



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



### Accessibility Provisions

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#### Reunion Committee Transportation Point of Contact

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#### Buses

- Buses will transport attendees from the Reunion hotels (DoubleTree and Crowne Plaza) to the various events over the weekend.
- At the DoubleTree, buses will pick up at the Conference Center Hotel Entry located around the corner from the hotel front on the southwest side. This door is wheelchair accessible via the outside sidewalks or via elevators from inside the hotel.



- Buses at the Crowne Plaza will pick up in front of the hotel.
- 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 (not handicap capable) will circulate within the Yard to move attendees to various points (Alumni Hall, Visitor Center, Mid Store).

## Equipment

- Attendees must bring their own equipment (wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, crutches, canes, etc.). The Reunion Committee and bus company cannot provide these items.

## Event Access

- Mahan Hall: Site of the Superintendent's address to the class on Friday. The Academy reports Mahan is wheelchair accessible with elevators.
- 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. There is an easily walkable/rideable walkway between Alumni Hall and the visitor stands with numerous cutouts in the curbs to transition to/from the sidewalk and street.
- 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 and 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 dinner location is handicap accessible. The upper balcony is reached only by stairs.

