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USNA Spring Events

- **Battalion Receptions**
- **Community Assignment Dinners**
- **Summer TAD Assignments**
- **Spring Break (09-18MAR)**
- **Distinguished Graduate Award Ceremony (23MAR)**
- **Exhibition National Hockey League. 03MAR.
Washington Capitals vs Toronto Maple Leafs**
- **Alumni Mentoring Program Intro**
- **Final Exams 04-11MAY**

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COMMISSIONING WEEK

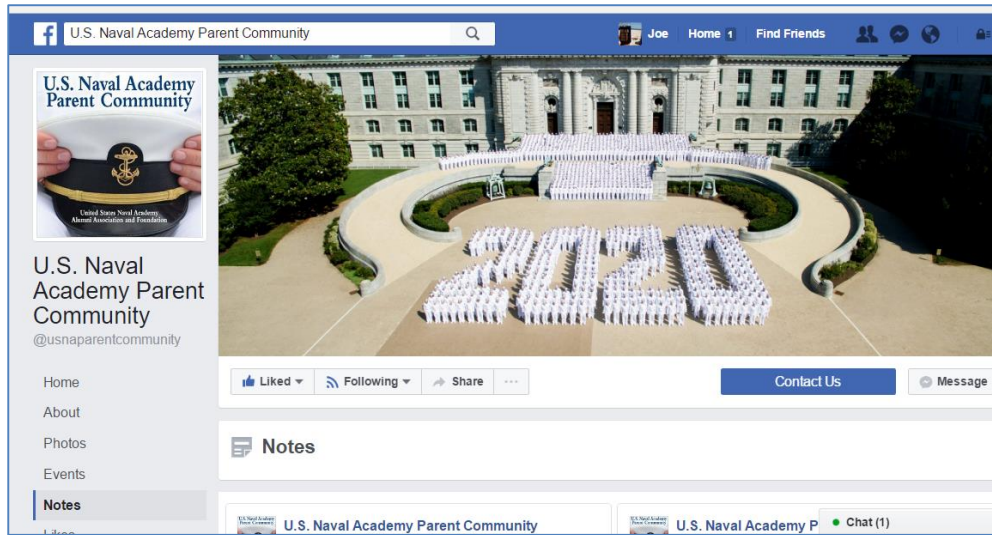


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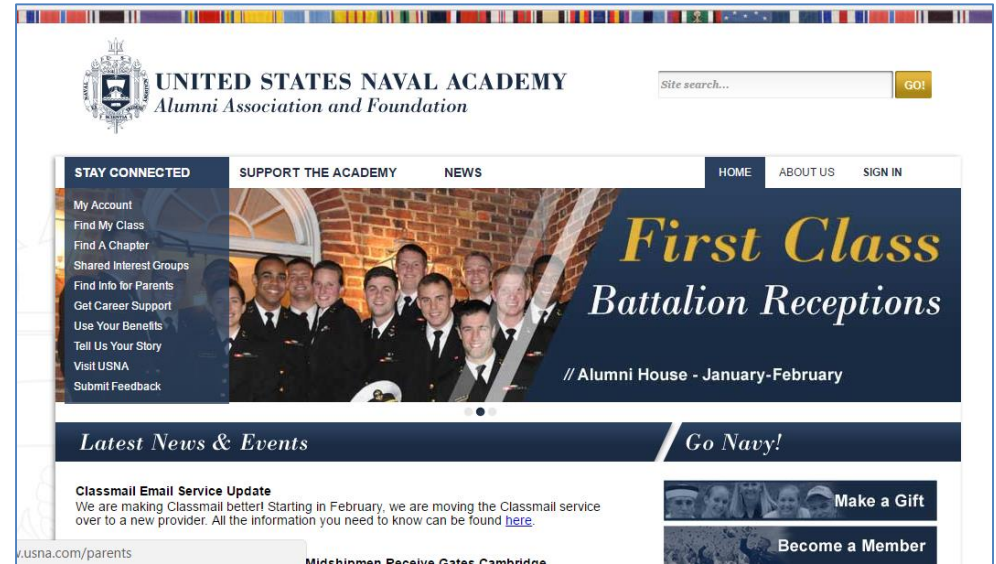
Commissioning Week 2018 is scheduled for 18-25 May 2018.

View the [tentative schedule for the commissioning of the Class of 2018](#). Please note, the schedule is subject to change.

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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](#)

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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.

2018 Commissioning 101 Event information can be [found here](#)

USNA Commissioning Week Website - 2018 tentative schedule is available

*2018 Graduation and Commissioning Packet information will be mailed to parents in March 2018

Maryland Naval Academy Parent Club Commissioning 101 website- includes links to videos of 2017 presentation

USNA Alumni Association slideshow presentation - 2017 presentation; resource will download to your computer

Commissioning 101 booklet - 2017 edition; resource will download to your computer

Susan Gibbs Commissioning Week Parent Perspective - used with permission

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.

