



***WELCOME VETERANS  
NAVY FAMILIES  
AND LOVED ONES***

***LET US NOT FORGET THOSE  
WHO GAVE IT ALL FOR OUR FREEDOM***

# **TIME LINE**

**RTC gates open at 6:00am to visitors and security screenings begin and ticket verification.**

**Ceremonial drill hall doors open to graduation guests. 7 a.m.**

**All guests MUST be seated BY 8:35 A.M.**  
**DOORS WILL CLOSE AT EXACTLY 8:45 A.M.**

**Entertainment begins. Pass-In-Review begins 9:00A.M.**

**Divisions arrive at 9:20 a.m.**

**Pass-In-Review concludes. 10:30 a.m.**

**Liberty Call - Sailors meet with guests on drill deck. Sailors and guests exit ceremonial drill hall to designated parking area.**

# **BASIC RULES OF ENTRY TO BASE**

**ALL persons must have tickets WHEN ENTERING RTC.**

When driving onto Recruit Training Command please have your driver's license, vehicle registration, proof of insurance, and graduation tickets ready as you will not be admitted without them. If you are driving a rental car, your rental agreement and your driver's license is required.

**\*\* ALL OCCUPANTS MUST HAVE I.D. AND TICKETS  
IF OVER 3 YEARS OLD.\*\***

- **No Hand held cell phones permitted for use by drivers in Illinois**
- Obey speed limits and directions of military and civilian guards.
- Lock your vehicle and remember your parking location. Also take identification.
- Remember there are two check points for ID/tickets, one at the gate and one at the graduation hall.
- Wheelchairs are available – ask guard at the entry to base.
- All comments are taken seriously. No joking about terrorism or violence .
- **Weapons possession on federal reservations** is highly regulated and those who violate are subject to arrest and prosecution. If you are a police/federal/peace officer and required to carry a weapon, **you must have prior clearance by GLPD.**



- Access to Naval Station Great Lakes has been greatly modified in response to a heightened security posture. **Guests should be aware that camera bags, purses, etc. are subject to search by Security. Strollers must be checked. NO BACK PACKS ALLOWED!**
- Contraband, **including but not limited to:** alcohol, illegal drugs, prescription marijuana, knives or weapons of any kind will be confiscated, and you may not be permitted entry.
- **Furthermore, smoking is not permitted onboard RTC including in vehicle.**
- Outdoor photography and outdoor videotaping is not permitted onboard RTC. The graduation ceremony is held indoors, so ample photo/video taking is permitted in the ceremonial drill hall.
- **For security and privacy reasons, guests are not permitted beyond the Chapel parking lot or the parking garage structure for any reason.**

## Sarge's shortcut FROM THE NORTH

Take either Green Bay Road, or Hwy 41 (Skokie Blvd), or Hwy 43 (Waukegan road) **SOUTH** to 22<sup>nd</sup> street (Martin Luther King Blvd), turn LEFT heading east for about 1-2 miles. Once you pass Commonwealth Ave, turn right at the next intersection (**Hwy 137 – Bobby E. Thompson expressway**). **Stay in left lane** and continue about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile and you will see the train station (**OHIO STREET**) .

**REMEMBER stay in the left lane** and when you cross the intersection, **KEEP RIGHT AND** head into the gate. Have graduation tickets and I.D.s ready.

**Hotels included are all Gurnee hotels, ALL Sonesta Hotels, and All Fountain Square Hotels.**

## Sarge's shortcut FROM THE SOUTH

Take either **Green Bay Road, or Hwy 41 (Skokie Blvd), or Hwy 43 (Waukegan road) NORTH** to 22<sup>nd</sup> street (Martin Luther King Blvd), turn right heading east for about 1-2 miles. Once you pass Commonwealth Ave, turn right at the next intersection (**Hwy 137 – Bobby E. Thompson expressway**). Stay in the left lane and continue about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile and you will see the train station (OHIO STREET) . **REMEMBER stay in the left lane** and cross the intersection **KEPP RIGHT** and head into the gate. Have graduation tickets and I.D.s ready.

**Hotels include the NAVY LODGE, SLEEP-INN, DAYS INN, LAKE FOREST, LAKE BLUFF, DEERFIELD HOTELS, VERNON HILLS.**

**Sarge's shortcut FROM THE WEST** – Take Buckley Road **EAST (RT 137)** to Hwy 41. Turn Left onto Hwy 41 and go one light to 22<sup>nd</sup> street (Martin Luther King Drive) turn right heading east for about 1-3 miles. Once you pass Commonwealth Ave, turn right at the next intersection (Hwy 137 – Bobby E. Thompson expressway). **Stay in left lane** and continue about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile and you will see the train station (OHIO STREET) . **REMEMBER stay in the left lane** and cross the intersection KEEP RIGHT and head into the gate. Have graduation tickets and I.D.s ready.

