

NAPS Class of 1967 SITREP 020

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http://www.naps1967.com

The older we get, the faster time flies! Before we know it summer will end and the NAPS Class of '67 will gather on the banks of the Narragansett Bay for a much anticipated reunion. Since the last SITREP the NAPS classes of '77, '87, and '97 have joined our effort. Though each class will have its own headquarters and separate weekend activities, the committees are working closely together to ensure a power-packed Saturday at NAPS to include: a welcome aboard briefing by the Commanding Officer; a student-body assembly; a panel discussion seeded by representatives of each of the four returning NAPS classes; a question and answer period; and a meet & mingle session where returning NAPSters separate by warfare specialty to grip and grin with the students. A tour of the NAPS facilities and a no-host luncheon at the O-club will follow.

NAPS Staff is behind the combined reunion all the way. As far as we can tell, multiple NAPS classes have never before worked together to plan a reunion meaningful to both students and alumni alike. More to the point, the joint committee is working with Public Affairs personnel at more than one level to ensure this unique event is documented and published where appropriate.

As registrations trickle in Bob Capra tracks and posts the names of the registrants to the website alphabetically and by NAPS Section. The committee encourages all who have expressed a serious interest or declared an early intent to participate in the reunion to register as soon as possible or at least confirm intent. As we must soon sign a transportation contract, the head-count will dictate the number of busses needed. **Bottom Line: Registrations must be received by close of business Thursday, 17 August.** This is also the cut-off date for blocked room reservations at the Aqua Blue Hotel in Narragansett and the Hampton Inn, South Kingston.

All are encouraged to visit the website at www.naps1967.com where the committee has posted details regarding reunion activities, the schedule of events, hotel information, and things to do in and around Newport. You will also find information about the All Hands Reception and 50th

Reunion Dinner, menus included; recommended attire for reunion events; and transportation options from Boston and Providence. For those who have yet to register, forms and directions are posted there also. If you have any questions regarding reunion activities, registration, or the weekend in general, please call, text, or email Bob Capra at: bobcapra@verizon.net; (410) 757-2028 (h); (410) 271-6610 (c).

Once again, we have arranged for individuals to purchase NAPS '67 shirts, hats etc., through the following link: http://naps1967.com/docs/NAPS%2067%20Reunion%20Gear.pdf. Additionally, the committee is working with the Navy Exchange to allow for the purchase of current NAPS clothing items and other memorabilia during our brief visit.

On a related note, the link below will take you to a syndicated article that recently appeared in many local newspapers. "Slipping Into an 'Ocean State' of Mind" mentions the Coast Guard House where some may agree to meet for a no-host dinner Sunday evening. The article will surely whet your appetite for that which Rhode Island has to offer. If you have never been to the region, you are in for a treat. Once we get a better feel for the weather predictions, the next SITREP will address / recommend event attire and seasonable wear. Until then, enjoy the following: http://www.myajc.com/travel/slipping-into-ocean-state-mind-southern-rhode-island/6Qkk4ZRArHCbyrnj6ez8uM/

Other Links of Interest:

http://aquabluehotels.com/#1
www.southkingstown.hamptoninn.com
http://www.amalficaterers.com/
http://thecoastguardhouse.com

www.blockislandferry.com www.newporttravel.com www.vikingtoursnewport.com

NAPS Class of 1967 50th Reunion Schedule of Events

Friday, 22 September 2017

- Arrival
- Check-in: Headquarters Aqua Blue Hotel and Conference Center, 1 Beach St., Narragansett, RI.
- All Hands Headquarters Reception (heavy hors d'oeuvres / cash bar) (Narragansett Room at Amalfi Catering located in the same building as the Aqua Blue.)

Saturday, 23 September 2017

Breakfast (individual)

- Naval Station Newport:
 - Brief by NAPS Program Coordinator *
 - Participate in Structured Interaction with NAPS Student Body *
 - Tour NAPS Campus *
 - Lunch at Newport O'Club *
 - Attend NAPS Sporting Event(s) if scheduled *
 - * NAPS '67 / '77 combined
- 50th Reunion Dinner / Memorial Service / Evening Social (Aqua Blue Grand Ballroom)

Sunday, 24 September 2017

- Breakfast (individual)
- AM Tour USS Joseph P. Kennedy / USS Massachusetts (Fall River, MA)
- PM Tour Newport (Cliff Walk / Mansions / Ocean Drive)
- Dinner (possible group dinner at one of the local restaurants (e.g., Coast Guard House)
- Evening Social (cash bar; venue TBD)

Monday, 25 September 2017

- Breakfast (individual)
- Check-out / Depart

Optional group activities for those choosing to remain might include:

- Early Ferry to Block Island w/ Lunch before returning
- Dinner (individual / small group)
- Evening Social (cash bar; venue TBD)

Tuesday, 26 September 2017

- Breakfast (individual)
- Check-out / Depart

Stay healthy, and we'll "See you in September" (... good name for a song)!

The Committee:

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