More information:

2018 Graduation Speaker:

TBD

Ceremony Video/Stream:

LiveStream.com will be updated closer to Commissioning Week

www.usna.com/page.aspx?pid=1197

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USNA Commissioning Week

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Elizabeth Beedenbender. If approved it

USNA Commissioning Week Website

2016 Graduation and Commissioning

ALITC: **Another Link in the Chain**
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



More information:

2016 Graduation Speaker:

Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter

Ceremony Video/Stream:

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MD Parents Club – Commissioning 101

<http://www.usnamarylandpc.org>



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MD Parents Club – Commissioning 101

Commissioning 101

Commissioning 101 is an annual event, co-sponsored with the USNA Parents Club of Northern Virginia, held each year in the January-February time frame. Last held in February 2017 and attended by well over 300 people, some from as far away as Arizona and California, and supported by 32 local businesses, we dispensed information about all things Commissioning Week. Craig Washington gave us insider information about Commissioning. Chuck Dixon and his team from First Command talked about financial literacy.

[Commissioning 101 Video Part 1 of 3](#)

[Commissioning 101 Video Part 2 of 3](#)

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[Commissioning 101 Booklet Download](#)

[First Command Financial Literacy Presentation Video](#)

[Craig Washington's Commissioning 101 Slides](#)

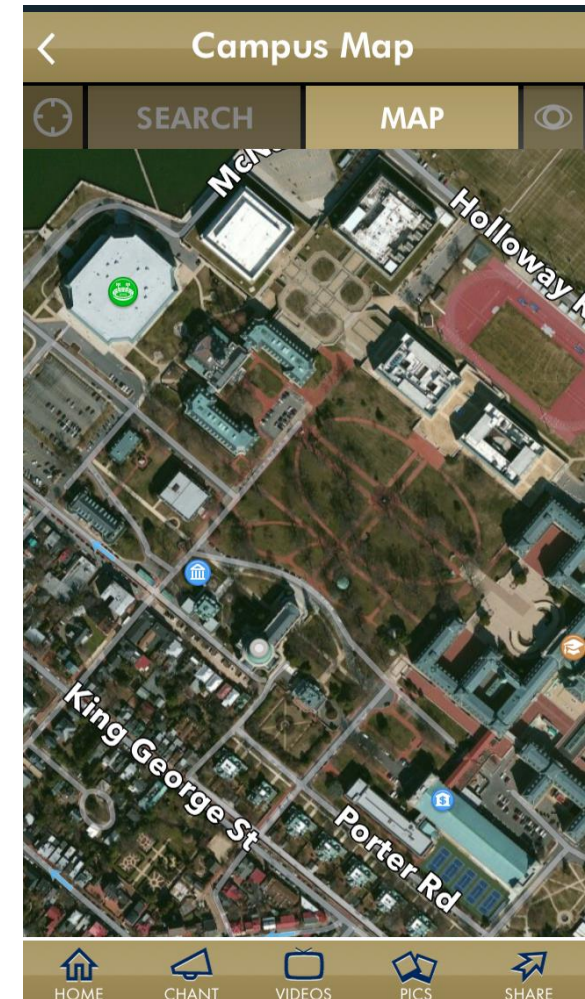
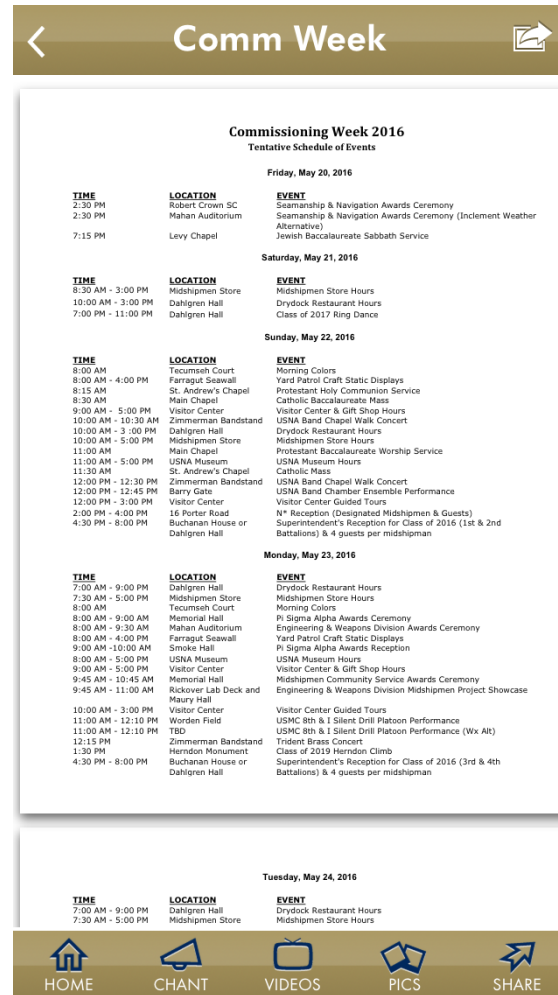
If anyone has any questions or needs any further information, please give us a shout at usnamarylandpc@gmail.com.

