

USNA CLASS OF 1959
59th Reunion Committee

Minutes of Committee Meeting 11 September 2018

The 59th Reunion Committee conducted its eighth meeting on 11 September 2018 at the Naval Academy Club commencing at 1500.

Committee members in attendance were: Gary Smith, Paddy Ford, Frank Pipkin, Pete and Elaine Stout, Bob and Sandy Reifsnnyder, Jay Bainbridge, Charlie Dobbs, Charlie Pease, Norm Bednarek, Jim Wilson and Walt Szczypinski. Class Chairman Gerry Garbacz also attended.

Verification was obtained from Holly Powers by phone that our 59th Reunion is the only USNA reunion the weekend of 4-7 October 2018 and that the Leadership Briefing and Virtual Tour are scheduled for Mahan Hall. Columbarium flooding and Class Giving will be addressed prior to the Virtual Tour.

As of 11 September one hundred sixty-nine classmates and widows are registered for a total of 323 attendees. Over 39 new attendees have been added since the last meeting, largely due to the good work of Jim Wilson, the Stouts and company reps. Registrations continue to be made.

Committee Chairman Gary Smith provided a draft revised Gouge and Welcome letter for comment and reviewed what would be in the yellow 59th Reunion Gouge (similar to the 55th Reunion pamphlet.) This pamphlet in pdf form is to go to the printer on 17 September. Action items from the previous meeting were then reviewed and chairmen provided updates as follows:

Company Parties: The list is complete and will be placed in pdf form for the printer.

Data: Elaine Stout provided the URL for the special Class of 1959 Reunion website, intended for the Reunion Committee, Company Reps and their Backups. She will provide a brief guide for its use by late 9/14/2018. Tags will be ordered by 17 September. 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. Elaine will clarify name requirements with Holly.

Favors:

Meet-and-Greet cards:

The order date is set for 17 September. The packets of cards will be available for the stuffing party to place in the tote bags.

Tote Bags and Mouse Pads:

180 of each will be ordered by Pete on 12 September.

Optional Golf Shirts: A waiver of the \$35 short run issue was requested but not granted.

Optional '59 Class Crest Items:

Pete Stout will provide how to order additional '59Crest items directly from Vista Print by email on 12 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. An alternate plan to do the stuffing at the Garden Inn is being investigated by the Reifsniders and Paddy Ford volunteered to pay for a room at the Garden Inn, if necessary, to accomplish this. The final location will be promulgated later when verified.

Registration: The Committee decided that last minute check-ins at the N* Buffet and the Farewell Brunch will have to pay the Registration fee for any previously unregistered persons as well as the cost per person for the event. This policy ensures fairness to all those classmates who have registered previously on time so that planning for the event could be effective. The Chairman will promulgate this policy through the Company Reps.

Printing: Bill Garrett requires the Gouge, including the List of Company Parties and the Bus Schedule in pdf form by 17 September and plans on providing two copies of each for each tote bag.

NAVY vs AIR FORCE AWAY Football Game N*Buffet. Frank Pipkin and Ray LaVan have arranged seating for 304 people.

Transportation: 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. Need to get a verification from Holly as to progress of the vetting process. Walt will identify riders in each bus with scannable DOD ID cards.

Trolley Tour of Historic Annapolis: Jay Bainbridge reported that based on registrations a lottery will not be required. A second bus on Friday at 1530 and Saturday at 1130 will not be required and has been cancelled. Where empty seats exist, people may make last minute decisions and pay \$16 cash to the bus driver for those seats. Elaine Stout will prepare bus lists for the drivers and to notify persons as to what bus they are assigned.

Yard Events: Location of the Virtual Tour and the Leadership Brief is Mahan Hall.

Handicap Arrangements: Dolf Lekebusch is contacting each person requiring handicap assistance . No bus lifts are presently required.

This meeting adjourned at 1700.

Respectfully submitted: Gary Smith