



NAPS Class of 1967

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<http://www.naps1967.com>

Each flip of the calendar finds us one month closer to our fifty-year reunion. Working closely with the NAPS staff, hotel and restaurant managers, tour companies, and a local bus transportation contractor, your reunion committee continues to refine the details in advance of a weekend sure to please. While response to the committee's call for completed applications has been good, applications remain outstanding from among some that expressed an early interest or otherwise announced their plan to attend. Surely, time is on our side; but to assist the committee with planning and contracting, the sooner registration packages are received the better. Realizing plans do change, cancellations will be honored and deposits returned in full until the 17 August deadline for submission. After that date a \$10 per person fee to cover some of the fixed costs will be deducted from all refunds.

A phone tree initiative launched in January finds the reunion committee members reaching out to as many classmates as possible to encourage attendance, verify contact information, and remind everyone to check the website regularly as the reunion approaches. If you have not yet been called, you will be soon. It is not the committee's purpose to bring pressure to bear but rather to ensure no one feels left out or misses the opportunity to join their fellow Sailors and Marines for a walk back in time. If the 45th is any indication, you'll feel ten years younger by the close (usual aches and pains notwithstanding)!

Remember, this is not about the Naval Academy -- it's about NAPS and the friendships we forged on the Banks of the Susquehanna River. We know not everyone can make it, but we can all share long dormant memories and something of our lives since parting ways. We'll do our best to keep

the website up and running long after the reunion. To that end, if you haven't submitted a biography please take the time to jot down a few lines about your life since NAPS, family stories included -- and throw in a few old or new photos for good measure. There's no standard format. Just let your creative juices flow. Forward your submission by mail to Bob Capra at 1202 River Bay Road, Annapolis, MD, 21409, or electronically at bobcapra@verizon.net.

If you plan to attend the reunion but have not already done so, please:

- **Complete and return the registration form (.pdf file attached separately) as soon as possible.** Mail the completed form to Bob Capra with a check enclosed sufficient to cover the registration fee (required) and optional events you have selected. **Please note:** the second page of the registration form requires the submission of personal information required for access to Naval Station Newport. All personnel without a military ID must undergo a background check by base security. **Forms and fees must reach Bob by close of business Thursday, 17 August 2017 – but the sooner the better!**
- **If you have any questions** regarding reunion activities, registration, or the weekend in general, please call, text, or email Bob Capra to discuss at: bobcapra@verizon.net; (410) 757-2028 (h); (410) 271-6610 (c).
- **If you experience any difficulties booking a room**, or if prices quoted by on-duty staff personnel differ from those the committee negotiated and advertised, please contact Paul Cuddy for assistance at: plcuddy@comcast.net; (508) 224-6397 (c).
- **Stay healthy**, and we'll see you in Rhode Island!

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

The Committee:

Bob Capra John Condon Paul Cuddy Bob Gallagher
Ken Marks Jimmy Pattavina Wally Poleshaj

**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

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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

Aqua Blue Hotel and Conference Center
1 Beach Street
Narragansett, RI 02882
(401) 783-6767
<http://aquabluehotels.com/#1>

Fifty rooms (48 regular and 2 suites) have been blocked for the "NAPS Class of 1967 50th Reunion." All room rates have been discounted by 15% for our group. Room sizes and prices vary. Room names include: The Blue, The Aqua, The Surf, and The Wave (see the Aqua Blue website for room descriptions. Per night cost breakdown follows:

- The Wave (14 rooms); 1 king bed. WE \$177; WD \$135.
- The Surf (9 rooms); semi-ocean view w/ balcony; 1 king bed. WE \$203; WD \$152
- The Aqua (10 rooms); full or semi-ocean view w/ balcony; 2 queen beds. WE \$220; WD \$177.
- The Blue (15 rooms); full ocean view w/ balcony; 1 king bed. WE \$288; WD \$211.
- Suites:
 - 1 Superior Suite (two bedrooms): Each room with two queen beds and a full bath; no balcony.
 - 1 Family Suite (two bedrooms): One with a king bed and full bath; the other with 2 queen beds and a bath. The bedrooms share a common sitting area; no balcony. WE \$339, WD \$245.

Weekend (WE) rates apply Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; week day (WD) rates apply all other days. Rates do not include state and local taxes totaling approximately 13%. First come -- first served!

