Dock Street at the harbor, near the Harbor Master's Office and downtown information booth, adjacent to Ego Alley. During seawall construction in early 2016, this parking will be less than 250 spots.

Donner Lot – 10+ metered spaces, with a two hour limit. Valet parking may be available at this location on occasion. This lot is located on Compromise Street between the old Fawcett's building and the city dock sitting area.

Fleet Reserve Parking Lot – Regular for-fee parking lot located on Compromise Street.

Gott's Court Parking Garage – Regular for-fee parking garage located at 250 Northwest Street.

Knighton Garage – Regular for-fee parking garage located at 1A Colonial Avenue.

Larkin Street – Regular for-fee parking lot located on Larkin Street off City Gate Lane.

Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium Parking at Gate 5 off Taylor Avenue – Parking at the stadium costs \$5.00 per day. For USNA special events, the Academy will provide free shuttle to take passengers to the Yard for drop-off at Alumni Hall. Overnight parking is **never** permitted in the public lot at the Stadium. Your 1/C midshipmen will be given **one** hang tag for free stadium parking for Commissioning Week. If you are told or read that the City of Annapolis offers free shuttle services from the stadium to DTA, that is **old, incorrect** information. This shuttle service is no longer available.

Noah Hillman Parking Garage – Regular for-fee parking garage located at 150 Gorman Street.

Park Place Garage – Regular for-fee parking garage located at Westgate Circles, just off West Street and Spa Road.

South Street Lot – Regular for-fee parking lot at South Street off Church Circle.

Note: All for-fee parking areas are subject to rate changes depending upon events in DTA.

(From Wendy O'Shea) The shuttle provided by USNA from the Navy-Marine Corps Stadium to the Yard worked quite well for the members of our party that needed to use it for separate events that they wanted to attend. Another parking venue that I came across by accident was Parking Panda.

(www.parkingpanda.com/annapolis-parking) You can prepay for parking at the Marriott Waterfront or Loew's and have in and out privileges one time all day long. If you don't think that you will need the space to park, you can cancel up to 24 hours in advance and get your money back.

(Many thanks to 'Nita Parry, former member of the Annapolis Transportation Board for vetting this information. She has made sure that it is current as of the end of 2015.)

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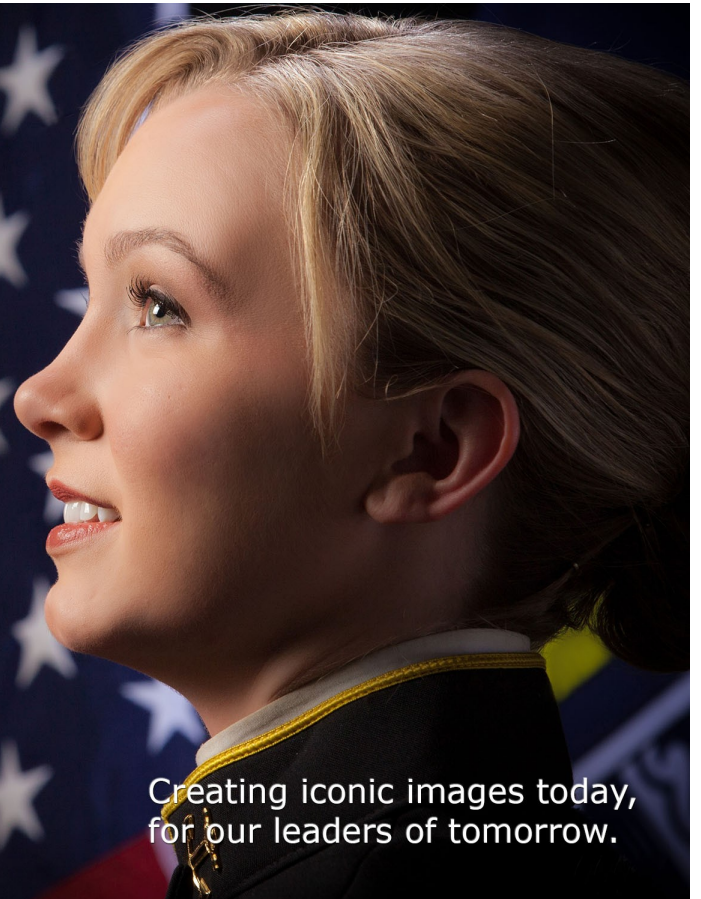
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Personal cameras are permitted at graduation and commissioning events throughout the Yard, so long as the use of the camera does not interrupt the event or obstruct the view of others. However, some specific events may not permit the use of cameras at all, and an announcement will be made at those events prohibiting the use of cameras, such as during indoor musical performances. Camera bags may always be subject to a security search. Large camera bags will not be permitted at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

