

**COMMON MISTAKES & MISNOMERS & OTHER INTERESTING FACTS
ABOUT THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY, ANNAPOLIS, MD**

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1. It is the TRITON Light not Trident Light that is the navigational light located at the corner of the Severn River and Chesapeake seawalls.
2. Main Chapel attendance not mandatory; voluntary since 1973.
3. Commander William Lewis Herndon went down off the coast of Savannah, GA NOT Cape Hatteras, NC.
4. There are 30 Companies in the Brigade, not 36. It was changed in spring 1996.
5. John Paul Jones was NOT soaked in cognac, nor did he die of venereal disease. Jones was placed in alcohol soaked straw; then the casket was soldered shut. He died of kidney disease and pneumonia.
6. John Paul Jones was NOT an Admiral in the navy of Catherine the Great; he was a Rear Admiral (Contra Admiral).
7. All midshipmen 1/C (First Class) do NOT wear bars; some wear eagles indicating MIR (Midshipmen In Ranks). They have the same leadership responsibilities as any other 1/C midshipman, but do not hold a specific position in the midshipmen striper organization.
8. Lejeune is pronounced "Lejern" according to the family's wishes.
9. Midshipmen do not mow lawns, prepare meals or do KP duty. They do contribute significantly to the Annapolis community through numerous volunteer efforts.
10. There are two (2) non-Tiffany windows in the Ernest Flagg part of Main Chapel. The first is the Farragut window, designed by Frederick Wilson (a Tiffany-trained artist) and manufactured by the Gorham Company. The second is the lower portion of the Sampson window (designer unknown), which was donated by the Naval Institute.
11. Nimitz Hall, the Brigade library, is NOT sinking.
12. Men "uncover" (remove their hats) in Memorial Hall, Main Chapel and the Crypt of John Paul Jones. Head cover is required and available in the Jewish Chapel.
13. Levy (Center) is pronounced "Le-vee" (not Lee-vee).

14. Believe it or not: Buchanan originally was pronounced “Buck-annon.” This is confirmed in the book published by Naval Institute Press, “Confederate Admiral – The Life and Wars of Franklin Buchanan,” by Craig L. Symonds, professor emeritus at the USNA. His nickname was “Old Buck.” (Don’t have to change your pronunciation; it’s just an interesting fact.)

15. Bancroft is “one of the largest dormitories in the world and the largest in the U.S.” There is one in Russia that is larger.

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