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Commissioning Week 2016

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, May 20, 2016

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

Saturday, May 21, 2016

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

Sunday, May 22, 2016

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

Monday, May 23, 2016

Campus Map

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Social Media

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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
30 (April)	1 74 Days Classes End 4/C Submarine Operations Brief in Alumni Hall (1930-2030) PE Academic Board Appeals SWO Barbecue in Smoke Park (1630-2000)	2 Review & Study Day PE Academic Board Appeals	3	4 Hymn Sing in Main Chapel (1900-2000)	5 Cinco de Mayo	6
PE Academic Board Record Reviews			Examination Period			
			Midshipmen Leave Commences After Last Examination/LMO			
7	8	9	10 Int'l Chapter Officers Forum in Alumni DR (0700-1700)	11 USNA AA BOT Meeting at N-MCMS (0700-1600)	12	13 Mother's Day Leave Expires for 4/C & Sea Trials Detail (2200)
Examination Period				Summer Training Block 0		
Midshipmen Leave Commences After Last Examination/LMO					End-of-Semester Leave	
14 Grades Due AcBoard List Posted (PM) 2/C & 3/C Leave Expires (1800) Sea Trials Opening Ceremony (1900)	15 MAPRs/CoMAPRs Due Sea Trials (All Day) Leave Expires (1800) for 1/C	16 Ramadan (Muslim Holy Month of Fasting) Begins Ac Board Record Reviews Spring Bell Ringing (1205) 1/C Graduation Brief w/ Crest & Constitution Distribution in Alumni Hall (1100) (T) Youngster Luau (1700)	17 Indoor Graduation Muster (0945) / Rehearsal (1030)	18 1/C Distribution of Records and Tickets in Alumni Hall (0700-1145) Jewish Baccalaureate Sabbath Service (1915-2015)	19 Armed Forces Day Academic Board Appeals (If Required) Ring Dance (1900)	20 Baccalaureate Sunday Catholic Baccalaureate Mass (0830-1000) Protestant Baccalaureate Service (1100-1200) N* Reception (1400) Superintendent's Reception for 1/C (1 st & 2 nd Bn) (1630-2000)
				Academic Board Appeals		
Summer Training Block 0						
May Intersessional Period					Commissioning Week	
21 USNA AA&F Pre-Herndon Lunch in NA Club (1100- 1300) USMC BC Detachment Performance on Worden Field (w/alt WBHF) (1100-1210) (T) Class of 2021 Herndon Climb (1330) (T) Superintendent's Reception for 1/C (3 rd & 4 th Bn) (1630-2000)	22 Blue Angels Flight Rehearsal (T) Superintendent's Reception for 1/C (5 th & 6 th Bn) (1630- 2000) Glee Club & Gospel Choir Concert in Main Chapel (2030-2200)	23 Graduation Rehearsal @ Stadium (0700) Blue Angels Flight Demonstration (T) CW Organ Concert (1600) Graduation Ball (1930)	24 Graduation Rehearsal @ Stadium (0700) (WxAlt) USNA AA&F Pre-Color Parade Breakfast in NA Club (0830-1000) Color Parade (1100) Prizes & Awards Ceremony (1400)	25 Class of 2018 Graduation (1000)	26	27

<https://intranet.usna.edu/MasterSchedule/>

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Major Events



- **Supe's 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

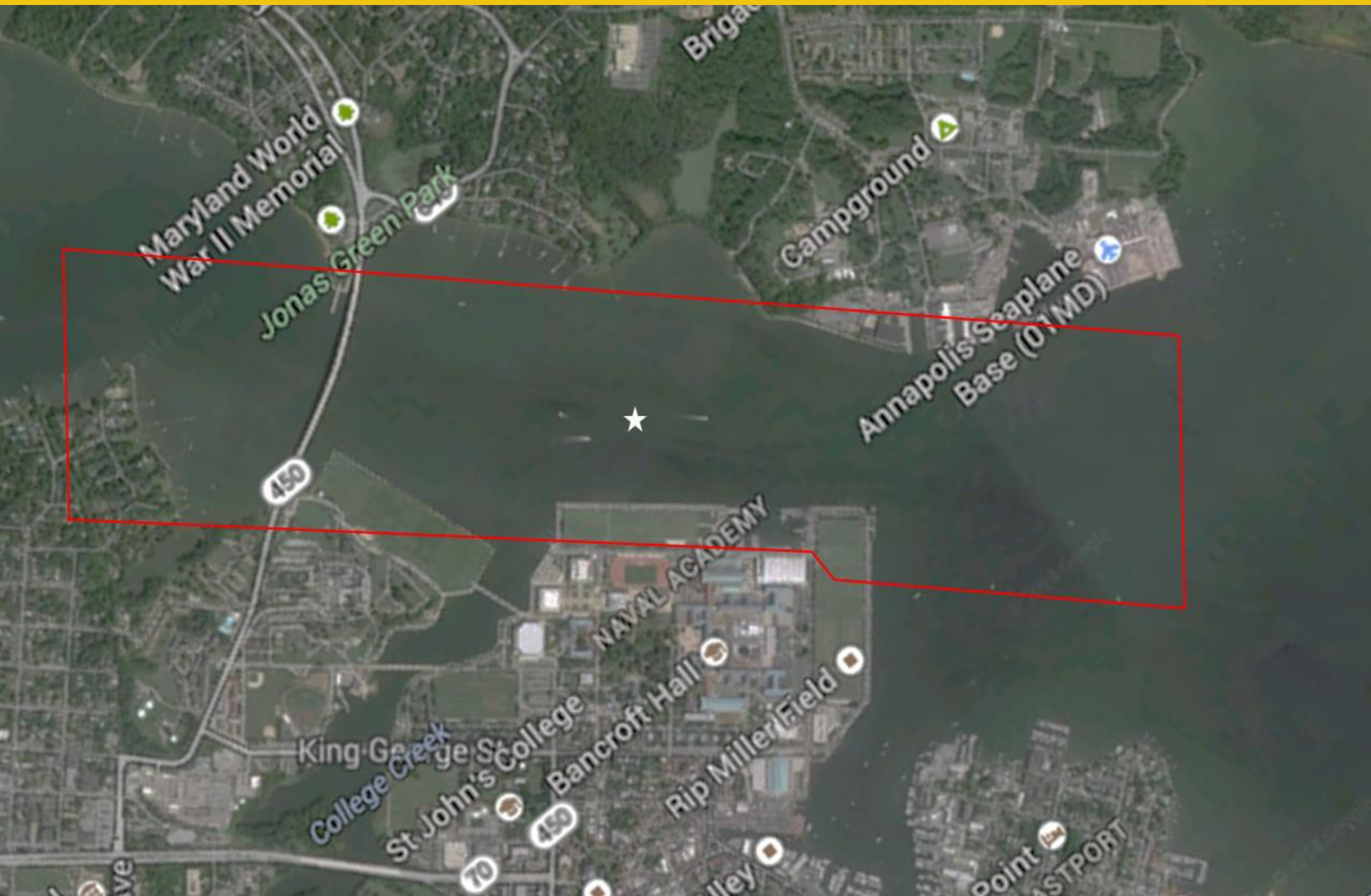
- **Circle and Arrival (if unable on May 23rd): 1100-1300**
- **Blue Angels Air Show: 1400-1600**