Tripods

Tripods are permitted at most outdoor events on the Yard when they do not obstruct the view of other visitors, seating, walkways, and aisles. Tripods are NOT permitted inside Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

Independent Contractors

Independent contractors, such as freelance photographers, will NOT be permitted to obtain special access during USNA events. All photographers and videographers must be on assignment with a bona fide media organization and request media credentials in order to receive special access to USNA events. Furthermore, credentialed journalists must agree not to exploit for personal and/or financial gain any information acquired through media access to the U.S. Naval Academy. *Please do not arrange private contracts with photographers or videographers to cover USNA events, as they will NOT be give access to these events.*

Official Photography

The Naval Academy has contracted GradImages as the official photographers of the graduation and commissioning ceremony. GradImages will send you information on how to purchase photos of your midshipman at the graduation and commissioning ceremony. *If you have questions, GradImages can be contacted through <http://www.gradimages.com/> or by calling 1-800-261-2576.*

The Naval Academy will continue to post photos to the official USNA Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/USNavalAcademy>, the USNA Flickr page <http://www.flickr.com/photos/unitedstatesnavalacademy>, and the USNA website, www.usna.edu. Digital copies of images on the USNA Flickr, Facebook and web pages are available for personal use free of charge.

Questions regarding this policy can be referred to the Public Affairs Office by emailing pao@usna.edu.

Graduation and Commissioning Press Release

Information regarding your Midshipman's graduation and commissioning may be found at www.usna.edu/CommissioningWeek or by calling 410-293-1520.

An electronic version of this release is also available at www.usna.edu/CommissioningWeek. Or you may mail or fax the completed release to the local newspapers in your hometown. Be sure to include your contact info when you submit the release to your local press.

- Fill in the blanks on the enclosed release with the appropriate information:
 1. City - in the title
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- Remember that this release is written in the appropriate style and abbreviations used by the media. Please do not make changes.

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Graduation and Commissioning Press Release

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ANNAPOLIS, Md. - (Item 2) of (Item 3), (Item 4) successfully completed four years of challenging academic, physical, and professional military training, graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy, May 27, with a Bachelor of Science degree in (Item 5) and a commission as a (Item 6). (Item 7) is a graduate of (Item 8).

At the academy, (Item 9) was a member of the (Item 10).

Founded in 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy today is a prestigious four-year service academy that prepares midshipmen morally, mentally, and physically to be professional officers in the naval service. More than 4,400 men and women representing every state in the U.S. and several foreign countries make up the student body, known as the Brigade of Midshipmen. U.S. News and World Reports has recognized the Naval Academy as a top five undergraduate engineering school and a top 20 best liberal arts college. Midshipmen learn from military and civilian instructors and participate in intercollegiate varsity sports and extracurricular activities. They also study subjects such as leadership, ethics, small arms, drill, seamanship and navigation, tactics, naval engineering and weapons, and military law. Upon graduation, midshipmen earn a Bachelor of Science degree in a choice of 25 different subject majors and go on to serve at least five years of exciting and rewarding service as commissioned officers in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps.

The Brigade of Midshipmen is comprised of approximately 4,400 students from every state in the union. Each year, approximately 1,200 young men and women are admitted to the Naval Academy's incoming class.

The academy's more than 81,000 alumni include one president, 21 members of Congress, five governors, 73 Medal of Honor recipients, two Nobel Prize winners, 52 astronauts, and 4,000 admirals and generals.

Ticket Information and FAQ

Please review this information. Please understand that **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF YOUR MIDSHIPMAN TO REQUEST TICKETS AND TO PICK UP THE TICKETS AT THE APPOINTED TIME. PARENTS AND FAMILY CANNOT REQUEST TICKETS NOR BE INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS. IT IS A MIDSHIPMAN RESPONSIBILITY.**

What is the cost of Graduation tickets?

The tickets are free. They must, however, be requested in advance.

How many Graduation Tickets/parking passes does each 1/C Midshipman receive?

