NASEC 2023

USNA Information and Conference Logistics

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The following information is provided as guidance as you prepare to travel to Annapolis to join us for the 12th annual Naval Academy Science and Engineering Conference – NASEC 2023. We look forward to your arrival and your conference participation!

**General Information:** [https://www.usna.edu/PAO/](https://www.usna.edu/PAO/)

The United States Naval Academy (USNA) is the undergraduate university of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps. 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 Hotel:** The 2023 conference hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel located at 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD 21401. (410.224.3150) The conference hotel is NOT within walking distance of the Naval Academy, but it is within walking distance of several eateries and shopping. The hotel website: [www.doubletreeannapolis.com](http://www.doubletreeannapolis.com)

*Please note:* Personal vehicles are not be permitted on Naval Academy grounds. **NASEC attendees will be transported on USNA buses between the DoubleTree hotel and the Naval Academy.**

Lodging on Sunday and Monday will be pre-arranged by USNA with the room expenses paid by the Naval Academy. (Early arrivals on Saturday, 4 Nov, should contact the NASEC coordinators to discuss lodging.)

**Conference Attire:** Khakis / slacks with open collared shirts (comparable for women); no shorts or jeans
*Recommendation:* Bring a sweater and/or jacket and an umbrella (50% precipitation)
Usual November temperatures: Overnight lows of 30-40’s and daytime high of 50-60’s.

- **INFORMATION & NASEC CHECK-IN:** 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM Sunday, 5 November @ the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

**Uniforms for Military Attendees:**
- SDB’s for Navy; Class “A” for Army; Service Dress for Air Force;
- Service Dress of Space Force;
- Service Dress Blue “A” or “B” for Coast Guard
- SDB equivalent for International Military students

**Hotel Rooms and Assigned Roommates:** **Civilian Students:** Hotel rooms and roommate assignments will be made by USNA and shared with attendees on Sunday.

*Visiting faculty* will have individual rooms at the hotel.

Room keys will be distributed by the NASEC coordinators late in the afternoon for Sunday arrivals.

**ROTC Students and Service Academy Cadets:** Lodging will be in Bancroft Hall, the USNA dormitory. NASEC Midshipmen Escorts will assist these military attendees in getting to/from their assigned rooms and to breakfasts in King Hall. NASEC Midshipmen Escorts will coordinate arrivals (times and locations) with the ROTC students, International Military students, and USMA Cadets. Those arriving on Sunday morning should report to the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. The NASEC Midshipmen Escorts will coordinate getting the luggage of the ROTC and Cadet students from the hotel to Bancroft Hall on Sunday evening.
Check-in and check-out for those with lodging at the hotel: There is no registration desk check-in at the hotel on Sunday AM. Check-in is with the NASEC coordinators at tables in the lobby. Due to the early arrival time, key cards and hotel rooms will not be ready at arrival on Sunday. Luggage will be stored by the hotel manager in a secure location until retrieved later in the day/evening.

“Check-out” from the DoubleTree Hotel will be paperless. Room key cards must be returned to a designated NASEC key drop-off at the hotel when the NASEC guests depart.

Lodging and hotel services: Additional services (pay-per-view, room service for food, etc.) will not be paid for and will not be reimbursed by USNA. The room occupant must use a personal credit card to arrange and pay for any by-choice services. Payment is required when the service is requested.

Continental breakfast at the hotel: A continental breakfast will be provided on Monday and Tuesday mornings to those registered in USNA-contracted hotel rooms at the DoubleTree. (A continental breakfast will also be available on Sunday morning for the Saturday early arrivals who are assigned NASEC rooms at the hotel.) The location of the breakfast each day and the times of service will be posted at the hotel and this info will also be included on the NASEC 2023 agenda website.

Internet access at the hotel: WIFI internet connectivity will be available throughout the hotel – in the lodging rooms, in the conference session rooms, and in the general lobby areas. Directions to access this service will be provided on Sunday.