Friday, May 26th

- **Graduation Flyover: 1004**

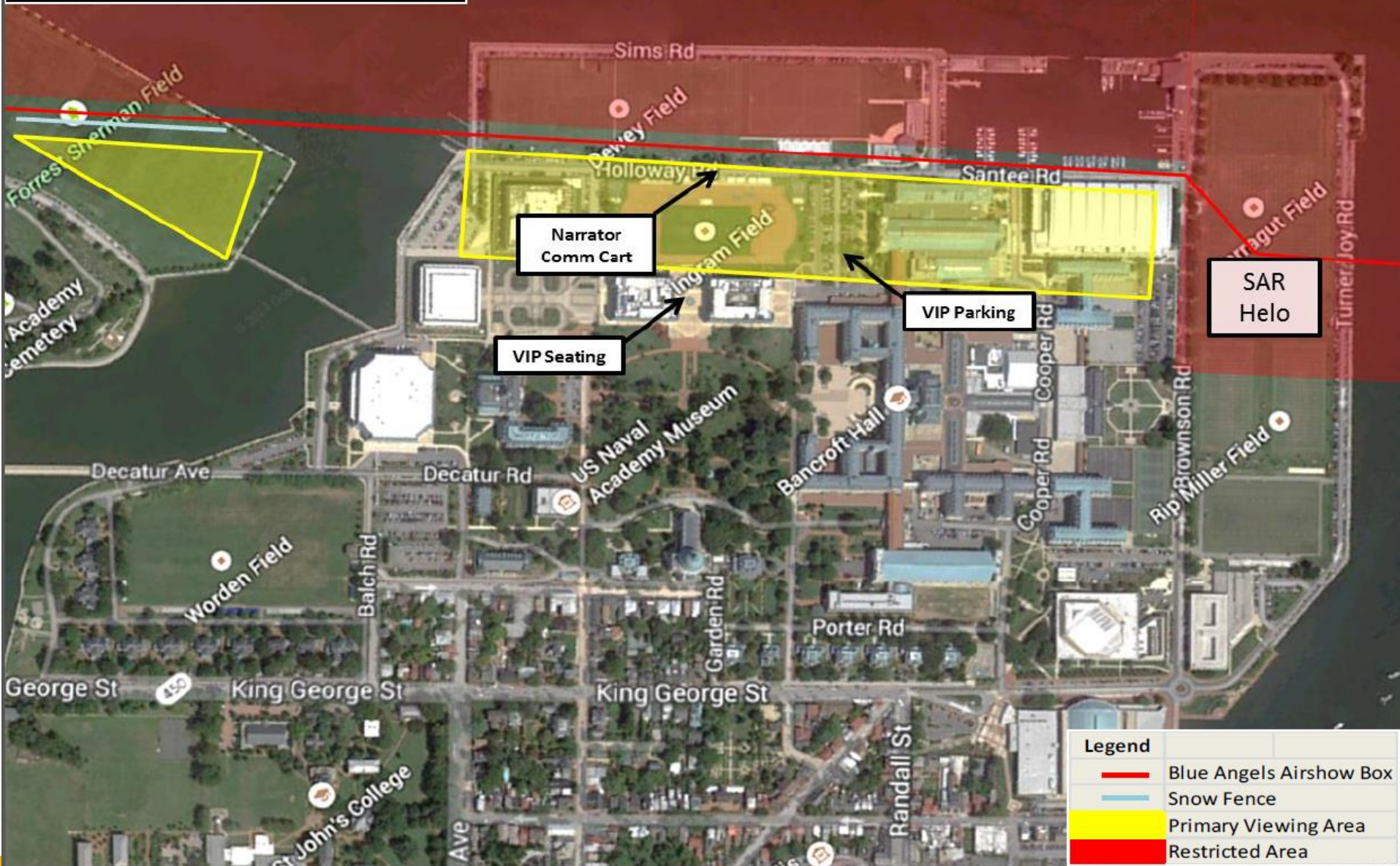


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Blue Angels Flight Demonstration



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NAVAL ACADEMY BRIDGE CLOSURE

Tuesday, 22 May 1045-1600

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

Wednesday, 23 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, 22 May- 1100-1600**
 - **Wednesday, 23 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**