Every 1/C will receive the following tickets automatically:

- One (1) parking pass for use at the Stadium during all of Commissioning Week. That pass is not valid on Graduation Day, parking on Graduation Day is first come, first serve.
- Four (4) Bleacher Seating tickets for the Color Parade
- Six (6) Reserved Seats in Company Seating Area for Graduation (Areas are in the stands closest to the stage)
- Four (4) Seating Tickets for Indoor Graduation (used only in case of inclement weather)
- Four (4) Tickets for the Superintendent's Garden Party

Each 1/C can receive the following tickets upon request:

- Unlimited General Admission tickets for the graduation at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium
- Two (2) tickets for Wheelchair seating (Your Mid will also receive a ticket for a family member/friend to sit near them) Remember, USNA/NMCM Stadium does NOT provide wheelchairs.
- Unlimited Handicapped seating for those not requiring a wheelchair but perhaps using canes, walkers, crutches, and/or breathing apparatuses. No accompanied ticket is issued so they will be seated alone, but will be in the same section as family/friends.

How do Midshipmen request tickets?

Ticket request forms will be distributed to the Midshipmen in March. Each Company Operations officer will have a ticket request spreadsheet for his/her respective company. **PARENTS CANNOT CALL FOR TICKETS; THEY MUST BE REQUESTED BY THE MIDSHIPMAN.**

When/Where are the tickets issued?

Your Midshipman will pick up your graduation tickets during 1/C Distribution of Records and Tickets in Alumni Hall on 20 May 2016.

What if the Midshipman was unable to pick up the tickets on the day his/her company was assigned to do so?

For those Midshipmen who cannot pick up their tickets during 1/C Distribution of Records and Tickets, they must see personnel in Room 3003 of Bancroft (across from the MWF Ticket Office) to pick up their tickets.

The Midshipman has additional guests coming, but didn't find out until just before ticket pick-up and did not request tickets for them in advance. What can be done for them?

If your Midshipman requires additional general admission tickets, have him/her let personnel know in Room 3003 in Bancroft.

The Midshipman has an Admiral or SES (or civilian equivalent) as a guest for Graduation. Do they need to indicate that on their ticket request?

Yes, that information should be relayed to Protocol to ensure that the proper people are notified and arrangements for special seating will be made as required/desired.

The Midshipman has a guest who is bringing their baby/toddler. If they are sitting in the reserved section, do they require a separate ticket if they sit on a lap during the ceremony?

No, a separate ticket is not required.

My Mid has a faculty/staff member who wishes to see him graduate, but they are not part of the official faculty/staff procession. Does he order tickets for them or do they get their own?

Graduation tickets will be available for pickup for Faculty and Staff starting after all Mids (including underclass) have received their tickets. There is a maximum of four (4) tickets per person. To pick up tickets, they must present a valid USNA ID. Tickets must be picked up in person and cannot be reserved or held by phone. Tickets cannot be picked up for other Faculty and Staff; everyone must pick up their own tickets in person. Available tickets are general admission on the Blue and Gold sides. In order to avoid long lines and delays, please know which side you prefer ahead of time. Tickets will be available in the Music and Theatre Ticket Office, Room 3006, Bancroft Hall.

Is the USNA graduation open to the general public?

No, it is open to only Midshipmen and the invited guests of Midshipmen, Faculty, and Staff.

Housing/Hotels/Rentals

By far and away, one of the most challenging aspects of Commissioning Week is finding locations for everyone to stay. There are many options, but they all, particularly the good ones, fill up early. Like years or certainly months early.

There are private homes that are rented by the week, there are hotels, there are B&Bs, St Johns College rents dorm rooms, etc. Each option has its advantages, only you can determine what is important to you. Some of the questions to consider are:

- How many people do I need to house?
- How far do you want to be from the Yard? From Annapolis?
- Do you want to be within walking distance of the Yard? Of the Stadium?
- Is daily maid service important to you?
- Do you want to be able to cook for yourself or will you be eating out every day?
- Do you require special accommodations for handicapped individuals?
- Do you wish to be on the water, or have access for a boat?

If you rent a home, some of the questions to ask (some of these questions will apply to hotels or B&Bs as well) are:

- How many does the house sleep? How many beds are there? Sofa beds? Are there spaces on the floor that will accommodate inflatable beds or bedrolls?
- Is there off street parking available? If so, how many spaces are there?
- Are pets allowed? (Keep in mind that animals are NOT allowed on the Yard during Commissioning Week.)
- Is there Wi-Fi available? Is there a cost? What is the password?
- Is there an outdoor grill available for use? Gas? Charcoal?
- Are linens, towels, and kitchenware provided? Are there laundry facilities available for use?
- If there is a hot tub, is it available for use?
- Are there recreational items such as bicycles, kayaks, etc. available for use?
- Is there an additional cleaning fee?
- Who is the contact in the event of a problem?
- Is there an issue with having a party with extra guests?
- What is the schedule for trash pickup?
- How much refrigerator room is available for use? (Consider bringing extra coolers for sodas and adult beverages.)

