

USNA CLASS OF 1959
59th Reunion Committee

Minutes of Committee Meeting 10 October 2017

The 59th Reunion Committee conducted its third meeting on 10 October 2017 at the Naval Academy Club commencing at 1500.

Committee members in attendance were: Gary Smith, Charlie Pease, Bob Beaton, Frank Pipkin, Pete and Elaine Stout, Bob and Sandy Reifsnnyder, Bill Garrett, Dan Truax, Norm Bednarek, Walt Szczypinski, Jay Bainbridge, Paddy Ford, Jim Wilson, Dolf Lekebusch and Holly Powers.

Committee Co-Chairman Gary Smith briefly summarized results of the Reunion Committee meeting of 9 May 2017. The March 2017 survey and the experience of other classes led to a decision to plan for 375 attendees at our 59th Reunion. Cafeteria pricing will be used for the Registration fee, Navy/AF AWAY Game N* Room Buffet and the Sunday Brunch at the USNA Club. Saturday night will be free with cash bars available in the Hilton Garden Inn and Courtyard hotel lobbies. Trolley tours of Annapolis will be offered. Company parties will be the responsibility of the individual company representatives, including collecting and paying the bill. The cost/person for the company party will not be part of the registration fee.

Prior to this meeting, a copy of "The Gouge" from the 55th Reunion was distributed to The 59th Reunion Committee for review and updating for the 59th Reunion. The resulting Draft Gouge was referred to during this meeting and an up to date version will be distributed to the Class prior to commencement of reservations in February/March 2018.

Committee chairmen reported the following:

Company Parties: Gary Smith stated that the list of Company Representatives is posted on the Class website as is the list for their backups. There continues to be no backup for the 7th, 8th and 13th companies. The Chairman will coordinate and track the status and location of the company parties. He will provide to the Company Reps a USNA AA list of local restaurants which offer private rooms (provided by Holly Powers). Additionally, there are two 50 person size rooms which can be booked with the Hilton Garden Inn.

Correspondence: Charlie Pease will provide these minutes to the Class by email, when approved by the Chairman, and will provide in the class column in the next available SHIPMATE issue a specific reference to the class website and the Reunion information contained therein.

Data: Elaine Stout continues to improve the Class website (www.usna59.com). and plans to have all of the '59 data base on the Total Choice Hosting server by 31 Dec 2017. She has incorporated data from the Monkey survey, formatted it for use by individual companies and had it reviewed favorably by seven test companies. This data for all individuals and companies will now be incorporated in the class website. For security reasons, Reunion related data will eventually migrate to a new Reunion website being created.

Favors: Pete Stout discussed some options. A mouse pad with our class crest was approved, in addition to a tote bag with class crest to stuff with Reunion items. A popular bracelet available in Annapolis will be investigated but the Committee desires to limit "just more stuff."

Finances: Paddy Ford provided Reunion cost estimates based on 375 attendees. The Registration Fee of \$120 (modified from \$125) per person applies to each classmate and their spouse or significant other. It was suggested that any adult guest (18 and over) should pay the full registration fee. Minors (under 18) should pay a reduced fee at least to cover the cost of the name tags (about \$10). This will be resolved at the next meeting. The registration fee for widows is \$59 per person. Individual cafeteria items are: N* Banquet \$80/person, Sunday Brunch \$40/person, Trolley Tour \$15/person. A proposed one-page registration form for mail-in registrants was provided to Holly Powers.

Hotels : Griff Hamilton has signed contracts with the Hilton Garden Inn, the Courtyard Marriott and Residence Inn. Booking of rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn commenced on 7 October 2017 and will commence at the Courtyard and Residence Inn on 16 October 2017. Information on booking these hotels was provided via email from Gary Smith to Company and Backup Company representatives and Reunion Committee members on 5 October 2017 requesting they pass the information to their respective companies. A correction stating that the block of rooms at Courtyard and Residence Inn should be identified as the "USNA 59 Reunion Block Oct 2018" will be issued by Gary Smith. Reunion Hotel Availability and Booking at Hotels URL is www.usna1959.com/m59/59thReunionHotels.php.

Farewell Sunday Brunch. Paddy Ford has signed a contract with the Academy Club for a sumptuous Sunday Brunch from 10:00am-2:00pm which will accommodate Catholic and Protestant church attendees at the Main Chapel plus others. The cost is \$40 per person and this is a cafeteria event.

Printing: Bill Garrett will require the number of copies of each item to be printed.

Registration: Bob and Sandy Reifsnyder will handle check-in in the lobby of the Hilton Garden Inn on Thursday and will coordinate with Holly to provide two assistants on Friday and Saturday. On Saturday check-in will shift from the Garden Inn to the N*Room at Navy-

Marine Corps Memorial Stadium between 1230 and 1300. A lockable storage room will be provided in the Hilton Garden Inn for the Reunion packages.

Religious Events: Dan Truax provided a list of the 63 classmates who have died since the 55th Reunion. Subsequent to this meeting, Tom Lukish volunteered to give reflections during the service.

Sporting Events. Ray Art will request the desired tennis court(s) in the yard for Friday tennis via Holly Powers.

NAVY vs AIR FORCE AWAY Football Game N*Buffet. Frank Pipkin announced that doors to the N* Room at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium for this event will open at 1300. Based on a game start time of 1530 (EDT), the N*Buffet will be held from 1400 until the end of half time (approximately 1730). The game is expected to end between 1830 and 1900. Beer, wine (included in the price) and snacks will be provided until near the end of the 4th Quarter. The cost is \$80 per person and this is a cafeteria event.

Transportation: Walt Szczypinski announced that bus shuttle transportation will be provided from the hotels to the Gate 1/Fieldhouse area outside the Yard. Mini buses will be provided inside the Naval Academy to provide transport to sites within the Yard. , Holly Powers, about two weeks before the reunion, will provide a list of registrants and request USNA approval for shuttle bus access into the Yard to enable disembarking at the Chapel for the Memorial Service on Friday and Main Chapel church services and Farewell Brunch on Sunday. The Class will not provide transportation to Company Parties. However, Company Reps may individually arrange and pay for bus transportation to their respective parties. Company Reps may contact Walt to assist in making these arrangements with Annapolis Bus Co.

Trolley Tour of Historic Annapolis: Jay Bainbridge, announced that people desiring to take this one hour tour can sign up when registering and specify the number of riders and three desired tour times in order of precedence (#1,#2, #3). In the interest of fairness, the assignment of tour times will be by lottery. Tours will be offered on Thursday at 3:30pm, Friday at 1:30 and 3:30 pm and Saturday at 10:00 am and 11:30 am. Each tour will consist of two Annapolis Bus Company buses, each leaving from the Hilton Garden Inn. 219 persons on the survey indicated their desire to take this tour. The cost is \$15 per person and this is a cafeteria item.

Yard Events: Bill Garrett is coordinating with Holly Powers to verify the times in the Schedule of Events are correct for Yard facilities. He has also contacted Captain Jim Minderlien to make arrangements for the Virtual Tour.

Handicap Arrangements: Dolf Lekebusch requested Holly Powers to provide him with a list and/or map of the handicapped parking spaces in the yard.

The next Reunion Committee meeting will be held on 9 January 2018 and Registration for the Reunion is expected to start about February/March 2018. This meeting adjourned at 1700.

Respectfully submitted: Gary Smith