



## USNA Class of 1971 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion 30 September – 4 October 2021



### Accessibility Provisions

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This memo summarizes the provisions planned by the Reunion Committee to ensure classmates and guests with mobility issues can access planned events as smoothly as possible.

#### Reunion Committee Transportation Point of Contact

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#### Buses

- The Committee has contracted for buses to transport attendees from the Reunion hotels (DoubleTree and Crowne Plaza) to the various events over the weekend.
- Enough buses are planned during surge periods (to/from the tailgate/football game and to/from the Dahlgren Hall class dinner) to transport the large number of expected attendees with minimum delays.
- In addition to large buses that hold 44 people, one handicap capable bus will service each hotel. These special buses have a lift that can load a wheelchair/scooter without disassembly directly into the bus. There is room in these buses for two wheelchairs/scooters with additional seating for 33 people. The bus driver will assist loading and securing these items in the buses. Once on the bus, the user will shift to a regular seat since the wheelchair/scooter may shift when the bus moves.
- The handicap capable buses will make round trips from the hotels to/from the events until all attendees needing this service are accommodated.
- On Friday, a 12-passenger bus will circulate within the Yard to move attendees to various points (Alumni Hall, Visitor Center, Mid Store). This smaller bus will not be handicap capable.

#### Equipment

- Attendees must bring their own mobility equipment (wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, crutches, canes, etc.). Neither the Reunion Committee nor the bus company can provide these items.

#### Event Access

- Alumni Hall: Handicap accessible. This may be the site for the Superintendent's Address on Friday, but the Academy has not yet announced the location.
- Worden Field/Parade: The Committee is investigating the use of golf carts to transport attendees from Alumni Hall (bus drop off point) to the visitor stands on Worden Field. The Transportation Coordinator will check with those classmates indicating mobility issues to determine the number who plan to attend to finalize golf cart arrangements.

- Tailgate and football game at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium
  - There are no steps from the bus drop off point to the stadium entrance at Gate J and the tailgate site.
  - The tailgate area is on one level with flat ground. The site has both concrete and grass areas.
  - There is seating for 550 guests under the large tent in Class Ring Northeast (CRNE) and additional seating for another 150 guests distributed between the Class of '53 Pavilion and the grass area in CRNE.
  - Our class seating is in Sections C & D in the North End Zone and in Section 25 on the Gold Side. See the diagram below. There is no handicap seating in Sections C & D, but there is in Section 25 as discussed below.
  - Attendees can move within the tailgate area, Memorial Plaza, and the handicap seating in Section 25 without encountering any steps. There are steps to access the seats in Sections C & D.
  - In Section 25, there is a short ramp to the handicap seating. There an attendee can have a wheelchair and a companion seat. If you desire handicapped seating, call Jordan Albright at the Naval Academy Ticket Office (410-293-8791). Let him know you are with the Class of 1971 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion and you need handicap seating in Section 25. The Committee recommends you call soon to ensure a seat is available.
- Dahlgren Hall: The main floor where the dinner will be held is handicap accessible. The upper balcony is reached only by stairs.

#### Questions/comments

- Contact Bob Wagoner