Plan your meals ahead of time. You may want to freeze some meals ahead and bring them with you. Think about who will be doing the cooking, and for what meals. Think about who will be doing the cleanup after the meals. There are many options now for disposable dinnerware, consider using them to cut down on the work that needs to be done.

Some Housing Tips from Wendy O'Shea:

- Traffic around Annapolis during the week just gets busier and busier. You can spend a lot of time sitting in traffic if you are not careful. (See parking tips on page 29.)
 - House rentals vary from \$2,000 to \$10,000 per week, you can find homes in any of those ranges.
 - With renting a home, you have more space, save money on eating out in Annapolis, more showers for busy mornings trying to leave, comfort, etc. There are grocery stores nearby, and if you can get your Mid to take you to the NEX then you can save a bit more. Keep in mind that if you want to purchase alcohol in Maryland, you must go to a liquor store, even for beer and wine.
 - I did not want to spend my week cooking meals, so we kept it simple in the food department. You could precook meals and freeze to reheat when you get to the rental, but that will depend on how you plan to get to Annapolis.
 - With a house rental, there is your own clean up to be done. Make sure you arrange with the home owner what needs to be done before you leave. Some owners offer a maid service for an extra fee. Well worth it if you have the funds.
 - We started sending out feelers for folks who might want to attend graduation about two years out. For those guests that were interested and needed accommodations, I sent out hotel info and when to book these with the emphasis on the earlier, the better and with the warning to read the cancellation policy closely to avoid fees.
 - I highly recommends staying at least a day or two after Commissioning if at all possible just to decompress a bit before heading back to reality. The emotional roller coaster of Commissioning week was exhausting!
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Some Housing Tips from Lauren Woods-Viscardi:

The first thing you will want to handle is accommodations. Figuring out how many people you are willing to sponsor in a location is the first order of business. While this will have been on your mind at least since that 2 for 7 signing, most of your friends and relatives will not have been that focused, and will be non-committal until the time comes much closer. So, you will have to decide that you are a) getting a place large enough to be flexible with, or b) just be firm from the start saying “We are staying at X location, and hope that you will join us in Annapolis for this event.” Period. Move forward. (Editors note: For the sanity of the Mid parents, option B is highly recommended. Take care of your immediate family and leave other adults to fend for themselves. Give them their tickets and instructions ahead of time, and allow them to be the responsible adults that they know how to be.)

Unless you have some very specific needs, e.g. need to sleep 20+ people, need handicap accessible, etc., there is plenty of availability. We rented a house a little over a mile from Gate 1 in October 2014 for May 2015 Commissioning. When we picked this house, there were plenty of homes to choose from. We (well, hubby) decided that we wanted to be closer to the Yard. This turned out to be convenient as it allowed us time to go back and forth between events fairly easily, and gave us a kitchen and yard for hosting a party, which was a priority for us. Until Commissioning Day, all of our official events were Yard based. That said, I know people that stayed from Eastport to up near BWI, who stayed in houses and hotels, who also had a great week. Size and price will be your determinant here. In any case, don't worry that you will not find a place - you will.

We had originally thought we would arrive on Sunday, but we knew we wanted to make it to the Baccalaureate Mass, and absolutely had to make to the Athletic Director's Reception (Editor's Note: The Athletic Director's Reception is an invitation only event.) The family we rented from rented their house for an extra day to us, which was wonderful. We got settled in and situated before the rest of humanity came in on Sunday. That first Sunday also gave us some quiet time with our Mid. What a gift that was!

Driving Directions to Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium

You can expect that traffic will be congested throughout Commissioning Week, particularly during the Blue Angels performances and the actual Graduation Ceremony. Expect it, and plan extra time to allow for it as you navigate our area. Please remember the following:

- If you choose to deviate from the usual route to the stadium, be aware that your chosen route may be blocked as the Midshipmen march to the stadium.
- Not all of the entrance gates to the stadium parking lots will be open before the ceremony.
- The earlier your arrival at the stadium, the happier you will be. It does not take long before traffic becomes snarled.
- This is the start to a holiday weekend, and the shortest path to the shore/ocean/Ocean City to a huge segment of the population of Maryland is through Annapolis on Route 50/301, the same route that is taking you to your Mids graduation.

Directions from the West

Normal Route: Take Exit 24 from Route 50/301, and take Rowe Blvd to the stadium.