Vehicle Parking at the hotel: Visiting student and faculty attendees must self-park in the hotel’s parking lot (no cost). NOTE: Personal vehicles (POVs) are not permitted on USNA property.

After check-out on Tuesday AM: The personal vehicles of those attending NASEC can remain in the hotel’s 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 POVs and to retrieve luggage. Buses will then proceed from the hotel to BWI airport for those with departing flights or for those departing on Amtrak out of the BWI train station.

▶ Please note: The earliest a bus will get to the airport is likely to be about 2:30 pm. Drop-off at the train station will likely be after the airport, but the order of drop-off is left to the discretion of the bus driver. Please consider this projected arrival time as you schedule your flight and train departure times.

Luggage: On Tuesday AM, prior to boarding the buses to USNA: Please remove your luggage and all personal belongings from your hotel room and drop your room key in the designated NASEC key drop-off. Rooms must be vacated completely before the buses depart the hotel and before the start of the Tuesday AM sessions of NASEC at USNA.

▶ If you have a POV at the hotel: Please secure your luggage in your vehicle.
▶ If you do not have POV: Load your luggage on the USNA buses. Guidance will be provided on Monday as to where to place your luggage when you arrive at USNA on Tuesday AM. Careful!! Do not leave any items on any of the buses!!

NASEC 2023 Badges: Conference badges & lanyards and session information will be distributed on Sunday at the start of the conference.

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 2023, there will be an opportunity for NASEC attendees to shop in the “MidStore” (Navy gear, souvenirs). Your NASEC 2023 badge will be required for access to the store and to make purchases. NASEC Midshipmen Escorts can direct you to the MidStore.
**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** such as an unexpired state issued driver's license or a military ID, along with an additional form of identification (such as a SSN card, student ID, voter registration card, military ID). Foreign nationals must show a valid, unexpired passport. A U.S Government issued passport is always valid as a form of identification for US citizens.

**Directions to and Map of USNA:** https://www.usna.edu/Visit/Directions.php

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

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

**USNA Buses:** USNA buses will run between the conference hotel and the Naval Academy (via Gate 8) according to a schedule based on the conference agenda. The drop-off & pick-up location at USNA is expected to be at the parking lot in front of Alumni Hall. The NASEC Midshipmen Escorts will guide you to an alternate location if there are variations to this plan. Departure times from the hotel are firm, so please be on the bus!

**NASEC 2023 Agenda:** https://www.usna.edu/NASEC/Agenda.php

Changes and adjustments to the agenda will be updated on-line at this site. An “as of” date notation will be added on the web-posted version so that you will know that you are always looking at the most recent agenda.

**Using Laptops at USNA:** NASEC 2023 wireless connectivity to a guest network will be via an access-point hub system. More information on connecting to the internet via this system will be provided at the conference.

>>> NASEC attendees are expected to bring their laptops and tablets to USNA. Internet use will be restricted to the conditions defined by the Academy’s Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) for the guest network.

**Personal supplies:** Please bring pens and paper appropriate for note-taking with you to NASEC.

**Conference Themes for NASEC 2023:** Genetics: Understanding and Addressing Today’s Challenges

* genetic modification and genetic technology; use of genetic data; genetics in public health

**Forrestal Lecture:** Monday evening, 6 November in Alumni Hall at USNA
The Forrestal speaker is Dr. Monica Bertagnolli, National Institutes of Health (NIH).
NASEC attendees, the Brigade of Midshipmen, USNA faculty and staff
Assigned seating, with the NASEC Midshipmen Escorts.

**Points of Interest at USNA:**

During your time at NASEC 2022, there may be opportunities for attendees to informally visit other locations on the Yard beyond the designated meeting spaces. Locations which may be of interest are below.

If you are interested in visiting these locations, ask a NASEC Midshipman Escort for information.

