

**United States Naval Academy Class of 1959
Executive Board Meeting
US Naval Academy at Ricketts Hall
Wednesday, 26 July 2023**

A meeting of the Executive Board was held at 1400 on this date.

Present onsite were TOM LUKISH, TOM BILLINGS, and BOB BEATON.

**Present by internet were PADDY FORD, LARRY WEAVER, and
PETE STOUT. (as acting Secretary)**

The meeting began with the Class President, TOM LUKISH, discussing his meeting in June with the Superintendent.

Columbarium.

The information previously discussed about the move of the Columbarium from its present site has been canceled. The plan is to build a seawall about two feet high to prevent the Severn from coming onto the present site. The life span of the seawall is estimated at 25 years. Construction is to begin next year.

Superintendent's Change of Command.

Senator Tommy Tuberville (R-Alabama) is holding up the flag promotions from being confirmed. This act has held up the promotion of the oncoming relief's promotion. Until this situation is resolved, the current superintendent will not retire. The scheduled change of command will be delayed. PADDY FORD indicated that WALT SZCZYPINSKI had planned to attend the change of command. He indicated that he would inform WALT of the situation.

Company Representative Communications Issue.

LARRY WEAVER has been experiencing issues in contacting the company reps. The issue is two fold – first, not being able to contact them and second, not all communications from him are being relayed to the respective company members. LARRY is working to clear up missing contact information and get the reps energized. This issue could impact the 65th Reunion planning and execution.

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Audio Failure

LARRY WEAVER had a mike failure on his computer thus preventing his audio responses. Several attempts to repair the problem without success. He could hear the other members.

65th Reunion Planning.

Company Rep Response to Planning Survey.

TOM BILLINGS discussed the results of the planning survey indicating that of the planned numbers to attend would only be half of those who attended the 59th. Four companies did not respond. A vote was taken of the attendees as to whether-or -not to proceed with the 65th reunion. All agreed that we should even if the numbers were lower.

Reunion Activities.

TOM BILLINGS led the discussion.

At this point, all activities are tentative.

Dates.

The Class of 1959 65th Reunion is currently scheduled for 3 to 6 October 2024 in Annapolis, which is the same weekend as the away Navy-Air Force football game. We will be having a tailgate and game viewing in the N* Room. Most of the activities that we had at our 59th Reunion will be similar.

Hotels

JOE FLYNN will handle the hotels.

Memorial Services.

Services will take place Friday 1100-1200 BOB BEATON will chair.

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Thursday Evening Mixer.

1700-2000 The question of who will provide services came up. **PADDY FORD** indicated that normally the hotel would handle. Other options were proposed without a decision.

Company/Battalion Meetings and Parties.

Scheduled for Friday evening. The usual \$50 subsidy was mentioned.

USNA Briefing to Reunion

Several options were mentioned:

USNA Leadership, Alumni Association Briefing, where? Cost? More research has to be done by Reunion Committee.

Golf and Tennis Activities.

There was little support for these and doubt whether the Reunion Committee will set up.

Tailgate SAT at N*

The plan is to view the NAVY-AIR FORCE away game in the N* room.

Transportation.

WALT SZCZYPINSKI and JAY BAINBRIDGE were named to handle.

Company Coordinator.

LARRY WEAVER was named to lead.

Name Tags and Data Processing

PETE STOUT will handle the tags. ELAINE and PETE will do the data processing of attendees.

Correspondence and Literature Reproduction.

BILL GARRETT, who was did this for the 59th was suggested.

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Wives' Support.

ONA BILLINGS and BETSY DOBBS have volunteered to assist.

Registration Support.

The registration and check in will be on Thursday where we contract to book rooms. It may be at the Hilton or another hotel yet to be determined. Registration will be the same on Friday from 0900 to 1800. On Saturday it will be from 0900 to 1200 at the designated hotel and from 1300 to 1600 at the N* Room.

BOB and SANDY REIFSNYDER will assist.

N* Activities

FRANK PIPKIN will conduct.

Farewell Brunch Sunday

Will be conducted in the Midshipman Mess Hall (King Hall) at a cost of \$8-\$10 per person. Arrangements can be made through the Alumni Association. The POC is Wendy Owen.

PADDY FORD will arrange.

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Board Minutes Handling.

Minutes of this meeting will be taken by PETE STOUT and submitted to the Chairman of the Board for approval.

Future minutes of the Board will be taken by the Board Secretary.

After approval by the Board the minutes will be available on the Class Website *USNA1959.COM*.

COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE SITUATION

LARRY WEAVER will coordinate with PETE STOUT to clean up the roster. On completion, TOM LUKISH will send a letter to the Company Reps explaining the importance of their duties and their responsibilities. Follow up with the Company Reps must be tightened.

Next Meetings. 14 SEPTEMBER 2023.

The next Board meeting will be held at the FLUEGEL ADMIN CENTER on THU 14 SEP 2023. It is planned to conduct both the Board meeting and the 65TH Reunion Committee meeting that day.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 1535

Respectfully submitted,

Peter C. Stout

Board Member (Acting Secretary)