

2008 Commissioning Week Schedule of Events

Friday, May 16, 2008

7:30-9 p.m. **Jewish Baccalaureate Service**, Levy Center, B,G, Informal

Saturday, May 17, 2008

7-11:59 p.m. **Ring Dance**, Dahlgren Hall, 2009, F, Formal

10:45 p.m. **Ring Dance Fireworks Display** (*time is tentative*), TBD, 2009, F

Sunday, May 18, 2008

Baccalaureate Sunday

8 a.m. **Morning Colors**, T-Court, B,G

8:30-9:30 a.m. **Protestant Holy Communion Service**, St. Andrew's Chapel, B,G, Informal

8:30-10 a.m. **Catholic Baccalaureate Mass**, Main Chapel, B,G, Informal

10-10:30 a.m. **USNA Band Chapel Walk Concert**, Zimmerman Bandstand, B,G

11 a.m.-noon **Protestant Baccalaureate Service**, Main Chapel, B,G, Informal

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Catholic Mass**, St. Andrew's Chapel, B,G, Informal

noon-12:30 p.m. **USNA Band Chapel Walk Concert**, Zimmerman Bandstand, B,G

2-4 p.m. **N* Reception**, Athletic Director's, 16 Porter Road, 2008(RSVP Only), F(RSVP Only), Informal

4:30-8 p.m. **Superintendent's Garden Party**, Buchanan House, 2008(1&2 Batt) & four guests per midshipman, Informal

Monday, May 19, 2008

8 a.m. **Morning Colors**, T-Court, B,G

8-9 a.m. **Weapons & Systems Engineering Awards Ceremony**, Maury Hall Rm. 226, 2008(Desig),F, Informal

9-10:30 a.m. **Faculty Awards & Dedication Ceremony**, Memorial Hall, F

11 a.m. **Dedication Parade**, Worden Field, *B,G

noon **Weekday Mass**, St. Andrew's Chapel, B,G

12:15 p.m. **Trident Brass Concert**, Zimmerman Bandstand, B,G

3 p.m. **USMC 8th & I Silent Drill Platoon Performance**, Rip Miller Field, B,F

3:30-4:30 p.m. **Systems Engineering Project Demonstration**, Maury Lab Deck, 2008(Desig),F

~~3:45-4:30 p.m. **Seamanship & Navigation Awards Ceremony**, Robert Crown Sailing Center, A(Desig), F, Informal—CANCELLED~~

4:30-8 p.m. **Superintendent's Garden Party**, Buchanan House, 2008(3&4 Batt) & four guests per midshipman, Informal

8 p.m. **Men's Glee Club Commissioning Concert**, Mahan Hall, B,G (tickets \$18 or \$15 on sale through MWF Ticket Office at 410-293-8497 or www.tickets.com)

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

8 a.m. **Morning Colors - Silent Drill Team Performance**, T-Court, B,G

9-10 a.m. **Operations Analysis Subspecialty Code Awards Ceremony**, Chauvenet 100, 2008(Desig), F, Informal

9-10 a.m. **Midshipman Community Service Award Ceremony**, Memorial Hall, B(Desig), F

9-10:30 a.m. **NAOE Department Awards Ceremony**, Rickover 102,

10-11:45 a.m. *2008(Desig), F, Informal
USMC Family Orientation/Awards Ceremony, Alumni Hall, *2008(USMC Sel), F

10:45 a.m. **USNA (Route 450) Bridge Closes**

11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Blue Angels Circle & Arrival**, Severn River, B,G

11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Class of 2008 Family Picnic**, Halsey Field House, 2008, F

11 a.m.-4 p.m. **USNA Gates Close to Incoming Traffic**

noon **Weekday Mass**, St. Andrew's Chapel, B,G

12:05 p.m. **Spring Bell-Ringing Ceremony**, T-Court, 1/C, *2/C, *3/C, *4/C, G, Casual

1 p.m. **USNA (Route 450) Bridge Opens**

1-1:30 p.m. **Pipes & Drums Performance**, T-Court (alt Rotunda), B,G

1:45 p.m. **USNA (Route 450) Bridge Closes**

2 p.m. **Blue Angels Flight Rehearsal**, Severn River, B,G, Casual

4 p.m. **USNA Gates Open**, Yard (Various), B,G

USNA (Route 450) Bridge Opens at conclusion of the Blue Angels Flight Demonstration