Alternative 1: From Route 50/301, take Exit 23, Parole/Rt 178/Rt 450. At the end of the ramp, turn left onto West Street (Rt 450), towards Annapolis. At the roundabout, take Taylor Avenue, which will take you to the southeast end of the stadium.

Alternative 2: From Route 50/301, take Exit 23, Parole/Rt 178/Rt450. At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Generals Highway (Rt 450), towards Crownsville. Continue past the Annapolis Mall and turn right onto Bestgate Rd. Follow Bestgate to North Bestgate Rd (just before you reach Rt 50/301), and turn left on North Bestgate Rd. Turn right on Ridgely Avenue, and then right on Melvin Avenue to the stadium.

Alternative 3: From Route 50/301, take Exit 22, Aris T. Allen Blvd/Rt 665. Continue past the exit for Riva Road. Turn left on Chinquapin Round Road and follow it to West Street. Turn right on West Street and take an immediate left onto Admiral Drive. Turn right onto Cedar Park Rd. Continue on Cedar Park Road to the stadium.

Alternative 4: From Route 50/301, take Exit 23, Parole/Rt 178/Rt 450. At the end of the ramp, turn left onto West Street (Rt 450), towards Annapolis. Shortly after the Public Library, turn left on Glen Avenue, and go across the railroad tracks to the stadium.

Alternative 5: From Route 50/301, take Exit 22, Aris T. Allen Blvd/Rt 665. Continue past Riva Road. Aris T. Allen will turn into Forest Drive. Take a left on Spa Road. At the roundabout at West Street, take Taylor Avenue which will take you to the southeast corner of the stadium.

Note: Alternatives 1, 4, and 5 are most likely to be blocked by the march on.