> **Naval Academy Museum in Preble Hall:** https://www.usna.edu/Museum/

Open 9 am - 5 pm on Monday and Wednesday through Saturday.
Open 10 am - 4 pm on Sunday. CLOSED on TUESDAY and on all federal holidays.

Second deck of the Museum: Gallery of Ships, considered one of the world’s finest collections of warship models from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.
Naval Academy Chapel and John Paul Jones Crypt: https://www.usna.edu/Chaplains/index.php

The Naval Academy Chapel is open for visitors most weekdays, except when the Chapel is being used for weddings, funerals and memorial services, and other special events.

Virtual tours of the Chapel and Crypt: https://www.usna.edu/Chaplains/virtualTour/index.php

Armel-Leftwich Visitor Center & Gift Shop at Gate 1: https://www.usnabsd.com/for-visitors/

Open daily 9 am - 5 pm. The Gift Shop closes at 5 pm.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Do I need to prepare any materials beforehand for the Theme Working Groups?

- A: Theme Working Groups will be assigned ahead of time based on your interests indicated on your registration forms. You may be contacted via e-mail by your breakout group moderator for any read-ahead materials they would like you to read prior to arrival.

- Hardcopies of any read-ahead material will not be distributed / available at NASEC. Please download the materials to your personal laptop and/or bring hardcopies for your use.

Q: Will I have to pay for parking?

- A: Parking POVs at the DoubleTree Hotel parking lot is free.

- A: ROTC Cadets/Midshipmen and Foreign Military Personnel residing in Bancroft Hall will be given directions by NASEC organizers as to where to park POVs during NASEC.

Q: Will I receive reimbursement for my transportation to the Naval Academy?

- A: Sorry, no. There is no reimbursement by USNA for any travel costs the attendee incurs to travel to and from the conference. On Sunday and on Tuesday, the Naval Academy will provide limited bus transportation from/to the BWI Airport and BWI Amtrak station and the DoubleTree Hotel. Information on the bus schedule will be provided via email, when the registration information is sent out.

- A: On Tuesday, at the conclusion of the conference, USNA buses will depart the front parking lot of Alumni Hall at approximately 1300. Buses will return to the DoubleTree Hotel so NASEC attendees can retrieve their POVs in the hotel parking lot. Other buses will proceed to BWI Airport and the BWI Amtrak station.

- A: Any private transportation expenses (taxis, Uber, Lyft, etc.) remain the responsibility of the traveler, and these expenses will not be paid for or reimbursed by the Naval Academy.

Q: What do I do if I leave a personal item at Naval Academy or the Hotel?

- A: Contact one of the NASEC Midshipmen Escorts.
Q: I am presenting a poster. Can I print my poster at the Naval Academy? at the hotel?

- A: Sorry. Printing your poster at USNA will not be possible.

  Also note: Printing posters at the hotel is not a possibility.

  Presenters should arrive at USNA with their posters printed and ready to display.

There is a FedEx Office Print Center located close to the DoubleTree Hotel, if such services are required. Any expense remains the responsibility of the guest attending NASEC.


- Poster size, content and display information:

  https://www.usna.edu/NASEC/poster-guidelines.php

  - It is recommended that the poster be no larger than 32" x 40".
  - Presenters must arrive at NASEC with the poster ready to display.
  - An easel and binder clips will be provided by NASEC for display purposes.
  - All posters must prominently include authorship and institution information, and the poster must also feature acknowledgements dependent on the nature of the project.
  - For course projects, the instructor(s) of the course must be acknowledged.
  - For capstone and research projects, the project advisor(s) must be acknowledged.
  - Any other people (TAs, technicians, faculty, etc.) who supported the project in a tangible way should be acknowledged as well.

Q: I need to visit a grocery store after I am at NASEC. Is one close-by?

- A: A shopping center, with a variety of stores, is "down the hill" from hotel. The center is within a short walking distance of the hotel.

  https://www.festivalatriva.com/