



NAPS Class of 1967

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<http://www.naps1967.com>

"Build It and They Will Come!"

Encouraged by early returns suggesting a level of interest commensurate with that of our 45th reunion in Bainbridge, the committee rolled up its sleeves, dived deeply into planning, signed and financially seeded contracts in advance of a 50th reunion celebration sure to please. With the once grand Memorial Hall in ruins, our memories of NAPS Bainbridge in the sixties and of our gathering in the shadow of the bell tower there in 2012 will serve us well as we look to NAPS Newport and the banks of the Narragansett Bay as the venue for our reunion scheduled for 22 -25 September 2017. That may sound like a long way off; but the better the plan, the better the outcome -- and we're rolling!

Rest assured, while the committee negotiates the best prices obtainable in a region known as a playground for the rich and famous, you will be pleasantly surprised by the package nearing completion. Fully aware many must travel great distances, plan and save accordingly, the hotel information below will serve as a first step in the planning process. A more clearly defined package of individually priced, optional activities from which to select will soon be provided. The determination of shared costs, however, rests upon firm commitments to attend, i.e., a no-nonsense head count, including guests (see *"Action Required"* below). To that end, the committee is working hard to keep the shared, per-person cost below \$150.

The committee is pleased to announce the Aqua Blue Hotel in Narragansett, Rhode Island as our 50th reunion headquarters. Fifty rooms at varying rates have been negotiated and blocked for our use (page 4 refers). Twenty additional rooms have been blocked at a Hampton Inn some 3½ miles

removed. The Aqua Blue is taking reservations now. Simply call 401-783-6767 for a room at the NAPS Class of 1967 established rate. The Hampton Inn will advertise discounted group rates and begin taking reservations late September of this year -- details will be posted when received.

To whet your appetite, the *Links of Interest* and *Schedule of Events* below offer a taste of things to come. Together, Newport and the Narragansett Bay rank among our nation's crown jewels. For those who have never explored New England, particularly in the fall, the committee highly recommends having the NAPS Class of 1967 50th reunion serve as the focus of your vacation plans for 2017 while tacking a few days to the front or back ends of the gathering to enjoy that which the region has to offer. A simple Google search will confirm -- Rhode Island and New England deliver! As a matter of note, NAPS staff will host two reunions the same weekend. The committee is working closely with the NAPS Class of 1977 to ensure separation where necessary while combining activities where appropriate -- most notably the tour of facilities, command presentation, lunch at the Newport Officers' Club, and sporting events in the yard, if scheduled.

Action required: If you plan to attend, please confirm your intention with the number in your party by email to Ken Marks (kamarks71@cox.net). For planning purposes, the committee needs your response by 31 August. If you have previously indicated a desire to participate, closely on the heels of this SITREP you will receive a message requesting further confirmation of intent and number in the party. As personal plans can change in a flash, the committee is not asking for money just yet. A call for a modest deposit will follow once a meaningful head-count has been determined and shared costs can be reasonably calculated.

Links of Interest:

<http://aquabluehotels.com/#1>

<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/rhode-island/hampton-inn-south-kingstown-newport-area-NPTSKHX/index.html>

<http://thecoastguardhouse.com>

<http://www.amalficaterers.com/>

The Committee:

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**NAPS Class of 1967 50th Reunion
Schedule of Events
(Proposed)**

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 *
- Tour NAPS Campus *
- Participate in Structured Interaction with NAPS Student Body *
- Lunch at Newport O'Club *
- Attend NAPS Sporting Events (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 who chose to remain might include:

- Early Ferry to Block Island w/ Lunch before returning
- Dinner (individual)
- 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>

Pricing

- 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!

Summary

- 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.