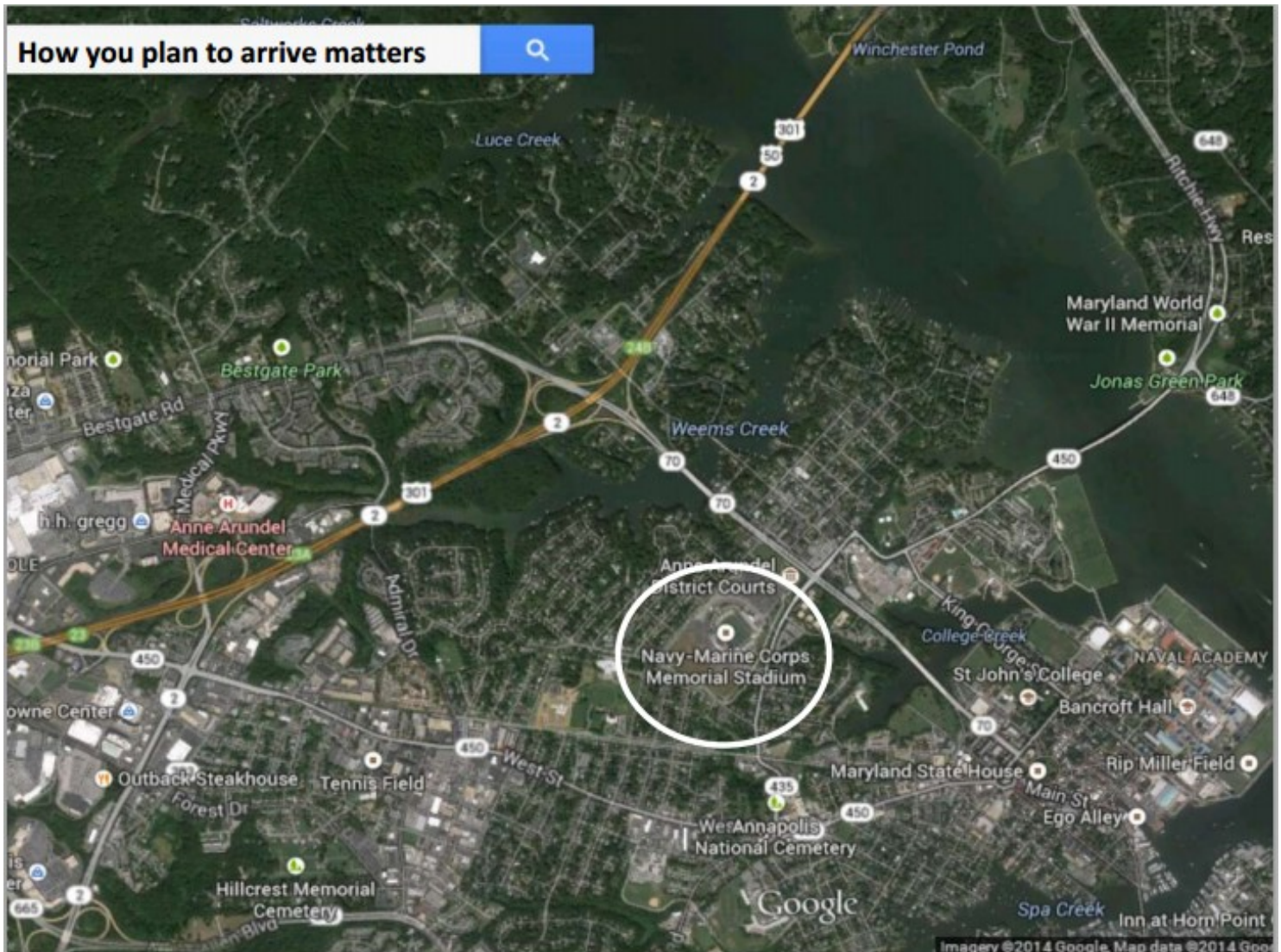
Directions from the East

Normal Route: Take Exit 24 from Route 50/301, and take Rowe Blvd to the stadium.

Alternative 1: From Route 50/301, take Exit 29, St Margaret’s Road/Rt 179. Stay left at the end of the ramp, and turn left onto St Margaret’s Road. Continue to Baltimore-Annapolis (B&A) Blvd (Rt 648). Take a left onto B&A Blvd. Bear right at the “Y” with Rt 672. Turn left on Rt 450 West. Continue across the Naval Academy Bridge, past USNA Gate 8. Continue to Taylor Avenue, going straight onto Annapolis Street. Turn left onto Melvin Avenue to the stadium.

Alternative 2: From Route 50/301, take Exit 27, Ritchie Highway/Rt 450 south towards Annapolis. Continue across the Naval Academy Bridge, past USNA Gate 8. Continue to Taylor Avenue, going straight onto Annapolis Street. Turn left onto Melvin Avenue to the stadium.

Note: Both of the Alternatives are likely to be blocked by the march on.



Commissioning 101 Important Website and Phone Number List

The websites and phone numbers were verified as of December 30, 2015. Specific information on those websites has not been verified and cannot be guaranteed by the USNA Parents Club of Maryland nor the USNA Parents Club of Northern Virginia. Listing on this page does not represent an endorsement of any particular establishment. Caveat emptor.

Commissioning Week Information

- www.usna.edu/CommissioningWeek – The official USNA website for Commissioning Information
- www.usna.edu – Official USNA website
- www.usna.com – Official USNA Alumni Association and Foundation website
- www.navysports.com – Official USNA Sports website (stadium information)
- www.usnabsd.com – Naval Academy Club (Officers Club) website, click on Naval Academy Club

Home Rental/Lodging Information

- www.usna.com/page.aspx?pid=635 – Alumni Association list of Home Rentals page
- www.navy-lodge.com – Navy Lodge website
- www.usna-rent.com – Commissioning Week Rentals website
- www.annapolis.eventlodging.net – Annapolis home rental website (Information may be outdated)
- www.stayannapolis.com – Lists B&Bs as well as rentals
- www.vrbo.com – Vacation Rentals By Owner website, lists home rentals

General Annapolis Information

- www.visitannapolis.org – Official Annapolis site, lists hotels, B&Bs, restaurants, and more
- www.annapolistours.com – Annapolis walking tours and other information, 410-268-7601

Uniforms/Accessory Packages

- USNA Midshipman Store – 410-293-2392, email: usnastore@usna.edu
- www.marlowwhite.com – Marlow White Uniform website
- www.abbottuniforms.com – Abbott Uniforms website
- www.uniforms-4u.com – The Salute Uniforms website
- www.marineshop.com – Official Marine Shop, Quantico, 703-640-7195
- www.mymcx.com – Marine Corps Exchange, 703-432-6455

USNA Gifts

- The Midshipman Store – 410-293-2392
- www.usna.com/page.aspx?pid=476 – Alumni Association Gifts website

Photography

- www.daphoto.com – David Anderson Photography, 410-224-6049
- www.heathercrowder.com - Heather Crowder Photography, 410-263-2505

Wheelchair Rentals

- Weems Creek Pharmacy – 410-266-1177
- Advanced Home Oxygen Supplies – 410-841-5540
- Annapolis Healthcare Supplies – 410-295-7300
- Roberts Home Medical – 410-267-7588