- Price includes free hotel parking.
- Price includes free continental breakfast in lobby each morning.
- Hotel is across the street from the beach.
- Amenities include an indoor pool and an ocean-front deck.
- All rooms have flat screen TVs, Wi-Fi, mini refrigerators.
- There are several fine restaurants and small shops within walking distance.
- Ocean View Terrace (capacity 120).
- The Grand Ocean Ballroom enjoys a large dance floor and two bars (capacity 250).
- Major hotel upgrades have recently been completed; i.e., everything is new!
- Nearby: The Pier of Narragansett with many restaurants, shops and attractions. The Block Island Ferry, Port of Galilee, the Point Judith Lighthouse, Jamestown, Newport, and Wickford Village.
- Distance from T.F. Green Airport, Providence / Warwick, RI: 25 miles; 35 minutes.
- Distance from Naval Station Newport: 16 miles; 28 minutes.

Hampton Inn S. Kingston
20 Hotel Drive
South Kingstown, RI 02879
(401) 788-3500

www.southkingstown.hamptoninn.com

Twenty rooms have been blocked under "NAPS Class of 1967" at the Hampton Inn South Kingstown about 3½ miles from the Aqua Blue Hotel and Conference Center. The Hampton Inn is taking reservations now.

- **To book rooms on-line:** Go to www.southkingstown.hamptoninn.com and enter the arrival and departure dates and the Discount Code "**NAP**" in the line for Group Code. **Caution:** the code is a three-digit code "**NAP**" not "NAPS"). This will pull up our block of rooms. You may then choose the room type and fill in your personal information to guarantee the reservation. **Please Note:** If you book on-line, depending on which nights you choose, the rate may show differently than the price shown below. This is because the rates for Friday and Saturday are different from weekday rates and the computer averages the rate. The confirmation email you receive from the hotel will list the proper rate for each night.)
- **To book rooms by phone:** You will need the group discount code "**NAP**" and your arrival and departure dates. You may call 1-800-HAMPTON or the hotel directly at (401) 788-3500.

If you experience any problems with reservations at the Hampton Inn, you may reach the Sales Manager, Mr. Torin Soarez, at the hotel's main number (401) 788-3500. You may also contact Paul (P.L.) Cuddy at plcuddy@comcast.net or call him at (508) 224-6397 (h) or (617) 645-8289 (c).

- The room block runs from early check-in on Thursday, 09/21/2017 through check-out on Tuesday, 09/26/2017. You may make reservations for any or all of those days.
- The room rates are \$159/night for Friday and Saturday.
- The room rates are \$129/night for Thursday, Sunday and Monday.
- All room rates have been discounted for our group.
- Rates do not include state and local taxes totaling 13%.
- Price includes free hotel parking and free hot breakfast in the lobby each morning.
- Amenities include a complimentary beverage area, an outdoor patio, indoor pool, fitness center, jogging track, walking track, and an on-site convenience store
- All our rooms are nonsmoking with 2 Queen Beds, work desk and chair, 32" flat screen HDTV, coffeemaker, mini-refrigerator and free Wi-Fi access.
- Restaurants, shops and a movie theatre are within walking distance.
- Hotel is in close proximity to the Block Island Ferry and Narragansett Beach
- Check-in 1500; check-out 1100.
- Distance from T.F. Green Airport, Providence / Warwick, RI: 23 miles; 28 minutes.
- Distance from Naval Station Newport: 15 miles; 25 minutes.

The Search Continues...

If you have maintained contact, know the whereabouts, or have any information that might assist the committee in its search for the following classmates and staff officers, please contact Jimmy Pattavina at: jamespattavina@att.net or by calling (402) 429-8757 (c):

Section 1

None

Section 2

Foreman, Todd H.
Taylor, Philip D. Jr.

Section 3

Forsythe, John R.
Hornsby, James A.
Petty, William D.
Rodenak, George A.
Williams, Daniel C.

Section 4

Gildea, John F., Jr.
Parker, Lawrence J.
Raymond, Philip L.
Stewart, William E.

Section 5

Crimaldi, Sam B.
Spanbauer, Mark E.
Spozdzial, Joseph C.

Section 6

Bullen, David G.
Hickman, Howard L.
Hodges, James J.
Horner, Darrel L.
Stucka, Walter J.

Section 7

Baldwin, James L.
Bays, Charles D.
Flore, Michael P.
Reynolds, Richard P.
Santacroce, Leonard J.
Veronee, Earl L., Jr. (Larry)

Section 8

Anderson, Martin J.
Giberson, Francis E.
Hannah, James G.
Harris, Otha L.
Trimmer, Thomas T.

Staff Officers / Instructors (8)

Fairbairn, Donald M.
Mitchell, Donald
Phipps, Rod (or Rob ?) G.
Pickering, John W.
Ryan, Charles J.
Thorson, Ramon E.