

## GETTING IN TOUCH... STAYING IN TOUCH

**TELEPHONE CALLS:** Most Plebes will not be able to call home for the first 2 weeks or so of Plebe Summer. Pay phones are located throughout Bancroft Hall and the Naval Academy complex for Midshipmen use. Plebes are permitted and encouraged to bring their cellular phones with them on Induction Day. Phones will be kept secure, locked in a storage room. If you do not have a cellular phone currently please do not feel that you must go buy one, there will be alternate phones available. After Plebe Summer training, Midshipmen settle into a routine and normal time for calls can be set up with your Midshipman.

### *Useful Phone Numbers*

Bancroft Hall Main Office (410) 293-5001      Chaplain Services (410) 293-1100      USNA Switchboard (410) 293-1000

**E-MAIL:** Use of electronic mail at the Naval Academy is an integral part of a Midshipman's life. Many aspects of this use are official in nature because it contributes directly to the mission of the Naval Academy. The academy has long recognized the value of allowing limited internal use of electronic mail for personal purposes. Similar benefits to the academy mission are to be derived from Midshipmen correspondence over electronic mail with friends. Communication of this sort contributes to the morale of the Midshipmen and their families. This communication is limited to personal correspondence and does not extend to commercial business transactions.

**Computers are not issued to Plebes until the end of their Plebe Summer.**

**CARE PACKAGES:** The mailing of "care packages" to plebes is encouraged. However, it is advised that the items be single-serving, non-perishable, and able to fit in a shipping container no larger than a shoe box to facilitate storage and handling. For sanitation purposes, please send "care packages" in air-tight containers. You may want to consider sending your initial "care package" in hard plastic, air-tight sealed containers to provide storage for future mailings. Make sure you put the appropriate Midshipman mailing address on all mailings to ensure they arrive.

**PACKAGE DELIVERY:** Only USPS Mail and package deliveries from services including UPS, FedEx, FedEx Ground, and Airborne Express will be accepted without prior notification by the Midshipman. Any other package delivery will only be accepted if the Midshipman has previously notified the Main Office of its expected arrival. If the Midshipman has not notified the Main Office that the package is expected BEFORE the package arrives, it will NOT be accepted. This includes all care packages delivered by local care package providers, parents, and sponsor families.

**CARE PACKAGES ON I-DAY:** It has been customary for Parents to leave care packages at the Main Office on I-Day. The Naval Academy Base Operations Officer has advised that due to security, care packages will not be allowed through the Gate, and the Main Office at Bancroft may REFUSE to accept packages to be left for Plebes on I-Day. All care packages should be mailed.

We suggest you mail/ship a package before you leave Annapolis.

### *During Plebe Summer:*

USPS Address: (Letters, Postcards, USPS Packages)

Midn First Middle Last, Class of 2013

??? Company / ??? Platoon

PO Box YYYYY

Annapolis, MD 21412-YYYY

Shipping address: (UPS, FedEx, FedEx Ground, Airborne Express)

Midn First Middle Last, Class of 2013

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USNA

Bancroft Hall Express Office

Annapolis, MD 21412

Telephone: (410) 293-5001 (Bancroft Hall – Main Office)

## For Your Information...

Additional resources are available to provide more information about Plebe Summer, Plebe Year, Academic Year, and key events of your Plebe's USNA experience.

Web Sites:	www.usna.org www.usna.edu www.collegeconfidential.com	List Serves:	www.usna.org www.usna.com
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Outstanding Resource:      *"Brief Points: An Almanac for Parents and Friends of U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen"*  
by Ross McKenzie  
<http://www.amazon.com/Brief-Points-Almanac-Parents-Midshipmen/dp/1591145066>