Shopping Information

- www.westfield.com/Annapolis - Annapolis Mall website
- www.visitatc.com – Annapolis Towne Center (Parole) website
- www.annapolisharbourcenter.com – Annapolis Harbour Center website
- www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/sales.asp?id=99 – Queenstown Outlet Shopping website
- www.tangeroutlet.com/nationalharbor - National Harbor Outlet Shopping website

Taxi and Transportation Information

- www.taxiserviceannapolis.com – Annapolis Taxi Service, 443-924-6655
- www.annapolisflyercab.com – Annapolis Flyer Cab, 443-837-777
- www.diamondcab.com – Diamond Cab, 855-316-7393
- www.annapolisairportshuttle.com – Annapolis Airport Shuttle, 410-971-8100
- www.supershuttle.com – BWI Super Shuttle, 800-258-3826
- www.cruisesonthebay.com/annapolis-water-taxi - Annapolis Water Taxi, 410-263-0033



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Chick and Ruth's Delly	165 Main Street	410-269-6737	www.chickandruths.com
Dock Street Bar & Grill	136 Dock Street	410-268-7278	www.dockstreetbar.net
Factors Row	26 Market Space	410-280-8686	www.factorsrowannapolis.com
Federal House Bar & Grill	22 Market Space	410-268-2576	www.federalhouserestaurant.com
Galway Bay	63 Maryland Avenue	410-263-8333	www.galwaybaymd.com
Harry Browne's	66 State Circle	4110-263-4332	www.harrybrownes.com
Iron Rooster	12 Market Space	410-990-1600	www.ironroosterallday.com
Joss Café & Sushi Bar	195 Main Street	410-263-4688	www.josssushi.com
Kilwin's Ice Cream	128 Main Street	410-263-2601	www.kilwins.com
Mangia Italian Grill	81 Main Street	410-268-1350	
McGarvey's	8 Market Space	410-263-5772	www.mcgarveys.net
Middleton's Tavern	2 Market Space	410-263-3323	www.middleontavern.com
Nano Asian Dining	189 Main Street	410-267-6688	www.nanoasiandining.com
O'Brien's Oyster Bar Restaurant	113 Main Street	410-268-6288	www.obriensoysterbar.com
OB's Prime	111 Main Street	410-269-1210	www.obsprime.com
Osteria 177	177 Main Street	410-267-7700	www.osteria177.com
Pussers Caribbean Grill	80 Compromise Street	410-626-0004	www.pussersusa.com
Red Red Wine Bar	189B Main Street	410-990-1144	www.redredwinebar.com
Reynolds Tavern	7 Church Circle	410-295-9555	www.reynoldstavern.org
Sakura Café	105 Main Street	410-263-0785	www.annapolisakuracafe.com
Sofi's Crepes	1 Craig Street	410-990-0929	www.sofiascrepes.com
Storm Brothers	130 Dock Street	410-263-3376	www.storbros.com
Treaty of Paris Restaurant	16 Church Circle	410-216-6340	www.historicinnsofannapolis.com

West Street Restaurants

49 West Coffeehouse	49 West Street	410-626-9796	
Carpaccio Tuscan Kitchen	1 Park Place	410-268-6569	
El Toro Bravo	50 West Street	410-267-5949	www.eltorobravoannapolis.com
Fadó Irish Pub	1 Park Place	410-626-0069	www.fadoirishpub.com/annapolis
Lemongrass Restaurant	167 West Street	410-280-0086	www.lemongrassannapolis.com
Luna Blu Ristorante Italiano	36 West Street	410-267-9950	www.lunablufannapolis.com
Metropolitan Kitchen & Lounge	169 West Street	410-280-0176	www.metropolitanannapolis.com
Miss Shirley's	1 Park Place	410-268-5171	www.missshirleys.com
Paul's Homewood Café	919 West Street	410-267-7891	www.paulshomewoodcafe.com
Rams Head Tavern	33 West Street	410-268-4545	www.ramsheadtavern.com
Tsunami	51 West Street	410-990-9868	www.tsunamiannapolis.com

Eastport Restaurants

Adam's Taphouse Grille	921 Chesapeake Avenue	410-267-0064	www.adamsgrilleannapolis.com
Blackwell Hitch-Annapolis	400 Sixth Street	410-263-3454	www.theblackwallhitch.com/annapolis
Boatyard Restaurant	400 4th Street	410-216-6206	www.boatyardbarandgrill.com
Carrol's Creek	410 Severn Avenue	410-263-8102	www.carrolscreek.com
Chart House	300 Second Street	410-268-7166	www.chart-house.com
Davis Pub	400 Chester Avenue	410-268-7432	www.davispub.com
Lewnes Steakhouse	401 4th Street	410-263-1617	www.lewnessteakhouse.com
Ruth's Chris Steakhouse	301 Severn Avenue	410-990-0033	
Vin 909	909 Bay Ridge Avenue	410-990-1846	www.vin909.com

