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## VISITOR BASE ACCESS PROCEDURES FOR FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

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As a military base, safety and security are the foremost priorities for USCGA. Various security procedures and protocols are in place to ensure the safety of you, the Corps of Cadets, faculty, staff, visitors, and the Academy itself.

USCGA conducts **100% identification checks** for all persons requesting base access. As of May 2025, all visitors 18 years of age and older must show a **REAL ID-compliant form of identification**. Minors without their own identification must be accompanied by an adult with valid identification. More information on the REAL ID Act, acceptable forms of identification, and answers to common questions can be found here: <https://www.tsa.gov/REAL-id/REAL-id-faqs>. If publicly announcing a memorial service via a published obituary, recommend you include the REAL ID requirement to notify all potential attendees.

For those driving onboard, you are required to have a **valid driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance**. You may be asked to present any/all of these documents to the gate guard upon arrival at an access point, and will be turned away if they are not available, expired, etc.

Be advised that during high-traffic arrival times, such as the normal morning commute, in advance of sporting events, or for special events, there may be a delay at any USCGA access gate due to ID checks and security protocols. Please anticipate these delays when planning departure and arrival times.

All persons and vehicles entering USCGA are **subject to inspection** as a condition of entry. Certain items are prohibited onboard USCGA, notably:

- Explosives
- Firearms
- Knives (blades more than four inches in length)
- Narcotics
- Fireworks

The main entry point ("Main Gate") for USCGA is located at **31 Mohegan Avenue Parkway, New London, CT, 06320**. There is an alternate gate on Deshon Street on the north side of the Academy property, but it is only open for certain pre-designated special events and commercial deliveries.

A map of the USCGA campus is located here: <https://uscga.edu/cadet-life/campus-map/>. The largest open parking lot for visitors is adjacent to Leamy Hall. All buildings have accessible parking in their vicinity.

If you have specific questions regarding directions, parking, or access, please reach out to your point of contact in advance of the event in order to make sure everything runs smoothly.