

*United States Naval Academy*  
*Class of 1959*  
*59th Reunion Committee*



Minutes of Committee Meeting 16 June 2016

The 59<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee conducted its inaugural meeting on 16 June 2016 at the USNA Navy Club at 1000. Committee members in attendance were:

Jerry Welsh, Gary Smith, Charlie Pease, Paddy Ford, Bob Beaton, Frank Pipkin, Pete & Elaine Stout, Bob & Sandy Reifsnyder, Bill Garrett, and Holly Powers.

A number of items were brought to the table during the meeting. The major item was the weekend tentative schedule. Most of the Committee's time was taken up with going through the schedule one event at a time. Several complications surface as a result of not knowing whether all or part of the Brigade and the Superintendent and/or Commandant will be attending the Navy vs Air Force football game. This prompted several "ifs" as well as many other items and options during the weekend schedule discussions. These include (in no particular order):

- Military IDs will be necessary to ride transportation buses and gain access to the Yard. We will endeavor to obtain clearance for use of the Reunion IDs realizing not all reunion classmates and spouses will have military IDs.
- Reunion IDs will show events participation and must be worn/available at all times
- The Main Chapel is not available on Saturdays. Therefore, our class Memorial Service is scheduled in the Main Chapel on Friday between 1030 – 1130. Understand all classmates may not have arrived by this time however our options are limited.
- Noon meal formations and Friday's dress P-rade are questionable considering the Brigade, or maybe half of the Brigade, may be attending the football game. Believe the appropriate approach to these events is not to include them in our schedule of weekend events and should they be available, we will add them at the last moment...
- Friday has turned out to be our most populace day! As mentioned above, Memorial Service will be conducted between 1030 – 1130. Bells will be rung as in our past Memorial Services.,
- Timing for the conclusion the Memorial Service will fit right in with lunch between 1200 – 1330. Lunch can be taken either at the USNA Navy Club or at a restaurant in town. Should there be a noon meal formation, we'll push back ½ hour on the above times.
- The Superintendent briefing is scheduled for Mahan Hall between 1300 – 1400 either in person, recording or by Skype. If this is not possible we'll have a live briefing by another USNA leader. Depending on the noon meal formation, if necessary we will push back 1 hour to make the Superintendent's briefing between 1400 – 1500.
- Following the Superintendent briefing will be a virtual tour of the USNA academic buildings. Depending on the availability of the noon meal formation, the virtual tour is scheduled to conclude about 1500 or 1600.
- The Friday evening Company and Battalion or Brigade Parties are scheduled between 1700 – 2300. This should provide sufficient time to cover any kind of get together no matter where in the Annapolis area. If necessary, Company parties can be held at the

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Hotels. Battalion or Brigade parties probably will be held at an appropriate location near the hotels.

- About an hour Fun Walk is scheduled to start Saturday at 0800. The walk will begin from the Hilton Garden Inn and stay within a mile or two of the Inn. John Butterfield will develop the walking tour and provide details.
- No class functions are scheduled on Saturday until an hour prior to the Navy vs Air Force football game. And again, we're not sure when the game will be televised so flexibility is the name of the game. The plan is to have the N-Star Banquet room available an hour prior to the start of the game and an hour after the game. We feel the food being served at the N-Star Banquet room will be more than sufficient to cover Saturday evening dinner therefore no dinner is planned.
- No formal Sunday final lunch is planned and everyone is on their own after church service. We will make arrangements for brunch at the Hilton Garden Inn for those wanting lunch prior to departing for home.
- A major next step is to send out a survey to obtain vital information. Some ideas for survey questions are listed at the end of these Minutes. Please add your thoughts for questions and email to me. Thank you. All questions will be added and a final review will be emailed to all Committee members for final comments. The final survey questions will be emailed to Holly Powers, USNA AA Class Reunion Manager. Holly will finalize the survey and set up a link for classmates to complete the survey. This link will be emailed to all classmates by Charlie Pease. The Alumni Association will consolidate the completed surveys and provide the results to the Committee.
- We discussed the possibility of golf and tennis. The consensus was there probably would not be of interest to most classmates. However, if the survey suggests strong interest, these events would be scheduled for Friday afternoon and the Superintendent's briefing and virtual tour of the academic buildings would be moved to Saturday 1000 – 1200. This still may leave an hour or so after lunch on Saturday to potentially schedule something prior to the football game.
- The discussion regarding reunion memorabilia focused on providing useful items. It was felt that through the years we have collected many mantel and shelf items and do not really require more.
- We did discuss classmates for several of the unfilled Committee slots. Gary Smith will head up the Company parties and coordinate with Company Reps. It was also suggested that we obtain back-up Company Reps however most likely this decision will be at the discretion of the Company Reps on record. If we determine to schedule golf and tennis times on Friday afternoon, it was recommended Ray Art handle tennis and Norm Bednarek schedule golf. For any yard events that are scheduled, it was suggested Rod Tomlinson handle these. Printing for our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion was done by Free State Press on Russell St., Annapolis and Bill Garrett would coordinate our 59<sup>th</sup> printing needs.
- We discussed Registration times and related issues. Bob & Sandy Reifsnnyder indicated they would handle Thursday's early registration between 1530 – 1800. Friday's registration between 0900 – 1800 would be handled by contract personnel. Saturday's registration is scheduled for two locations: Hilton Garden Inn, 0900 – 1400 then shift to

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the N-Star Banquet room between 1530 – 1800. Again Saturday's registration would be handled by contract personnel.

In conclusion, there are many events that will depend on participation as reported in the survey. Once we have the survey results, hopefully by the end of September, we'll plan on a Committee meeting in October to finalize some of the events.

The Committee meeting terminated at 1345.

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## POTENTIAL Survey Questions

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4 – 7 October 2018

## REGISTER NOW!!



### **Thursday, 4 October**

Early Check-In at Hilton Garden Inn. Number checking in: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Friday, 5 October 2018**

Golf Outing:  NO  YES #: \_\_\_\_\_

Tennis Outing:  NO  YES #: \_\_\_\_\_

Class of 1959 Memorial Service:  NO  YES #: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Meeting with Superintendent, Mahan Hall:  NO  YES #: \_\_\_\_\_

Virtual Tour of USNA Yard, Mahan Hall:  NO  YES #: \_\_\_\_\_

Dress Parade if Held:  NO  YES #: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Parties:  NO  YES #: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Saturday, 6 October 2018**

Morning Fun Run:  YES  NO

Navy vs AF Tailgate/Game Watch Party, N-Star Room:  NO  YES #: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Open – Informal Gathering at Hilton Garden Inn

### **Sunday, 7 October 2018**

Protestant and Catholic Services, Main Chapel

Farewell Brunch at Hilton Garden Inn:  NO  YES #: \_\_\_\_\_