

USNA CLASS OF 1959
59th Reunion Committee

Minutes of Committee Meeting 14 August 2018

The 59th Reunion Committee conducted its seventh meeting on 14 August 2018 at the Naval Academy Club commencing at 1400.

Committee members in attendance were: Gary Smith, Paddy Ford, Frank Pipkin, Ray LaVan, Pete and Elaine Stout, Bob and Sandy Reifsnnyder, Bill Garrett, Jay Bainbridge, Holly Powers, Bob Beaton, Dolf Lekebusch, Charlie Dobbs and Walt Szczypinski. Class Chairman Gerry Garbacz also attended.

Committee Chairman Gary Smith noted that the July/August issue of Shipmate, mailed in early August, contained our full page Reunion Schedule of Events and further reunion comments in the class column. As of 8 August, 2018, one hundred forty-nine classmates and widows (99 online and 50 mail-in) were registered for a total of 279 attendees. Registrations continue to be made and Jim Wilson continues to work through Company representatives to follow up on persons who indicated they would attend in the Monkey Survey but who have not yet registered. The Committee decided to end online registration on Wednesday, 3 October 2018. Holly Powers will ensure the registration website states this and refers potential registrants to register in person at that time.

Committee Chairmen reported the following:

Company Parties: Four companies (5,7,14, and 20) are still making their arrangements. Jim Wilson will provide a list of all company party locations and contact persons and phone numbers for printing and inclusion in stuffing bags to Bill Garrett by 1 September.

Data: Elaine Stout announced that the special Class of 1959 Reunion website, intended for the Reunion Committee, Company Reps and their Backups, will be up and running in about one week. In a handout, the URLs showing who is registered was provided to the Committee for its immediate use. A tag spreadsheet will be completed by early September and tags ordered. The Stouts will provide Holly Powers with a list of all known attendees (classmates, widows, spouses/significant others) on 20 September and Holly will get this list approved by Security.

Favors:

59th Reunion Commemorative Coin:

Jack London has agreed to order 180 Commemorative Coins. They will be included in the Stuffing Party tote bags. Use of the USNA seal for one side of the coin was approved by the Academy through the PAO. It is planned for Jack to say a few words regarding the coins at the N* gathering.

Meet-and-Greet cards:

Pete Stout has initiated using the 10th Company as a Beta, sending emails to validate data for use in submitting a combined data sheet to the vendor. Cards will be created for each classmate and widow attending. There is no additional charge to the attending classmate or widow. The cards are for their personal use. The order date is set for 10 September. The packets of cards will be available for the stuffing party to place in the tote bags.

Tote Bags and Mouse Pads:

These will be ordered by Pete on 10 September. Numbers to be based on registration numbers at that time.

Optional Golf Shirts: The Stouts wore sample male and female shirts with the embroidered '59 Class Crest made by Thread Logic. However, a \$35 short run issue will be charged per order. Groups (companies, etc.) may desire to spread this cost by consolidating orders. Holly Powers, when supplied by Pete with the POC and email of Thread Logic, will request a waiver of the \$35 short run for our Reunion.

Optional '59 Class Crest Items:

Pete Stout will provide how to order additional '59Crest items directly from Vista Print by 1 September.

Stuffing Party:

Pete Stout will coordinate the Stuffing Party on Wednesday, 3 October 2018, presently scheduled in the Lower Level of Dahlgren Hall from 1300 to 1700. No designated parking spaces can be assigned. Local volunteers were solicited to perform the stuffing of Reunion material and favor items and transfer the filled tote bags to the Garden Inn. An alternate plan to do the stuffing at the Garden Inn will be investigated by the Reifsnyders

Finances: Paddy Ford provided a copy of the Maryland State and Virginia Tax Exemption Certificate which is applicable if a bill is paid by the USNA Alumni Assoc. (USNA Class of 1959) via Paddy Ford.

Hotels: Gary Smith reported that approximately twenty rooms at the Courtyard and five rooms at the Residence Inn remain unassigned from our original block of rooms. After 14 September these rooms can be reserved by the public.

Printing: Bill Garrett requires the Gouge, List of Company Parties and the Bus Schedule by 1 September and plans on providing two copies of each for each tote bag.

Registration: The Reifsnyders will investigate the facilities at the Garden Inn

Religious Events: Tom Priest (10) will assist Bob Beaton as a reader; Dan Truax will strike the bell for 77 names at present.

NAVY vs AIR FORCE AWAY Football Game N*Buffet. Frank Pipkin and Ray LaVan report present registrations support tables of eight. Shrimp will be limited to six per serving because of waste at our 55th Reunion but multiple servings are available. Frank will provide the Stouts with the menu for placement on the class website.

Transportation: Walt Szczypinski provided the present plan which he has sent to the printer for comment. Direct transportation from the hotels to the USNA Visitor Center (Gate 1) or to Alumni Hall via Gate 8 depends on the State of Security at that time. Our present plan is based on a high level of security with transfer to smaller shuttle buses at the Visitor Center. For the Memorial Service on Friday we will plan for a high level of security to be in effect with the list of Reunion attendees, pre-approved by Security, allowing Reunion buses to proceed directly from Gate 1 or Gate 8 to the Chapel. Walt will identify riders in each bus with scannable DOD ID cards.

Trolley Tour of Historic Annapolis: Jay Bainbridge reported that first choice registrations only exceed bus capacity on Thursday (48 vs 46). Friday (27 and 9) and Saturday (34 and 7) registrants may allow cancellation of some buses/tours. Requirements are to be solidified by 15 September.

Yard Events: Location of the Virtual Tour is Mahan Hall. Gerry Garbacz will arrange for a fifteen minute presentation on flooding problems at the Columbarium to be added at the beginning of the Virtual Tour. The Leadership Briefing will also be held at Mahan Hall unless a larger space is needed. Alumni Hall is the alternate location. The Superintendent is preparing a tape presentation for the Class of 1973 which may be used as the Leadership Briefing for our reunion.

Handicap Arrangements: Personnel requiring handicap assistance are highlighted in red on the data sheets and presently number thirteen. No bus lifts are presently required.

The next Reunion Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11 September 2018 at 1500. This meeting adjourned at 1645.

Respectfully submitted: Gary Smith