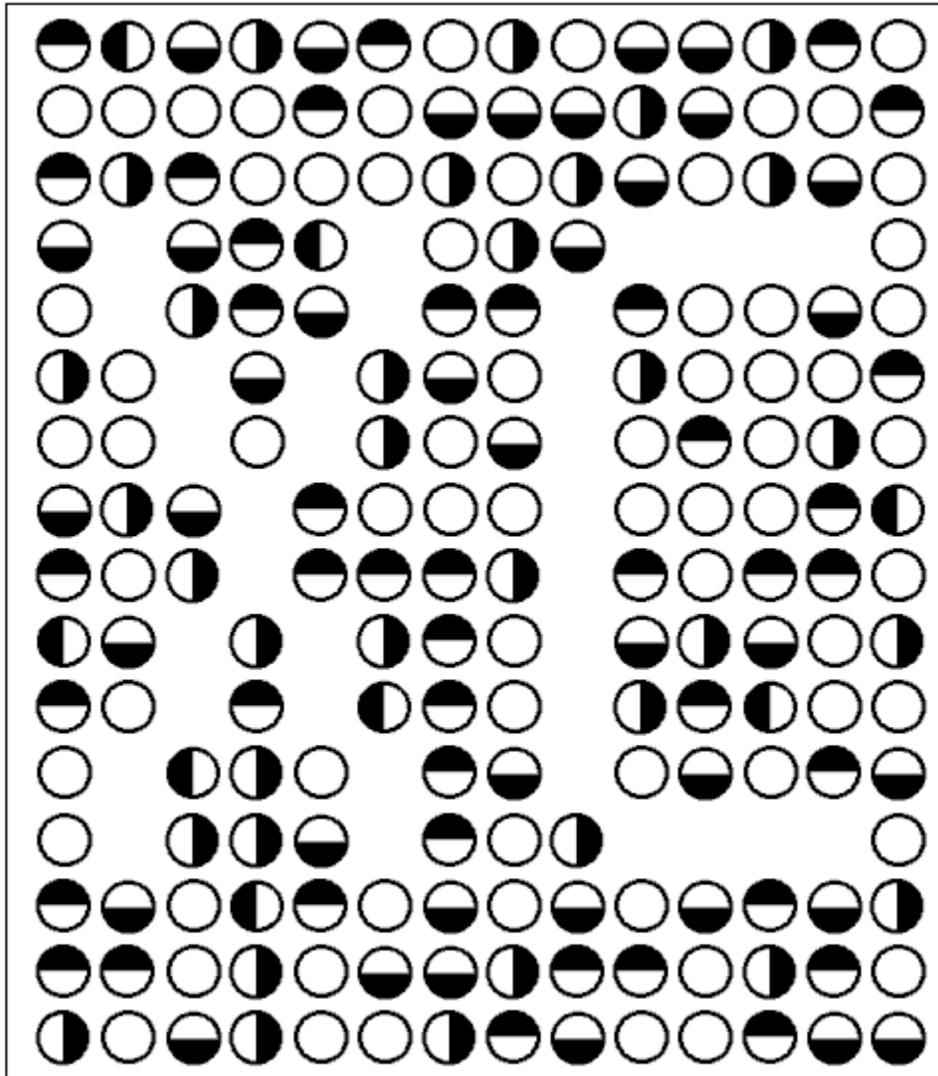


Party time! Check your schedule board. (Annapolis) BECASSE



We Welcome You to Annapolis!

We look forward to seeing you in Annapolis! Your hosts are planning to be at the hotel Wednesday through Sunday, so come early and join us doing more things.

Never been to a convention before? **Come!** It's like a family reunion -- one where you get along well with everyone else. There will be ciphers. There may be Headlines. All are welcome, all of the time. You say you don't know any other members? Then you are especially welcome! Come to the lobby or meeting room armed with, say, a copy of The Cryptogram as a secret sign of your membership -- we'll introduce ourselves to you! Krewe often congregate downstairs for chatting, solving, or learning... as interests may lead us. Join the friendly fun.

Group dinners are planned in the evenings of Wednesday through Sunday. Have food restrictions? We always try to have vegetarian and/or gluten-free options available. If you require different options, please let us know as early as you can so we can arrange to accommodate them as well.

Banquet Speaker

We are excited that our headliner banquet speaker is Mr. Bob Bogart (PHILLIES) who, for 19 years, taught Math and Cryptanalysis classes full-time at the National Cryptologic School of NSA. Since 2010, he is an adjunct instructor on a part-time basis, teaching only Cryptanalysis, mainly the manual-type classes. His students have included FBI colleagues and analysts from the Agencies of the other Five-Eyes countries: Canada, the UK, Australia, and New Zealand.

PHILLIES is also the current editor of the NSA monthly Headline Puzzle (be sure to check out his original puzzles at <http://www.thephoenixsociety.org/puzzles/puzzles.htm> every month). He introduced the Headline Puzzle to the sister Agency in Canada, and they now have their own puzzles each month. Side note: The UK, Australia and New Zealand sister Agencies all have their own monthly Headlines, too.

PHILLIES will present a talk about a project he participated in with an FBI colleague. The title: "The Unabomber's Enciphered Journals." We will hear how these two cryptanalysts partnered to make sense of hundreds of pages of cryptic evidence -- enciphered journals found in the Unabomber's cabin when he was captured in 1996. We should get a fascinating glimpse at cryptanalytic challenges facing modern crime-solvers. And we will get to see some of that evidence.

Touring Activities

We have lined up a few places to visit, and you are invited to join us on any or all of these. We have made plans to have group dinners on those days, but first we will return to the hotel to regroup, and collect any diners who were not touring.

International Spy Museum, Washington DC. Thursday, Aug 22, 2019, morning and afternoon. A private, non-profit museum (Adv. purch. Tickets: \$18 mil/65+, \$23 adult, \$15 youth. Prices \$2 higher at the door). The museum was relocated and expanded, reopened as of May 2019, and promises to be fun. We will carpool from the hotel to a Metro station, then take the Metro into Washington, DC. (Don't want to visit the Spy Museum? You can still join us for transit but visit a different museum on the Mall!)

National Cryptologic Museum, Ft. Meade. Friday, Aug 23, 2019, morning. This museum is located just outside NSA headquarters. (Free admission) Learn how cryptanalysis has played a role through the ages. This is a rare opportunity to visit a museum that honors cryptology, and chronicles the practical applications of our passion for solving. Guided tours are led by retired NSA personnel. See & operate a pair of working Enigma machines – how many museums allow that? We will carpool to the museum from the hotel.

U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis. Sunday, Aug 25, 2019, afternoon. This guided, group tour is a not-to-be-missed opportunity. (Tickets: \$9.50 youth/mil, \$10.50 62+, \$11.50 adult) The tour takes about 75 minutes and includes about 1.5 miles of walking. A proper U.S. government-issued ID is required of all U.S. visitors. International visitors must bring their passports. Group tour requires at least 16 visitors.

Mobility issues re the Naval Academy tour? Their website lists a special option for those with mobility issues -- a riding tour (ride in a small vehicle, for 2-5 people, up to 2 vehicles, \$30pp). If interested, please let us know ASAP so we can request seats.