Parole Restaurants

Bertucci's Italian Restaurant	2207 Forest Drive	410-266-5800	www.bertuccis.com
Bonefish Grill-Annapolis	1915 Towne Center Blvd	410-571-8263	www.bonefishgrill.com
Brio's Tuscan Grille	305 Sail Place	410-571-5660	www.brioitalian.com
Chop House	1915 Towne Center Blvd	888-456-3463	www.thechophouseannapolis.com
Gordon Biersch	1906 Towne Center Blvd	410-266-5965	www.gordonbiersch.com
Jalapenos Restaurant	85 Forest Plaza	410-266-7580	www.jalapenosannapolis.com
Mission BBQ	2101 Somerville Road	443-569-4700	www.mission-bbq.com
Outback Steakhouse	2207 Forest Drive	410-266-7229	www.outback.com
Paladar Latin Kitchen & Rum Bar	1905 Towne Center Blvd	410-897-1022	www.paladarlatinkitchen.com
Pei Wei	1901 Towne Center Blvd	410-573-5060	www.peiwei.com
PF Changs	307 Sail Place	410-573-2990	www.pfchangs.com
The Melting Pot	2948 Solomons Island Road	410-266-8004	www.meltingpot.com
Ziki Japanese Steakhouse	1906 Towne Center Blvd	410-224-6598	www.zikisteakhouse.com

Other Area Restaurants

Cantler's	458 Forest Beach Road	410-757-1311	www.cantlers.com
Chad's BBQ	158 West Central Avenue	410-956-7774	www.chadsbbq.com
Killarney House	584 West Central Avenue	410-798-8700	www.killarneyhousepub.com
Main Ingredient	914 Bay Ridge Road	410-626-0388	www.themainingredient.com
Mexican Café	609 Melvin Avenue	410-626-1520	www.themexicancafe.com
Mike's Crabhouse	3030 Old Riva Road	410-956-2784	www.mikescrabhouse.com
Rams Head Roadhouse	1773 Generals Highway	410-849-8058	www.ramsheadroadhouse.com
Sam's on the Waterfront	2020 Chesapeake Harbor Drive	410-263-3600	
Severn Inn	1993 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd	410-349-4000	www.theseverninn.com
Yellowfin Steak & Fish House	2840 Solomons Island Road	410-573-1333	

Caterers

Bayside Bull Catering	108 West Central Avenue	410-798-7545	www.bayside.bull.com
Be My Guest Catering	8258 Veterans Highway	410-987-5262	www.bmgcatering.com
Famous Dave's	181 Jennifer Road	410-224-2207	www.famousdaves.com
Giolitti Delicatessen & Catering	2068 Somerville Road	410-266-8600	www.giolittideli.com
Graul's Market	607 Taylor Avenue	410-269-5103	www.graulsmarket.com
Land & Sea Catering	100 Main Street	410-897-0190	www.landseacatering.com
Main Ingredient	914 Bay Ridge Road	410-626-0388	www.themainingredient.com
Mission BBQ	2101 Somerville Road	443-569-4700	www.mission-bbq.com
Naval Bagels	609 Taylor Avenue	410-263-1344	www.navalbagelsinc.com
Pit Boys BBQ	508 Chinquapin Round Road	410-263-2333	www.pitboys.com
Wegmans	1413 South Main Chapel Way, Crofton	443-332-6210	www.wegmans.com

Golf Courses

Bay Hills Golf Club	545 Bay Hills Drive, Arnold	410-757-4544	www.bayhillsgc.com
Compass Pointe Golf Course	9010 Fort Smallwood Road, Pasadena	410-437-1855	www.compasspointegolf.com
Eisenhower Golf Course	1576 Generals Highway, Crownsville	410-571-0973	www.eisenhowergolf.com
Prospect Bay Country Club	311A Prospect Bay Drive West, Grasonville	410-827-6924	www.prospectbay.com
Queenstown Harbor Golf Links	310 Links Lane, Queenstown	800-827-5257	www.qhgolf.com
Renditions Golf Course	1380 West Central Ave, David- sonville	410-798-9798	www.renditionsgolf.com
The Golf Club at South River	3451 Solomons Island Road, Edgewater	410-798-5865	www.golfclubsr.com



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