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Dear Parents,

It is my pleasure to extend an invitation to the Naval Academy Preparatory School's (NAPS) Parents' Weekend to be held Friday, 7th October through Monday, 10th October 2011. Parents' Weekend provides an opportunity for you to visit your Midshipman Candidate, observe their progress at NAPS and become familiar with the traditions at NAPS, the fourth oldest school in the U.S. Navy. The NAPS' staff and faculty will be available Friday and would be happy to meet with you and answer questions. You are also invited to join us and cheer loudly for the athletic and military events which have been planned for Parents' Weekend.

The rigorous NAPS' program is already producing the skills, stamina, and knowledge necessary to succeed at the United States Naval Academy. I am impressed by their determination, drive, and enthusiasm. The members of the NAPS class of 2012 have demonstrated that they are motivated to reach their professional and personal goals. You have every reason to be proud of them and their performance.

The enclosed packet contains information that may be helpful to you in planning for the weekend. If you have any questions please call the contact numbers provided. I look forward to seeing you during your visit for the Class of 2012's Parents' Weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. J. Cunha", is positioned above the printed name.

J. J. Cunha
Captain, United States Navy
Commanding Officer

Encl:

- (1) Planning Info
- (2) Schedule of Events

**2011 NAPS Parents' Weekend
Planning Information and Suggestions**

This package was developed to assist you in making this an enjoyable and problem-free visit for NAPS Parents' Weekend. In addition to the planning information included, you will find a tentative schedule of events Encl (2). If you have any questions please call your son's or daughter's Company Officer.

1st Company Capt Tomaszek, USMC (401) 841-3393

2nd Company LT Cooper, USN (401) 841-3296

3rd Company LT Syre, USN (401) 841-4018

Accommodations:

Since Newport is a popular tourist area we suggest you make room reservations in advance. To help make your planning easier, NAPS has established group blocks through Taylor Made Reservations of Newport. Rooms start at \$145 a night. Each property has a 2 night minimum stay requirement and all rates are based on single or double occupancy.

Reservations for these accommodations, as well as alternative lodging, may be made by calling Taylor Made Destinations at (800) 847-6820, ask for Karen. For military families, the Newport Navy Lodge is conveniently located on the Naval Station. Contact them directly at (800) 628-9466 or (401) 849-4500 for reservations.

Transportation:

If you are planning air travel, the airport nearest to Newport is T.F. Green Airport located in Warwick, RI (close to Providence). The next closest major airport is Logan Airport in Boston, MA. All major rental car companies are available at both airports.

T. F. Green: Newport is about a 35 minute drive from the airport. Directions are as follows: Take I-95 (South) to Route 4 (South) to 138 (East), crossing the Jamestown and Newport bridges which lead into Newport. (Note: The "Newport Shuttle" will transport you from the airport directly to the base or other locations in Newport. For shuttle information and reservations call "Cozy Cab" at (800) 846-1502.

Logan Airport: Located in the heart of Boston, Logan Airport is approximately an hour and a half drive from Newport. Directions are as follows: Take I-93 (South) to Route 24 (South). Follow Route 24 until it ends and becomes Route 114 (South). This will take you right into Newport. (Follow signs to the Naval War College to go directly to the Naval Station.)

Climate/Attire: New England weather in general is unpredictable. The weather in October is usually good, with temperatures in the mid to high 60's during the day to the low 50's at night. A raincoat and layered clothing are most suitable for your upcoming visit. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended due to the possibility of inclement weather and the scheduled weekend events.

Officer's Club: The Officers' Club depending on operating hours is open to all Midshipmen Candidates and their guests for Parents' Weekend. For more information, call (401) 841-4821 or (401) 841-1441. While there are no strict dress codes for the Officers' Club, tasteful, casual attire is appropriate (i.e., tank tops, halter tops, T-shirts, worn jeans, "teva like" sandals are not appropriate).

The Town of Newport: Newport has many recreational activities to offer you during your visit for Parents' Weekend. Besides many quaint gift shops and restaurants, Newport is well-known for its beautiful mansions, many of which are open for public tours. Most mansions are located on Bellevue Avenue. The Breakers and Rosecliff houses are the most popular choices - admission to see both of these mansions is approximately \$24.00. Thames Street is perhaps Newport's busiest and most interesting area in the evenings. This cobblestone drive has dozens of restaurants, bistros and interesting shops to visit. For details and price ranges on local restaurants, shops and events, the Newport Visitors Center is located on America's Cup Drive adjacent to the bus station. It might be a good idea to stop there early-on during your visit and plan a few things for the free-time you will have with your son or daughter.

Newport is a popular tourist area especially during the changing of seasons. Public parking (off the street) in downtown Newport is scarce, so anticipate using one of the many pay parking lots available. You can expect to pay about \$10.00 for 3-4 hours in a pay lot.

If you haven't already done so, please be sure to visit our website at www.usna.edu/NAPS for more information on other exciting NAPS updates. Or look us up on Facebook which has wonderful information, pictures, and a Q&A section.

Schedule of Events

Friday, 7 Oct 2011

- 1035 – Classes End
- 1100 – 1230 - Lunch for Midshipman Candidates (Ney Hall)
- 1200 – VIP Reception (LRC)
- 1245 - Battalion formation
- 1300 - Pass-in-Review, Nimitz Field
- 1400 - Commanding Officer's brief to parents (Gym 1801)
- 1430 – 1530 - NAPS staff meet with parents - Gym 1801
- 1530 – 1700 - Ripley Hall Open House
- 1530 – Liberty Call (Off Base/Overnight Liberty for Midshipman Candidates)

Saturday, 8 Oct 2011

- 1000 – Parents' Weekend Cross Country Meet (Fort Adams)
- 1200 – Liberty Expires for all Midshipman Candidates
- 1230 – 1400 – Ripley Hall Open House
- 1200 – Parents' Weekend Tailgate begins
- 1345 – Midshipman Candidates will be seated in the bleachers at Nimitz Field
- 1400 - NAPS Football Game vs Bridgeton Academy (Nimitz Field)
- End of Game - Liberty Call (Off Base/Overnight Liberty for Midshipman Candidates)

Sunday, 9 Oct 2011

- Chapel of Hope Services
 - 0745 - Protestant
 - 0900 - Catholic
 - 1045 - Protestant
 - 1200 – Catholic

Monday, 10 Oct 2011

- 1800 - Liberty Expires for all Midshipman Candidates