**Includes Libertyville, Round Lake, Hotels**



# RECRUIT GRADUATION RE-ROUTE





**DO NOT GET ON SHORT CUT LINE UNTIL 6:00AM**



# SET YOUR GPS TO OHIO STREET – GREAT LAKES PIR GRADUATION ENTRY AND TAXI DROP OFF IS AT GATE # 8

Gate 6 entrance

## Use Shortcuts

Park in public area for easy in/out  
Use Gate 8 if you are driving in base

### Legend

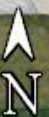
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- ◇ Gate 8 entrance
- ★ Graduation Hall
- Public parking
- ★ Shuttle/taxi drop off and pick up

Gate 8 entrance

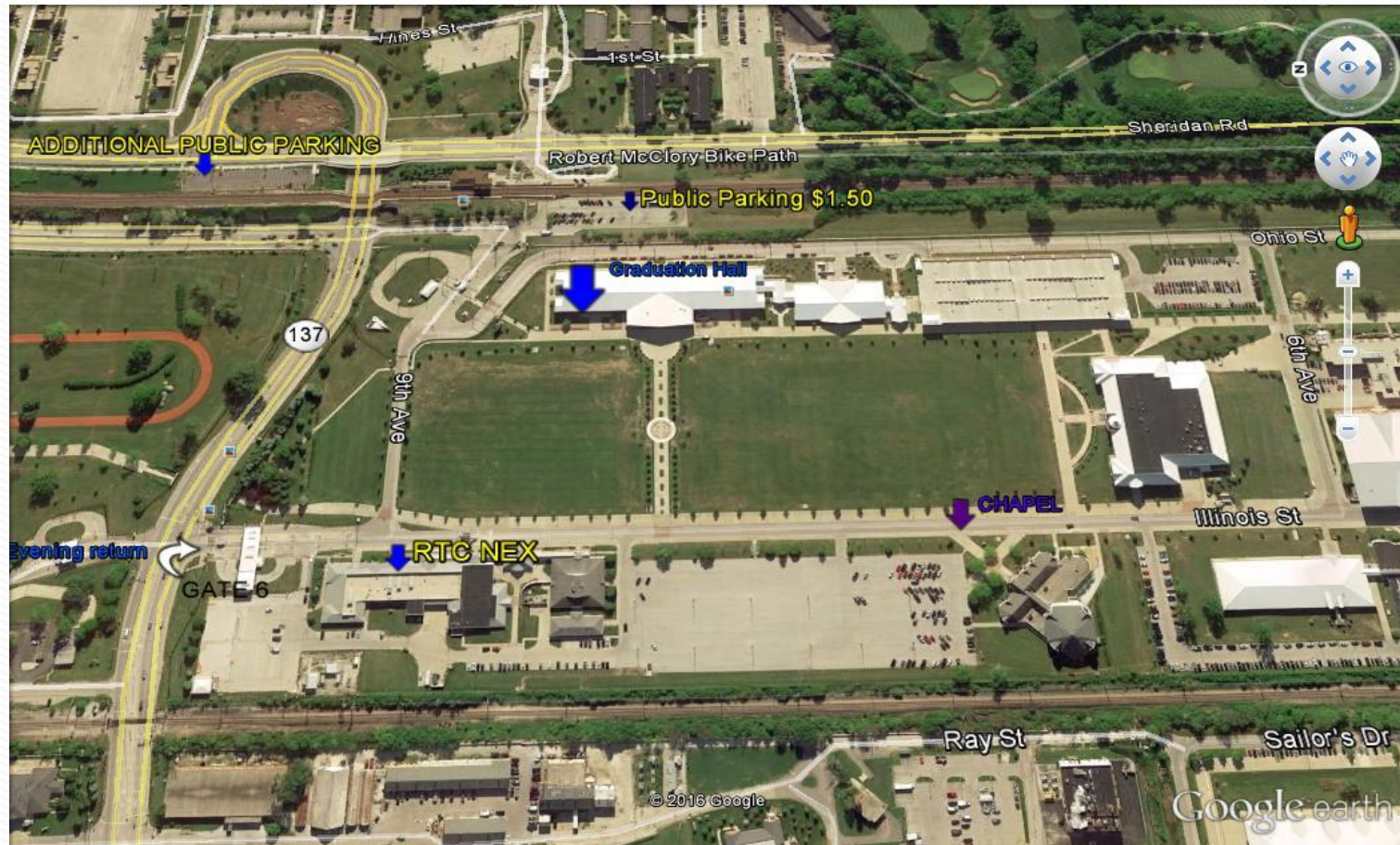
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**EVENING DRIVE-ON DROP OFF IS AT RTC GATE 6 ILLINOIS STREET**  
**EVENING DROP OFF ONLY OUTSIDE OF GATE 8 IS OHIO STREET**  
**DEPARTING "A" SCHOOL STUDENTS AND HOLDOVERS (THU)**  
**MUST BE RETURNED TO ONE THESE GATES**



# Graduation Hall

Cushions for seats— seats are bleacher style. Recommend cushions be purchased for comfort. Cameras welcome - Division numbers located on floor pedestals - if you want to ensure a seat in front of the division you must get there early.