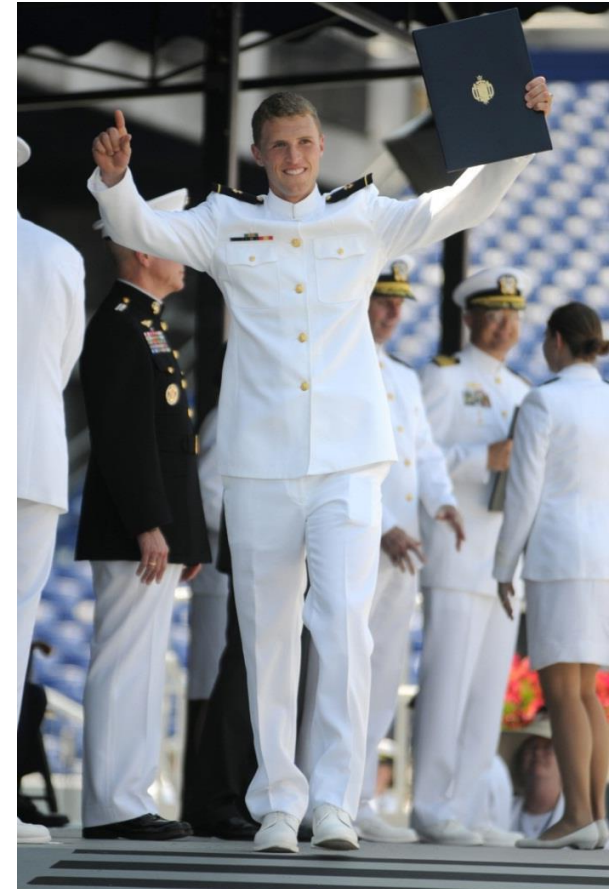


Managing Expectations

- 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

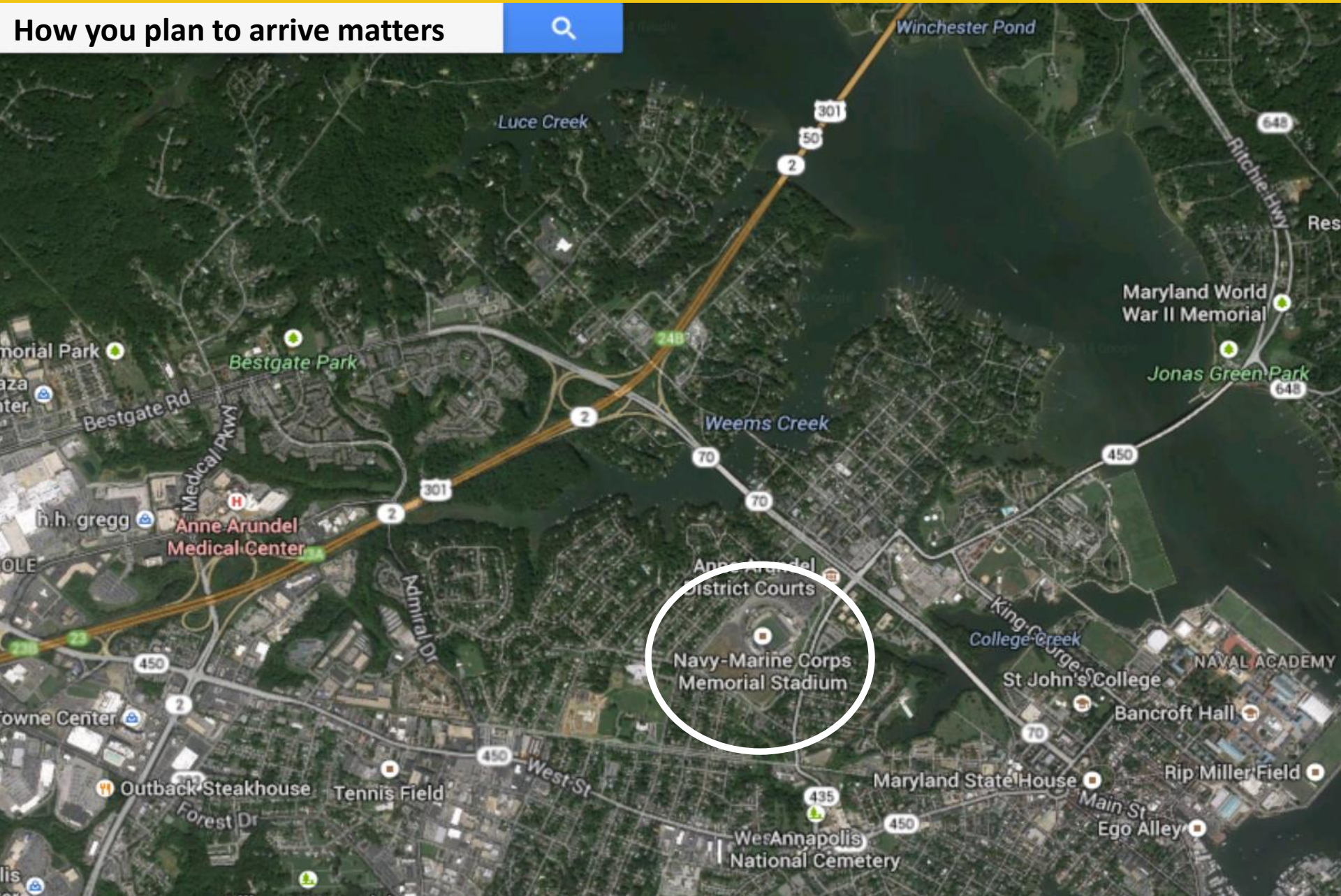
- Getting to the stadium (Family / MIDN)
- 0600: Parking Lot Gates open
- 0700: Stadium gates open / Grads muster
- 0900: MIDN Procession
- 0930: Staff / Faculty procession
- 1000: Begin Ceremony
- 1230 ~ approx hat toss
 - Finding your new ENS/2LT On-field
 - Shoulder boards / cover exchange
 - Expect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



