



Visiting Flag Quarters



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VFQ History



1799 - The Washington Navy Yard was established

1805 - Latrobe Gate designed by Benjamin Latrobe and built in Greek Revival Style

1809 - North wall of the Yard was built along with Marine Guard Houses on Latrobe Gate Sides

1823 - Second story added to Marine Guard Houses on Latrobe Gate sides.

1880 - C.G. McCawley, Colonel Commandant Marine Corps, reports "The old barracks at the Washington Navy Yard and quarters of the commanding officer have been torn down and quarters for the four officers are being built, which, it is believed, will be all that is desired at the station.

1881 - Marine barracks constructed around and over the Main Gate in Italianate Style. East side (closer to Tingey House) for guard officers while West and above gate was reserved for the Marine Guards.

1909 - Major renovation added sunrooms, bead board and tin ceilings.

1947 - US Navy, Bureau of Yards and Docks, Public Works of the Navy Data book: General Information reports building 2 used as Marine Barracks.

1959 - USMC Ceremonial Guard Company was quartered in the south half of the Barracks above the arcade walk until the late 1950's. In early 1959, it moved to building #58 at WNY.



VFQ Today



- Today, the VFQ primary mission are to host CNO's Foreign Counterpart Visits as well as providing temporary accommodations for Navy and Marine Corps Admirals and Generals.
- Renovations include a new energy efficient mechanical system, a new electrical system, and new plumbing and fixtures. Structural wood and brick repairs were made, and furnishings were replaced as well, to include new furniture, artwork and chandeliers.
- Heart pine pilings salvaged from the old pier of the Washington Navy Yard were cut and repurposed to provide flooring in the building, giving the building an additional piece of Navy history while simultaneously recycling materials.
- Safety updates have been made in the form of shatter proof glass in the existing historic window frames, improved fire protection, and the removal of lead paint and asbestos floor tiles.



VFQ Today: Suite Layouts



The Visiting Flag Quarters (VFQ) has made the transition from 9 guest suites to 8 suites for Transient Flag Officers traveling and/or on business in the Washington D.C. area.

The VFQ consists of :

- Two 3 bedroom suites, Average size 2100 SQFT
- Five 2 bedroom suites, Average size 1800 SQFT
- One 1 bedroom suites. Average size 800 SQFT (ADA Accessible)
- Benjamin Latrobe Dining Room- Accommodates up to 12 guests.
- USS United States Reception Room- Accommodates up to 30 guests.

The suites were named after influential people from the War of 1812 and the first 6 frigates ever built in the United States Navy.



VFQ Eligibility & Priorities



Priority for reservations and assignment to the VFQ will be determined by the following priority table and room availability. The following priority levels are listed in order of precedence:

Priority 1: Heads of Foreign Naval Services. Foreign flag and general officers who are official guests of the CNO or CMC have priority over all others for VFQ reservations.

Priority 2: Heads of Foreign Naval Services. Foreign flag and general officers who are not official guests of the CNO or the CMC, but are visiting the National Capital Region require approval for VFQ accommodations by Commander, Navy Installations Command.

Priority 3: Flag and General Officers of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Attending a CNO or CMC Conference. When a Navy admiral or Marine Corps general officer of three or four star rank is scheduled to attend a CNO or CMC conference, their reservation will be confirmed once the conference is scheduled.

Priority 4: Active Duty and Retired Four Star Flag and General Officers of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. Active duty and retired four star Navy admirals or Marine Corps generals will have fourth priority at all times. COMNAVDIST WASHINGTON will determine reservation priority based on the Department of Defense Order of Precedence.



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Priority 5: Flag and General Officers of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps in a Temporary Duty Status.

Priority 6: Flag and General Officers of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps in a Permanent Change of Station Status. Flag and general officers awaiting permanent housing in Naval District Washington (NAVDIST WASHINGTON) are authorized to reside in the VFQ for a period of up to 30 days. COMNAVDIST WASHINGTON may approve extensions on a case by case basis. Approved extensions may be cancelled at any time due to a higher priority reservation.

Priority 7: Flag and General Officers of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps in a Non-Duty Status. Flag and general OPNAVINST 5050.33 13 Jun 13 2 Enclosure (2) officers in a non-duty status are authorized to reside in the VFQ for a period up to 10 days. COMNAVDIST WASHINGTON may approve extensions on a case by case basis. Approved extensions may be cancel.

Priority 8: Retired Flag and General Officers of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. Officers retiring in NAVDIST WASHINGTON may reside in the VFQ for up to 10 days subsequent to retirement provided quarters are occupied on, or prior to, the date of retirement.

Priority 9: Active Duty Flag and General Officers of the other U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Coast Guard and Air Force). Flag and general officers of the other U.S. Armed Forces are authorized to reside in the VFQ for a period up to 10 days.



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Priority 10: Navy Senior Executive Service. Members of the Navy Senior Executive Service on temporary duty may make reservations for a period of up to 10 days.

2. Family members and guests of U.S. Navy and Marine Corps flag and general officers may be accommodated in the sponsor's suite during the sponsors stay. Separate quarters for family members and guests are not authorized.

3. Space available reservations are subject to cancellation at any time to accommodate priority 1 through 10 guests.

Space Available 1: Spouses of U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Flag and General Officers. Spouses of U.S. Navy and Marine Corps flag and general officers, active duty or retired, may request reservations and stay unaccompanied in the VFQ for a period of up to 10 days.

Space Available 2: Guests Not Otherwise Covered. Guests not otherwise covered in priority levels 1 through 10 may request reservations and stay unaccompanied in the VFQ for a period of up to 5 days.



Current Suite Rates



- 1-Bedroom Suite \$149.00 Per Night
- 2-Bedroom Suite \$159.00 Per Night
- 3-Bedroom Suite \$169.00 Per Night

- Spouses Stay At No Additional Cost
- \$10.00 For Each Additional Guest
- Aides Must Pay Full Rate



VFQ Amenities



The Visiting Flag Quarters (VFQ) suites will be outfitted with the following amenities for each guest stay:

- Comcast Cable
- Sprint Wi-Fi with HotSpot
- Sprint Long Distance
- NMCI
- Daily Reading Material (Washington Post and Navy Times)
- Mini Bar Available
- Complimentary Virginia Gardens Bath Amenities