NASEC 2014

USNA Information and Conference Logistics (as of 10 Oct 2014 - pm)
http://www.usna.edu/AcResearch/NASEC/

The following information is provided as guidance as you prepare to travel to Annapolis to join us for the 5th annual Naval Academy Science and Engineering Conference – NASEC 2014. We look forward to your arrival and your conference participation!

General Information ~ USNA:

The United States Naval Academy (USNA) is the undergraduate university of the U.S. Navy. In addition to being an academic institution, it is a Navy base and a National Historic Registry location. The scenic campus is known as the Yard, with contrasts in architecture reflecting the long and colorful history of the Academy. The student body at USNA is known as the Brigade, and it consists of ~ 4500 Midshipmen. The faculty at USNA is a team of military and civilian instructors numbering ~ 600.

Conference Logistics:

Conference Hotel: The conference hotel is the Loews Hotel located at 126 West Street (410.263.7777). It is within walking distance of the Naval Academy. If walking, one would enter the Naval Academy at the pedestrian entrance at Gate 1 or at Gate 3. Time to walk: ~ 20 minutes in a regular walking pace. (At night please ride the bus between USNA and the hotel.) http://www.loewshotels.com/en/Annapolis-Hotel/home

Conference Attire: khakis / Dockers slacks with open collared shirts (comparable for women); no shorts
Suggestion: Bring a sweater and/or jacket and an umbrella.
Daytime temperatures are predicted in the 50’s and the air off the Bay can be cold.

INFORMATION MEETING & HOTEL CHECK-IN at NOON on Sunday, 2 November at the Loews Hotel:

NASEC 2014 logistics & hotel room assignments will be coordinated in a gathering room (TBD) at the hotel.

NASEC 2014 Badges: Conference badges & lanyards and a conference Welcome folder of information will be distributed at the Sunday meeting at the hotel.

The badge (with the NASEC lanyard) must be worn & visible at all times while on the Yard.

Midshipmen Store Access: During your time at NASEC 2014, there will be an opportunity for NASEC attendees to shop in the “MidStore” (Navy gear, souvenirs). Your NASEC 2014 badge will be required for access to the store and for making purchases. NASEC Midshipmen Escorts can direct you to the MidStore.

Hotel Rooms and Assigned Roommates: For students: Hotel rooms / roommates assignments will be made by USNA in time for Sunday’s check-in. Faculty will be in individual rooms.

Check-in and check-out: Those staying in rooms provided by USNA will check-in during the afternoon meeting at the hotel on Sunday, 2 November. The key cards will not be ready due to the early arrival time, so luggage will be stored by the hotel manager in a secure location until we return in the evening.

“Check-out” is paperless, but the key cards must be returned to the hotel registration desk when you depart.

Lodging and hotel services: Services normally available in the hotel rooms (such as room service, pay-per-view, mini-bar, etc.) will not be available in the rooms paid for by USNA.
**Internet access at the hotel:** Internet connectivity will be available in the hotel. Directions on how this service is accessed will be provided by the hotel staff.

**Continental breakfast:** A continental breakfast will be provided on Monday and Tuesday mornings to those registered in USNA-contracted hotel rooms. The location of the breakfast will be posted at the Reservation Desk by the hotel staff. The times of service are included on the NASEC 2014 agenda.

**Vehicle Parking:** Student and faculty attendees from civilian colleges and universities must park in the hotel’s parking area or in a downtown parking facility since personal vehicles will not be permitted on USNA. Please use the self-parking, uncovered lot, not the valet-parking garage. (There should be no charge for the self-parking lot. Valet parking will be at the driver’s expense as it will not be paid by USNA.)

*After check-out on Tuesday am:* The hotel will keep the personal vehicles of those attending NASEC in their parking area until after the conference ends. Buses will depart USNA at the end of the conference to return attendees to the hotel to retrieve personal vehicles. One of the buses will then make an airport run to BWI airport for those with departing flights. (Note: The earliest that the bus will get to the airport is 2:30 pm.)

**Luggage:** On Tuesday am, prior to boarding the buses to USNA, ALL luggage must be removed from the hotel rooms. Please secure your luggage in your personal vehicles.