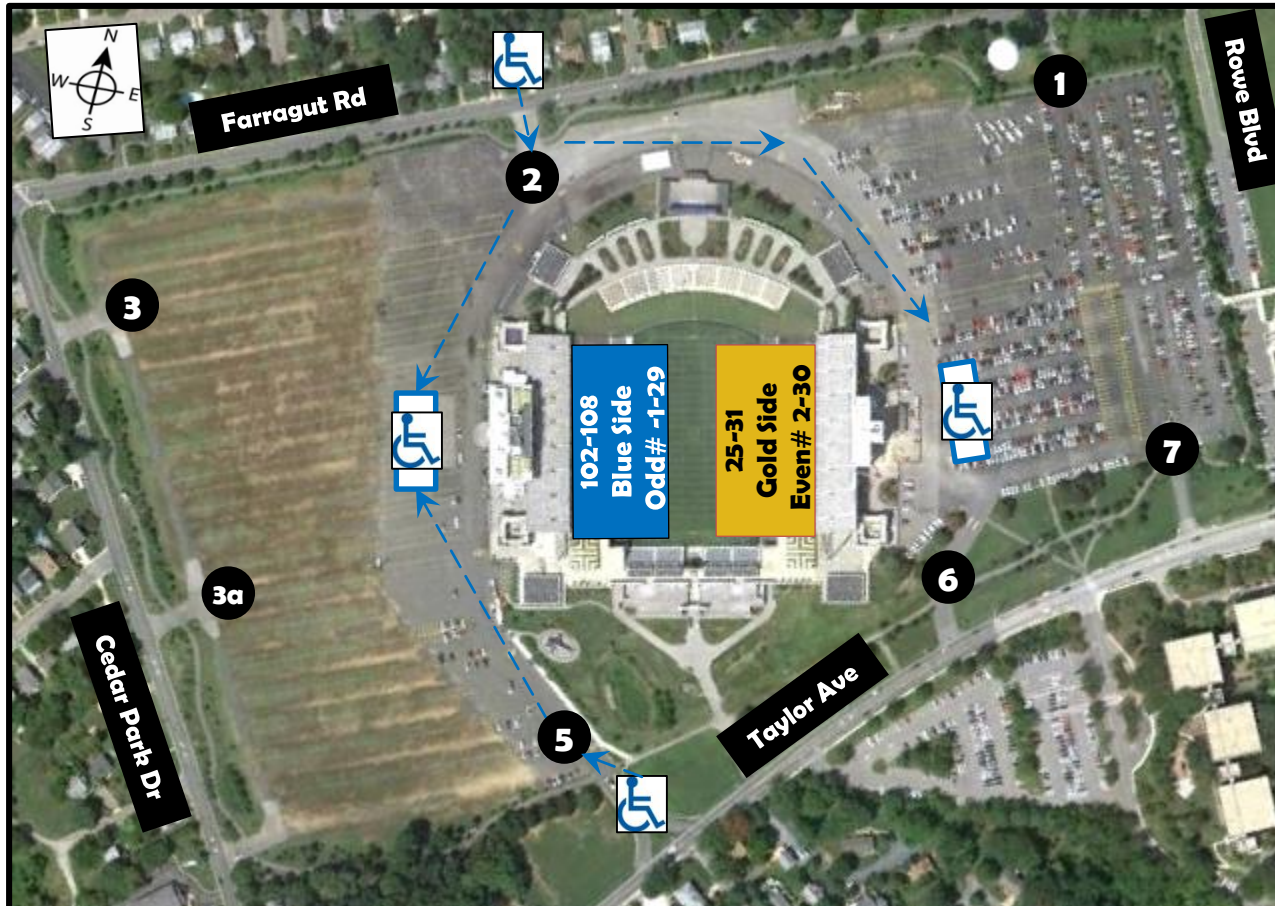
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Commencement Ceremony Arrival & Departure