4:30-8 p.m. **Superintendent's Garden Party**, Buchanan House, 2008 (5&6 Batt) & four guests per midshipman, Informal

8 p.m. **Men's & Women's Glee Club Commissioning Week Concert**, Mahan Hall, B,G (tickets \$18 or \$15 on sale through MWF Ticket Office at 410-293-8497 or www.tickets.com)

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

8 a.m. **Morning Colors**, T-Court, B,G

10-11 a.m. **Navy Sailing Awards Ceremony**, Robert Crown Sailing Center, *B(Desig), F, Informal

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Mathematics & Science Division Awards Ceremony**, Mahan Auditorium, 2008(Desig), F, Informal

10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **HUM/SS Division Awards Ceremony & Reception**, Memorial & Smoke Halls, B(Desig), F, Parents, Informal

11 a.m.-4 p.m. **USNA Gates Close to Incoming Traffic.**

11a.m.-noon **Aerospace Engineering Ceremony**, Rickover 102, 2008(Desig), F, Informal

noon **Weekday Mass**, St. Andrew's Chapel, B,G

12:05 p.m. **Noon Meal Formation/Brigade Change of Command Ceremony**, T-Court, *B, Casual

12:45 p.m. **Drum & Bugle Corps Concert**, Ingram Field, B,G

1 p.m. **Electric Brigade Concert**, Ingram Field, B,G, (*No tickets required*)

1:45 p.m. **USNA (Route 450) Bridge Closes**

2 p.m. **Blue Angels Flight Demonstration**, Severn River, B,G, Casual

4 p.m. **Chapel Centennial Celebration of Music: Organ Concert by Monte Maxwell**, Main Chapel, B,G (tickets \$10 on sale through MWF Ticket Office at 410-293-8497 or www.tickets.com)

4 p.m. **USNA Gates Open**, Yard (Various), B,G

USNA (Route 450) Bridge Opens at the conclusion of the Blue Angels Flight Demonstration

7:30-11 p.m. **Graduation Ball**, Dahlgren Hall, B,F, Formal (*No tickets required*)

Thursday, May 22, 2008

8 a.m. **Morning Colors**, T-Court, B,G

9:30 a.m. **Officer Development Awards Ceremony**, Luce Hall (Rotunda), B,F,G

11 a.m. **Color Parade**, Worden Field, *B,G, Tickets required (alt Halsey Field House, 2008(Desig), F)

noon **Weekday Mass**, St. Andrew's Chapel, B,G

12:15 p.m. **Silent Drill Team Performance**, T-Court, B,G

1:15-1:45 p.m. **Academic Dean's Athletic Award**, Mahan Auditorium, B(Desig), F, Informal

2-4 p.m. **Prizes & Awards Ceremony & Reception**, Alumni Hall, *B(Desig), F, Informal

4:30-6 p.m. **Mechanical Engineering Awards Ceremony**, Rickover 102, *2008(Desig), F, Informal

4:30-6 p.m. **Pi Sigma Alpha Awards Ceremony**, Dahlgren 2nd Deck, *2008(Desig), F, Informal

4:30-6:30 p.m. **Electrical Engineering Majors Award Ceremony**, Mahan Hart Room, *2008(Desig), F, Informal

7 p.m. **Gospel Choir Commissioning Week Concert**, Mahan Hall, B,G (tickets \$10—children 12 and under free but ticket required—on sale through MWF Ticket Office at 410-293-8497 or www.tickets.com)

Friday, May 23, 2008

6 a.m. **Stadium Parking Lots Open**, Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium

7 a.m. **Stadium Gates Open**, Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, F

10 a.m. **Class of 2008 Graduation**, Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium (alt Alumni Hall for those with Indoor Graduation tickets only), *B,F, Informal, Tickets required

10:04 a.m. **Blue Angels Graduation Fly-By**, Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, B,F

1 p.m. **Air Force Commissioning Ceremony**, Banquet Room Section C, Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, *2008(Desig), F

