

NAPS Class of 1967 – Reunion

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As the clock ticks toward October and a much anticipated reunion, let the following serve as a reminder to those who have every good intention of joining us in Bainbridge but have yet to register. With the first wave of confirmations finding their way to Bob Capra's mailbox, it is heartening to learn of students and staff making plans to attend. Moreover, we have secured a commitment from the current NAPS Commanding Officer to not only attend our reunion but serve as a guest speaker. Following the Saturday evening dinner at the VFW in Port Deposit, Captain Jim Cunha will offer a glimpse into the present day program and the life of a *Midshipman Candidate* in Newport, Rhode Island. If all who have expressed an honest interest and heartfelt desire to join us in Bainbridge make application, we may have more 100 participants.

- **Attendance Update** (as of 30 March 2012): While many have expressed a sincere desire to attend, the following is a reflection of registrations received as of 31st March (monthly updates to follow):
 - 31 committed (i.e., registration and deposit received)
 - 21 announced firm plans to attend but have yet to register (...*"the check's in the mail!"*)
- **Website** <http://www.NAPS1967.com>: Visit often to see newly posted photographs, old documents, all previously released SITREPS, and reunion activity updates. If you do not have a scanner, you can mail items of general interest, including current family photos, to Bob Capra. Bob will scan, post to the website, and return all originals. We have even discovered an 8 mm home movie wherein portions of the graduation ceremony have been captured as a moment in time. We have digitized the finding for eventual placement on the website.
- **NAPS hats, shirts, and more**: Arrangements have been made whereby those who wish may deal directly with Wedekind Brothers Co. Inc., to secure NAPS '67 embroidered hats, shirts and more. Dennis Wedekind, USNA '65, was an All-American Lacrosse Goalie for Navy. His company has supplied much of the USNA '71 clothing and reunion extras in the past. For more information, please visit the NAPS website home page and click on "Reunion Gear" to see photographs of the hats, shirts, etc., ***available for direct / advanced purchase.***
- **Student Roster**: While a list of those we have located (and those for whom the search continues) is posted to the website, a more comprehensive roster including personal contact information is included as an attachment to this SITREP. That we might guard against unwanted / wrongful use of our contact information, the comprehensive roster will not be posted to the website. Updates will be released as more of our friends are located.

- **To All Who Send Multi-Address Emails:** A few have requested, and the committee concurs in the suggested use of the *“blind copy”* feature for those who build and broadcast via group postings. The reason is clear; i.e., our bank of exposed email addresses could fall into the wrong hands. It is no secret the unscrupulous harvesting of email accounts serves as a prime source of unwanted spam ... or worse! Thanks for your consideration.
- **Hotel Information (reminder):** The Clarion Hotel in Aberdeen will serve as reunion headquarters (<http://www.clarionaberdeen.com/>). A block of fifty double-rooms has been set aside for our reunion at \$89.00 plus 6% tax for a total of \$94.34 per night, hot buffet breakfast included. The books are open and reservations are being taken. When making the phone call, remember to identify yourself as a part of the *“NAPS Class of 1967 Reunion.”* The reunion rate is not available via on-line booking. If you have already made a reservation on-line or by telephone and did not secure the promised rate, call the hotel at 410-273-6300, provide your confirmation number, and request the *“NAPS Class of 1967 Reunion”* guaranteed room rate. Hotel staff will accommodate the request and adjust your reservation accordingly.
- **Registration Form:** The registration form is available on-line and attached herein. Please copy, print, and complete the form as soon as possible. If you do not have a functioning printer, simply call Bob Capra who will gladly take your registration over the phone. As a reminder, the committee is not in a position to accept credit cards, so please make all checks payable to: **NAPS Class of 1967 Reunion Fund.** Mail the completed registration form with deposit to:

Bob Capra
1202 River Bay Road
Annapolis. MD 21409
- **Sunday Brunch – on the *Lantern Queen*:** As previously announced, seating is limited. If you wish to enjoy Sunday brunch on the Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay, get your registration form and deposit to Bob Capra. It's *‘first come, first served’* (a waiting list will follow).
- **Biographies:** As the committee continues to search for and locate long lost classmates, it has been a pleasure to listen to the stories told and learn of the variety of paths taken. There was clearly no *one-size-fits-all* plan for the lives we would lead, neither so the length of the journey. All the more reason to meet in Bainbridge! As a means of introduction to some and a quick update for others, each committee member has penned a brief biography to be attached herein and posted to the website. In the weeks ahead we would ask that everyone take a minute to offer a brief, Readers Digest version of their own. Forward all biographies to Bob Capra who will compile and post a running update to the NAPS1967 website.

We're rolling!

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