Friday, May 25, 2018, 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

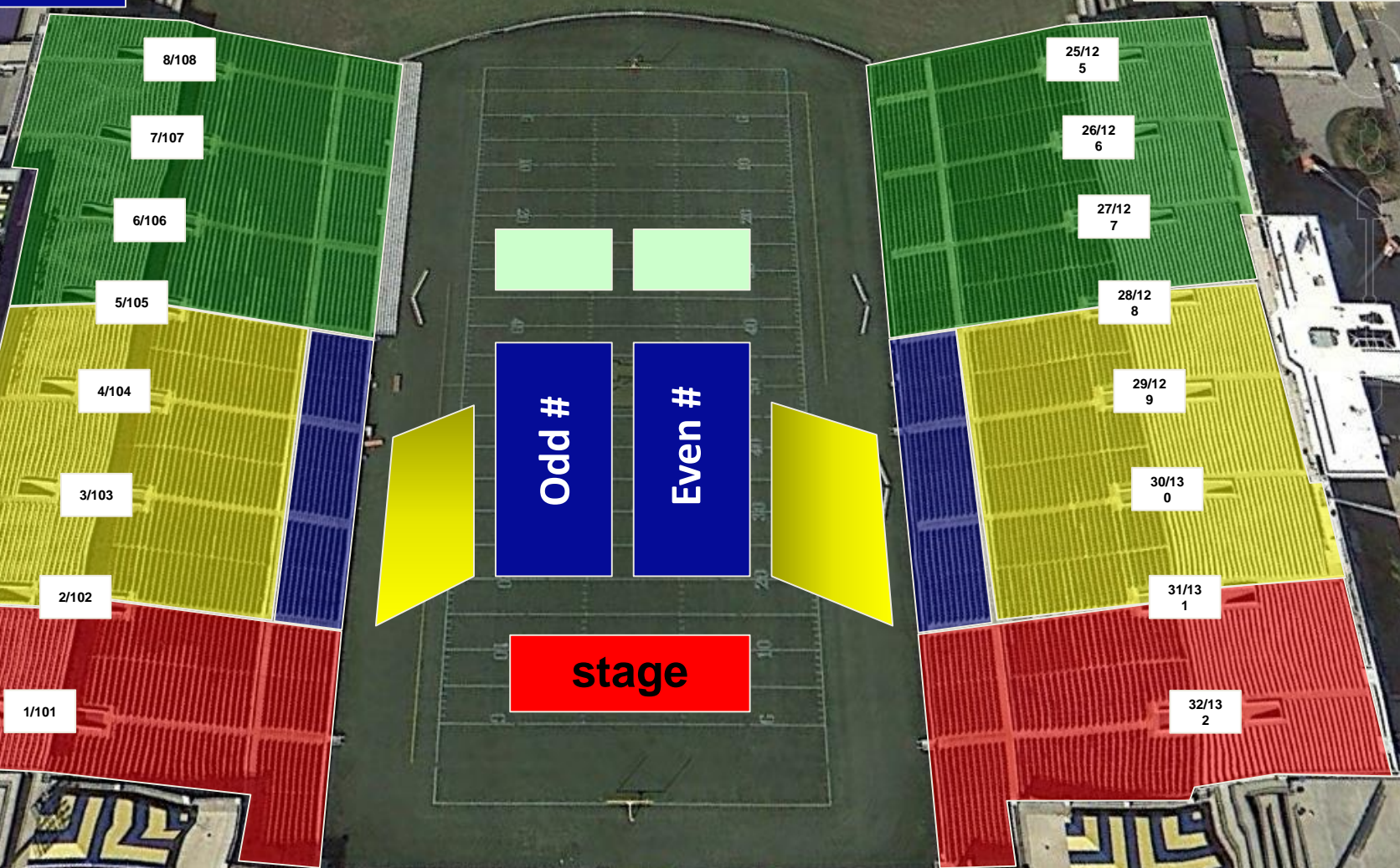


eCruisers
(shown above)
will circle the
parking lots to pick
up guests needing
assistance getting to
a Stadium entrance.