1 p.m. **International Exchange Midshipmen Commissioning Ceremony**, Banquet Room Section C, Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, *2008(Desig), F

1-2:30 p.m. **Graduation Photo/Swearing-In Ceremony**, Superintendent's Tent Area, Navy-Marine Corps Mem. Stadium, 2008(Desig),F, Informal

- Immediately following ceremony until 2:30 p.m.
- No sign-up - UNOFFICIAL/Self-Serve
- First-come, first-served basis
- Laminated copy of Oath of Office available
- NO PHOTOGRAPHER present
- ENS/2ndLT: Dress Uniform

USNA Key

Participation

* - Mandatory

A - Midn 1/C, 2/C, 3/C

B - All Midn

F - Guests

G - General Public

Desig - Designated

For up-to-date information on Commissioning Week activities, tune in to Comcast Cable **Channel 99** in Annapolis and north Anne Arundel County or phone **410-293-1000**.

Updated schedule information will be posted to www.usna.edu/SpecialEvents/CommWeek.htm.

(schedule as of 5/13/08, subject to change)

General Information

The **Armel-Leftwich Visitor Center and Naval Academy Gift Shop** are open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. At the Visitor Center, daily tours are given from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday and noon-3 p.m. on Sunday. Phone 410-293-TOUR(8687) (Guided Tours), 410-293-4438 (Gift Shop) or check the Visitor Center web site www.navyonline.com. Stop by to see the exhibit, *USNA Graduates in Space*, which accompanies the Freedom 7 space capsule, and the new displays on the second deck. Midshipmen and their parents receive a 10% discount at the Gift Shop.

The **Midshipmen Store** (410-293-2392) is open special hours for Commissioning Week:

Saturday and Sunday, May 17 & 18	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Monday-Friday, May 19-23	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, May 24	10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dahlgren Hall's Drydock Restaurant (410-293-2873) is open from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. May 17-22. On Friday, May 23, it will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Drydock serves breakfast, fast food, pizza, sandwiches, and salads.

Concession stands

Monday: Dedication Parade—11 a.m.—Food & Souvenirs—Worden Field Gazebo
Tuesday: Blue Angels Rehearsal—2 p.m.—Food—Hospital Point
Wednesday: Blue Angels Demo—2 p.m.—Food & Souvenirs—Hospital Point
Thursday: Color Parade—11 a.m.—Food & Souvenirs—Balch Road
Monday-Thursday: Commissioning Week—10 a.m.-3 p.m.—Food—Mid Store Parking Lot
Friday: Graduation—10 a.m.—Food—Stadium

The **U.S. Naval Academy Bridge** will be closed for the Blue Angels' rehearsal on Tuesday from 10:45 a.m. until 1 p.m. and from 1:45 p.m. until completion of rehearsal (approximately 4 p.m.). For their demonstration on Wednesday, the Bridge will be closed from 1:45 p.m. until the show is over (approximately 4 p.m.). Tuesday and Wednesday, Gate 8 will remain open to staff, faculty, residents and high priority case-by-case delivery vehicular traffic. Gates 1 and 3 will remain open for pedestrian traffic but will be closed to vehicular traffic.

Security Information

All persons over 16 years of age are required to present a picture ID card for entry into the Academy. All vehicles and persons are subject to search.

Traffic, Parking and Pedestrian Rules

The Academy gates are closed to vehicles without Department of Defense decals or handicapped placards. Parking restrictions are strictly enforced in red curb zones. Only official vehicles may park by white curbing.

Speed limit on USNA is 15 miles per hour or as posted. All traffic must yield to midshipmen marching in formation and pedestrians in crosswalks. Seat belt usage is required at the Naval Academy, for front and back seat occupants. The Naval Academy Bridge (Route 450) will be closed during the Blue Angels' circle and arrival, both during rehearsal May 20 and for their flight demonstration May 21. Earphones may not be worn on the Academy while walking, jogging, bicycling, or driving a vehicle. Roller skating/blading is not allowed on Naval Academy grounds. **Animals may not be brought on Academy grounds during Commissioning Week.** Possession and consumption of alcohol on Academy grounds is forbidden.

