

## USNA Class of '59 65<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee Meeting

September 27, 2023

Noon- 3:30

The 65<sup>th</sup> Reunion will be held from Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024-Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The Headquarters for the 65<sup>th</sup> Reunion will be at The Crown Plaza Hotel, 173 Jennifer Rd. Annapolis, MD 21401. 50 Rooms have been reserved at \$159 per room. There will be a \$10 additional charge (probably per person, but not certain) per day for hotel breakfast. There will be a CODE to be used when registering to receive the Class Room Rate. There is free parking at the hotel.

Rooms not reserved 30 days before the reunion will be released back to the hotel. There will be a Registration Room and Storage Room for use by the Registration Committee. Pat Lopez is banquet manager and Christine Doyle in charge of rooms.

Online registration will be used with details explained in registration materials. A cut off date for refunds will be determined. Restrictions on drivers into Yard. DOD or handicap card on car. This should be clarified and included in registration material.

A volunteer is needed for creating The Gouge and one is needed to arrange for the printing involved in connection with the reunion. It may be possible to combine these duties so one person can be in charge of both jobs. Tim Tinsley's name was suggested for The Gouge position.

Proposed activities for the weekend were discussed.

The figure of 150 attendees will be used as a planning guide for events.

The Registration Room may have light snacks, soda and water available when people sign in.

Bob Beaton will check to be sure the Mid Store is open for visitors on Saturday morning.

A motion was made to come to Fluegel Hall after Memorial Service with LIGHT refreshments to be determined and presentations by Commandant etc, be made at this time. Cocktails and dinner back at the hotel would be later in the day. The majority voted for this suggestion.

The N Room at the Stadium will be the venue for the Air Force Watch Party. Frank Pipkin is in charge of the arrangements and estimated cost will be in the neighborhood of \$90 per person. Beer and Wine are included in price. Food will be served until after half-time and room is ours until ½ hour after the end of the game. There will be open seating, no assigned seats.

Pete and Elaine Stout will be in charge of Name Tags and getting SWAG bags. There will be no memorabilia in the bags, just name tags, program and gouge. A Shipmate announcement about the reunion should be listed in the next copy of Shipmate.

Breakfast available at King Hall/Mess Hall on Sunday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mess hall closes at 1:00. Probably a \$10 charge by the class.

A speaker is needed for the Memorial Service on Friday. 3 names were suggested.

Transportation will be provided by Annapolis Transportation. Antonio Hamlin contact person.

Trolley Tour offerings are being looked into.

Fun Walk and Golf eliminated.

Tours of the Yard are being looked into and information will be sent with reunion information.

Terwilliger Center Tour- bus transportation needed.

The next meeting of the Reunion Committee will be held on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:30. at Fluegel Alumni Center which needs to be contacted to be certain there is a room available for the meeting.