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## *Departing A-School Students*

Departing Sailors to “A” Schools outside of Great Lakes normally leave the next non-holiday evening after midnight or on Friday. They will be available immediately after the Graduation Ceremony and NORMALLY must be back at **RTC (GATE 6 ILLINOIS ST)** ON THE TOE LINE N.L.T. 20:30 (8:30 PM).

**NOTE – RTC MAY GRANT OVERNIGHT LIBERTY- CHECK WITH YOUR SAILOR - TIMES VARY.** Buses depart Great Lakes around 12:30 AM and 3:30 AM either heading to O’Hare (TERMINAL 2 - DOOR 2A) or Midway (DOOR #1) AFTER MIDNIGHT ON FRIDAY – AGAIN - Check your sailors’ schedule. **TIMES VARY.**

**You can meet your sailor at the Airport. Bring their laptops.**

**Your sailor can get you a security pass from the Airline Counter when they check in their baggage.**

**DO NOT CALL THE AIRLINES OR THE USO.** Only your sailor can get you a pass at the airport from the airline that he is traveling on. Park in the Short - term garage not the remote parking. Check with other families and try to share cost. We can provide late night taxi service to O’Hare and Midway at a reasonable cost. Cab sharing is encouraged.

***Remember if you get a security pass you will be treated like a flying passenger and you will have to meet all FAA and TSA guidelines.***

# **RTC TEMPORARY HOLDOVERS**

This group of sailors have graduated and must have additional processing or waivers prior to departure from RTC to their new assignment. Additional processing can include but is not limited to.



**Reclassification  
Medical Waivers  
Security Clearances  
Additional Medical Treatment  
Administrative Waivers/Review  
Awaiting “A” - School date at a location.**



These sailors will have only a short time with you after graduation (about 30 minutes). They will return to their boot camp ships and will be out-processed and then moved to another ship (T.H.U.) on RTC for holdover in-processing. They will remain at RTC (T.H.U.) until matters are resolved or UNTIL school dates are assigned. They will have Liberty (after in-processing) Check with them for their return times. They must return to RTC each night **GATE 6 – ILLINOIS STREET if overnight liberty is not granted** - Normally N.L.T. 21:00 Hrs (9:00 PM). Times vary check with your sailor.

***CHECK WITH YOUR SAILOR!!! TIME & DAYS VARY***

# Great Lakes “A” School Sailors

These Sailors have graduated  
**and ARE NOT HOLD OVERS.**

They will be transferred across the street to the **NAVAL STATION TRAINING COMMAND (NSTC)** for their “A” schools on either **Thursday or Friday (subject to change by RTC)**. In-processing takes about 3 to 4 hours, and they normally won’t be available for pick up until 2:30PM TO 4:30PM. **These sailors may be granted overnight liberty and must be returned to GATE 1 on the last day before their training begins.**

These sailors will have only a short time with you after graduation (**about 20 minutes if they are moving across the street on Graduation day**). They will return to their boot camp ships and will be out-processed and then bused to **NSTC FOR THEIR “A” SCHOOL AND MUST BE RETURNED ON THE DAY BEFORE TRAINING BEGINS NO LATER THAN 7:30 pm** Check with your sailor for liberty policy and return dates and times.

# SAILORS PICKED UP AT GATE 1 STARTING AROUND 2:30 PM






**SEE MORE ITEMS TO THE LEFT OF THE STAGE**



## **A Home Away From Home Near Great Lakes Naval Station**

Experience a relaxing, home-like stay just minutes from Great Lakes Naval Station in our beautifully furnished homes in downtown Libertyville — perfect for keeping the whole family together while celebrating your Sailor's big moment 

All of our properties are conveniently located just **2–6 miles** from the base, making it easy to get to and from graduation events while enjoying a more comfortable, spacious stay.

Skip the high hotel prices and enjoy more space, more comfort, and more convenience with one of the best local Airbnb-style stays.

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- \$50 off your booking
- No Airbnb service fees — save hundreds more

 *Pro tip:* Booking direct can save you \$100+ in typical Airbnb fees alone.

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We proudly welcome graduation families and are deeply grateful for your Sailor's service!

# Special thanks to

EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED RAFFLE TICKETS  
EVERYONE WHO PROVIDED BASKETS FOR THE RAFFLE  
EVERYONE WHO MADE A KIND  
DONATION AT THE BUFFET TABLE



**Your support is appreciated.**

**Sarge and family**

**Most Importantly**

*To all Our Veterans and those who are Standing Watch.*

*You have kept our Country free for over 242 years*