Guest Attire Guidelines

Informal

Military women and men: Summer White; officers of other services will wear the corresponding uniform of their service

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

Civilian men: Business suit

Children: Attire to correspond with adults

Formal

Military women and men: Dinner Dress White Jacket; officers of other services will 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 women and men: Summer White; officers of other services will 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

Park at Stadium; Take the Shuttle to USNA

Due to extreme congestion downtown and at USNA, only cars with DOD stickers and handicapped tags (display your handicap placard) will be permitted on the yard. Parking will be provided at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. Families of 1/C midshipmen will be given one vehicular parking tag (rear view mirror type) that must be displayed for free parking at the stadium during Commissioning Week. All other guests/visitors must pay the daily parking fee (\$5/car and \$10/RV). All Commissioning Week parking will be on the Blue (West) Side of the stadium, with entry and egress through Gate #5 on Taylor Avenue. No overnight parking is permitted at the stadium. On graduation day (May 23) parking, opening at 6 a.m., is free for those with graduation tickets, on a first come, first serve basis. ALL stadium gates will open at 7 a.m. on graduation day.

Shuttle Bus Schedule

Shuttle buses will operate to and from the Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium and USNA during the following times:

Monday-Thursday, May 19-22	6 a.m.-10 p.m.
*Wednesday, May 21 (extended hours)	6 p.m.-11:30 p.m. <i>Blue Route only</i>

During these hours one bus will make stops at Alumni Hall, Preble Hall, Dahlgren Hall, Visitors Center and Luce Hall (by the Midshipmen Store Parking Lot) at approximately 30-minute intervals. The best and primary location to meet a bus for transportation to and from the stadium is Alumni Hall or Luce Hall as a secondary location where additional buses will drop off and pick up.

Due to Blue Angels flight regulations, the ONLY pick-up point for passengers for the Stadium will be in front of Alumni Hall during the following hours:

Tuesday, May 20	noon - 5 p.m.
Wednesday, May 21	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

No shuttle buses will operate on graduation day, Friday, May 23, unless weather dictates that the ceremony be moved into Alumni Hall. If that occurs, buses will run from the stadium to Alumni Hall for the indoor ceremony ticket holders only. Indoor Ceremony may be viewed on the Videoboard at the Stadium. To determine the venue of graduation, call the USNA update phone line at **410-293-1000** or visit the web site at www.usna.edu/SpecialEvents/CommWeek.htm.

Stadium Gates

All gates open at 7 a.m., with the exception of Gate D which opens at 6 a.m. Gate D is for press only at 6 a.m. and will be run by USNA Security. At 7 a.m., Gate D will become an entry gate like all others.

The Blue Side of the stadium contains gates	A, B, C, D
The Gold Side of the stadium contains gates	M, N, O, P

Wheelchair accessible seating at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium can be accessed by utilizing the ramps located adjacent to Sections 8 and 25.

Stadium Prohibited Items (*items ok to bring on the Yard have an asterisk*)

The following items are PROHIBITED from entering through the gates. Individuals shall be allowed entrance ONLY after disposing or securing prohibited items. Furthermore, screeners we will NOT "hold" items; the owner must dispose of or secure the item(s) in their vehicle, etc.

- Weapons/knives of any type, to include ceremonial swords
- Umbrellas*
- Bags larger than a typical purse (*i.e., duffel bags, back packs, large camera bags, etc.*)
- Mace
- Outside food or drink*
- Anything that may be considered a weapon or a threat by screeners

Attendees have been reminded that the above items, along with valuables, should be left at home or secured in their vehicle prior to getting in line at the security checkpoint.