**NOTE:** If you do not have a personal vehicle at the hotel: Bring your luggage to USNA on the bus. It is very important that you do NOT leave any luggage with any hotel staff or concierge.

**Coming on the Yard:** As a federal installation, everyone coming on the Yard (walking or in a vehicle) is required to have a valid picture ID. A state issued driver's license, a university or college-issued student ID card, and a government issued passport are the types of valid IDs accepted for entry at USNA.

**Map of USNA:** Federal security restrictions prohibit posting a map of USNA on the NASEC 2014 website. A detailed map will be provided in your conference Welcome folder (available on Sunday).

**Vehicular access to USNA:** Driving onto the Yard is not permitted without the prior approval of USNA. (If you have this approval, you have already been notified by the NASEC conference organizers.)

**For Speakers: Driving Directions to USNA Pass and Access Office:** Directions and a small route map will be provided as a link in the table at the bottom of the NASEC 2014 website homepage.

**Pedestrian access to USNA:** Enter the Academy via the pedestrian entrance at Gate 1 or at Gate 3.

**USNA Buses:** USNA buses will run between the hotel and the Academy (via Gate 8) according to the schedule listed in the conference agenda. The drop-off & pick-up location at USNA will be at the turn-around lot in front of Alumni Hall. Departure times from the hotel are firm, so please be on the bus!!


Any changes to the agenda will be updated on-line. An “updated as of ___” notation will be added below the agenda link on the website and at the top of agenda document so that you will know that you are always looking at the most recent agenda.
Using Laptops at USNA: NASEC 2014 wireless connectivity will be via an access-points hub system. More information on connecting to the internet via this system will be provided during NASEC 2014.

You may bring your laptops and tablets to USNA. You are encouraged to use them during NASEC 2014, however, your Internet use will be restricted to the conditions defined by the Academy’s Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) as described in the “Do's and Don’ts” memo posted on the NASEC 2014 website (at the URL given on page 2 of this document).

EVERYONE intending to connect to the Internet while on the Yard at the Academy MUST:

(1) review the “Do’s and Don’ts” memo and take the directed actions in the memo, and (2) comply with the ITSD “ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY” for hardware and software.

Please note that failure by a single individual to review and comply with the “Do’s and Don’ts” for laptop use while at the Academy will jeopardize or eliminate the Internet access for ALL NASEC 2014 attendees.

Breakout Sessions: Preference for these sessions was via your NASEC 2014 application.

- Robot-Human Interaction and Social Robotics: room locations will be announced
- Robotic Cooperation, Remote Sensing, and Telepresence: room locations will be announced
- Automation and Intelligent Systems: room locations will be announced

Forrestal Lecture and Forrestal NASEC 2014 Reception:

On Monday, a reception will be held for the NASEC 2014 attendees in the Coppedge Room of Alumni Hall. The reception will be held immediately following the Forrestal Lecture by Dr. Ray Johnson, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer of Lockheed Martin. Midshipmen will escort the NASEC attendees to the Coppedge Room reception. (NASEC badges are required for entry to the reception.) NASEC attendees will have an opportunity to meet Dr. Johnson.

Points of Interest at USNA:

During your time at NASEC 2014, there may be opportunities for attendees to informally tour other locations on the Yard beyond the designated meeting spaces. Two locations which may be of interest:

- Naval Academy Museum in Preble Hall: [http://www.usna.edu/Museum/](http://www.usna.edu/Museum/)
  Open 9 am to 5 pm on Monday through Saturday and 11 am to 5 pm on Sunday
  2nd deck of the Museum: Gallery of Ships, which is one of the world’s finest collection of warship models from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.

- Naval Academy Chapel and John Paul Jones Crypt: [http://www.usna.edu/Chaplains/](http://www.usna.edu/Chaplains/)
  Usually open 9 am to 4 pm on Monday through Saturday and 1 pm to 4 pm on Sunday
  Virtual tours of the Chapel and Crypt: [http://www.usna.edu/Chaplains/virtual.htm](http://www.usna.edu/Chaplains/virtual.htm)

Additional “visit” information for USNA: [http://www.usna.edu/visit.htm](http://www.usna.edu/visit.htm)