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Blue

Gold



Closed



Reserved



MIDN



General

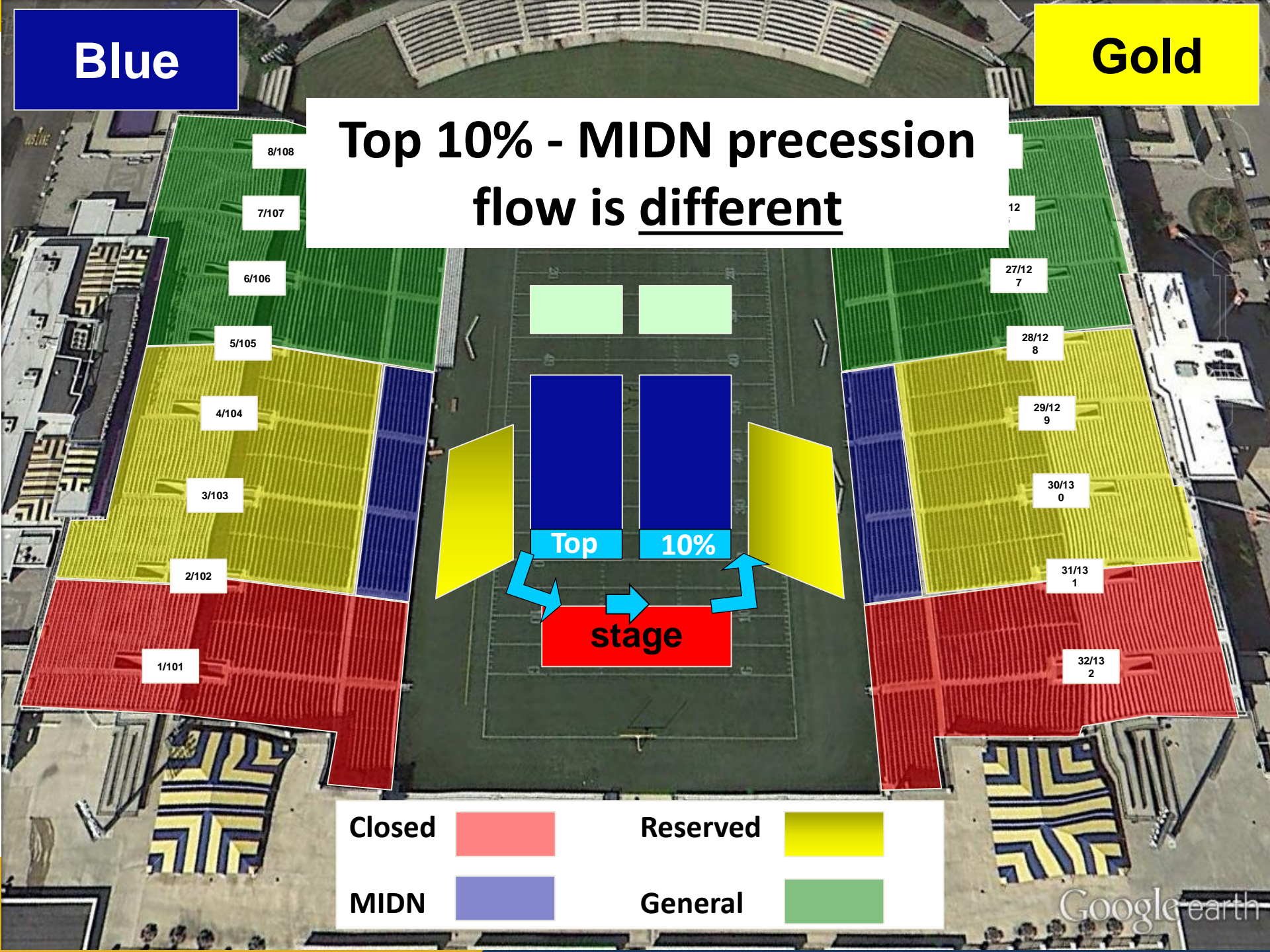


Google earth

Blue

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Top 10% - MIDN precession flow is different



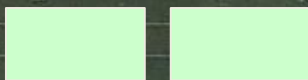
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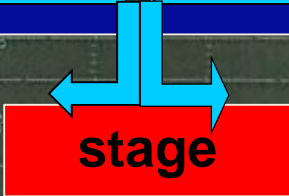
Regular Procession

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3/103
2/102
1/101

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Even #



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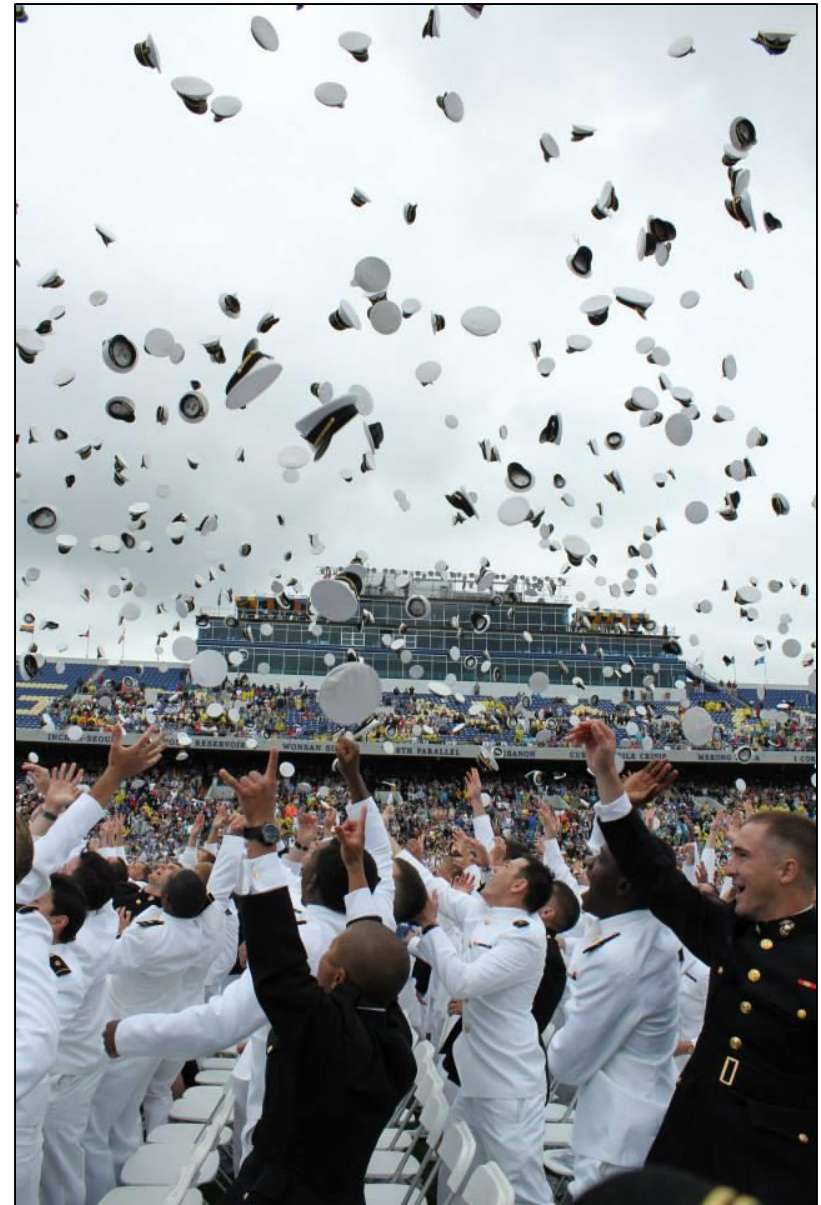
MIDN



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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