

United States Naval Academy

Armel-Leftwich Visitor Center

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WELCOME ABOARD

Walking the scenic grounds of the United States Naval Academy, known as “the Yard,” one sees contrasts in architecture that reflect the long and colorful history of the Academy. Secretary of the Navy George Bancroft established the Naval School in Annapolis at old Fort Severn in 1845. Fifty students attended classes taught by four officers and three civilian professors.

In 1850 the Naval School became the U.S. Naval Academy, the undergraduate college of the United States Navy. The current curriculum of four consecutive years at Annapolis with at-sea training during the summers was adopted in 1850. During the Civil War (1861-65), the Academy was moved to Newport, Rhode Island; it was re-established at Annapolis in 1865.

The Academy has expanded from 10 acres to a 338-acre complex, from 50 midshipmen to a brigade of 4,400 midshipmen and from seven to approximately 600 faculty members (military and civilian). Twenty-one academic majors are offered leading to a Bachelor of Science degree for all graduates. Upon graduation, midshipmen are commissioned as ensigns in the U.S. Navy or second lieutenants in the U.S. Marine Corps and serve at least five exciting and rewarding years in the military.

Major public attractions at the Academy: **Lejeune Hall**, with its **Athletic Hall of Fame** and Olympic size pool; **Dahlgren Hall**, originally an armory, now the location of the **Drydock Restaurant** and replica of the Wright Brothers B1 Flyer; **Bancroft Hall**, the second largest dormitory in the world with its five miles of corridors and 33 acres

of floor space; **Memorial Hall**, located inside Bancroft Hall; **Main Chapel**, often referred to as the “Cathedral of the Navy,” where Catholic and Protestant services are held; **Crypt of John Paul Jones**, famous Revolutionary War hero, which lies beneath the Chapel; **Jewish Chapel**, completed in 2005; and **U.S. Naval Academy Museum**, in Preble Hall, which features **Leadership and Service: History of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Naval Academy** and **Ship Models from the Age of Sail**.

The **Armel-Leftwich Visitor Center**, which overlooks Annapolis Harbor and Chesapeake Bay, features an information center; 84-seat theater with film; exhibits on **Graduates in Space** and **John Paul Jones; Midshipmen’s Sample Room**, including historical photographs and display of **Plebe Issue**; original **Dahlgren boat howitzer**; model of the **USS MARYLAND (BB-46)**, which served at Pearl Harbor during World War II; and **original figurehead of Tamanend** off the USS DELAWARE, from which the **Statue of Tecumseh** was cast.

The **Naval Academy Guide Service** (fee) provides guided walking tours of the Naval Academy; the **Naval Academy Gift Shop** offers clothing, gifts and memorabilia for sale. All proceeds from the sale of tours and gifts benefit the Brigade of Midshipmen.

Visitor Center Hours: March-December, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; January-February, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day

Guided Walking Tours: Daily; call or go online for tour times.
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Naval Academy Gift Shop: Same hours as Visitor Center.
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