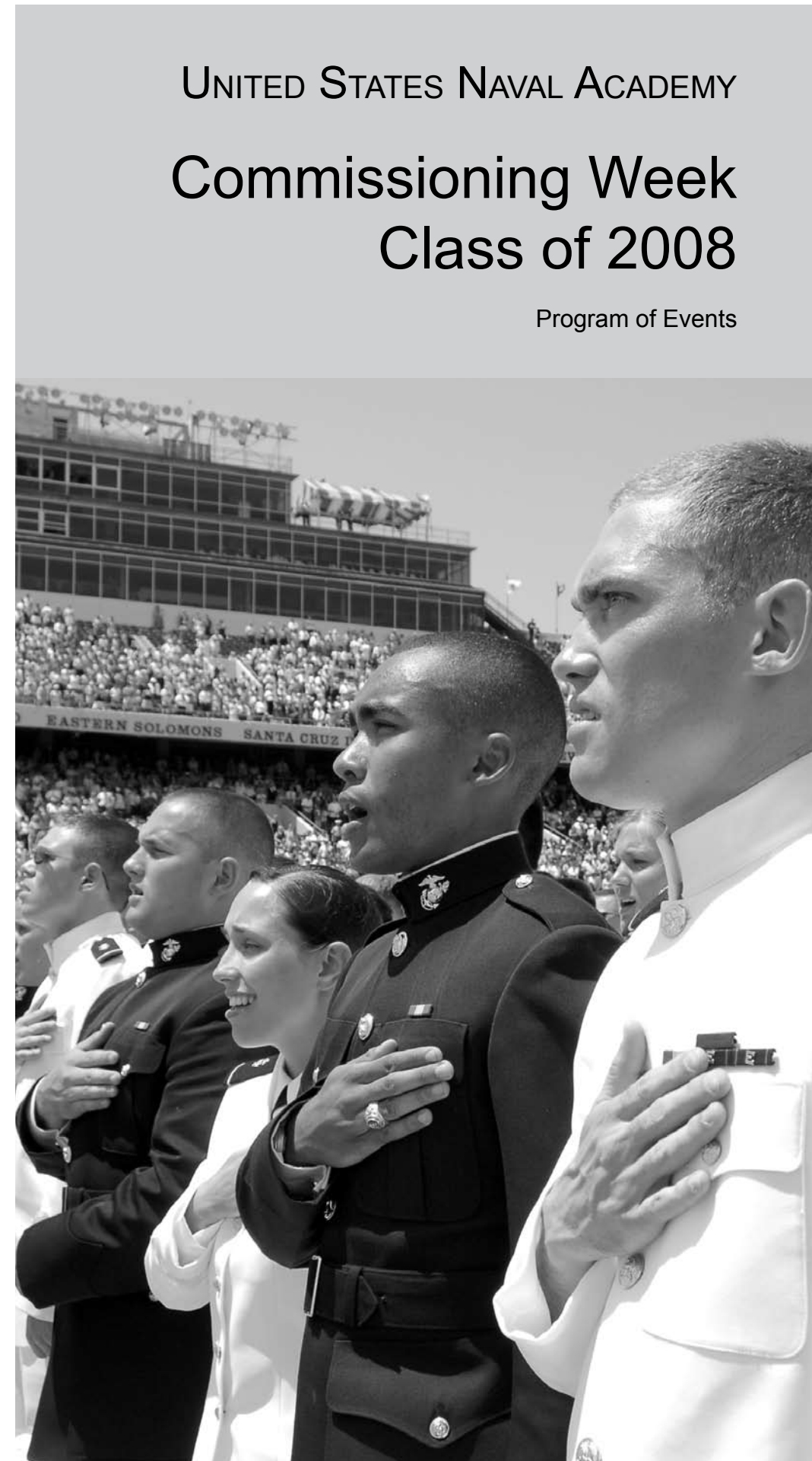
Strollers and wheelchairs are allowed into the site after they have been visually swept. Cameras and cell phones are acceptable.

Determination of graduation site will be made early Friday morning and posted on the USNA web site or available by calling 410-293-1000. **In case of inclement weather**, graduation will be held at 10 a.m. in Alumni Hall. Only designated indoor ticket holders will be admitted. (Children under 15 years of age, unless related to a member of the graduating class or accompanied by an adult, will not be admitted to the graduation exercises.)

Outdoor graduation ticket holders may view indoor graduation at the stadium on the Videoboard. For anyone else unable to view graduation in Alumni Hall, the graduation ceremony will be broadcast on Comcast Cable Channel 99 in Annapolis and north Anne Arundel County.

For up-to-date information, contact the U.S. Naval Academy's web site www.usna.edu/SpecialEvents/CommWeek.htm.

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UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY Commissioning Week Class of 2008

Program of Events