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Representatives from the Naval Academy Prep School (NAPS) Classes of '67, '77, '87 and '97 presented Capt. Cory Howes, (center) NAPS Commanding Officer, with a Certificate of Appreciation at the conclusion of the multi-class reunion event in Kay Hall. Pictured from left are Capt. Kenneth Marks, USN (Ret), NAPS '67; James Houston, NAPS '87; Capt. Howes; Lt. Jose Jimenez, CHC, USN, NAPS '97 and Capt. Jaime Navarro, USN (Ret), NAPS '77.

NAPS Alumni Return for Multi-class Reunion

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Once a NAPSter, always a NAPSter. That connection to the school was evident last weekend when classmates reaching back to 1967 returned to the Naval Academy Prep School for a major reunion of classes.

The Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) is the fourth oldest

Navy school, formally established in 1919 by order of Under Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt. During the nearly 100 years of its existence there have been countless highly successful NAPS graduates including three Medal of Honor recipients, several 4-star Admirals/Generals, a Naval Academy Superintendent, two War College Presidents, astronauts and Rhodes Scholars. NAPS has provided





Pat and John Condon, NAPS '67 (near left) and Rear Adm. Dave Lane, MC, NAPS '77 (far left) mingle with midshipman candidates from the NAPS Class of '18 following the formal portion of the Alumni event in Kay Hall.

foundational training to thousands of aspiring officers over the years and last Saturday, Sept. 23, members of the NAPS Classes of '67, '77, '87 and '97 returned to celebrate their 50th, 40th, 30th and 20th reunions.

Each class had a full schedule of social events for the weekend, but the highlight of the weekend was a visit by all four classes to NAPS on Saturday morning and the opportunity to share their experience with the current class of midshipman candidates. Approximately 200 alumni, spouses and guests attended the event which began with a welcome and overview brief from Captain Cory Howes, NAPS Commanding Officer. In addition to providing a snapshot of the NAPS Class of 2018, the brief looked at some of the many changes that have occurred since the alumni guests had attended – Then-Smoking Everywhere; Now-No Ash Trays Anywhere; Then-Ditto machines; Now-Networked copiers/printers; etc. Following Captain Howes' brief the

NAPS Battalion joined the alumni in Kay Hall to hear remarks from keynote speakers from each class. Each speaker told a compelling story of how NAPS positively shaped them for service as Navy and Marine Corps officers.

Speaking for the Class of 1967, who attended NAPS when it was located in Bainbridge, MD, was CDR John Condon, USN (Ret). He told of reporting to NAPS directly from 11 months of combat duty as a Marine in the jungles of Vietnam during a time when the U.S. military wasn't held in high esteem by the general U.S. populace. He was followed by RDML Dave Lane, MC, USN, NAPS '77, Director, National Capitol Region Medical Directorate, who is coming to the end of 43 years of continuous Navy service. He talked of the important role NAPS played in shaping a career which included time as a hospital corpsman, a naval flight officer flying EA-6B Prowlers, a Navy family physician and will culminate with his service as a senior leader in

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AROUND THE STATION



Navy medicine. NAPS '87 was represented by CDR Kenneth Finley, USN (Ret). CDR Finley reported to NAPS as a Navy Air Traffic Controller and walked onto the football team where he had the misfortune to break his neck during a game. He recounted the challenges of recovering from this serious injury while meeting the rigorous academic challenges imposed at NAPS. Captain Sunny-James Risler, USMCR, NAPS '97 closed out the addresses with tales of combat duty in Iraq. Following the addresses the speakers fielded questions from the midshipman candidates.

The event closed with informal mingling, mentorship and discussion between the alumni and members of the current NAPS class. The NAPSTERS provided tours of the NAPS facilities to their alumni guests and learned of the many changes which NAPS has seen over the years. It was truly a memorable event for both the alumni and the NAPS Class of 2018. The midshipman candidates left the event with a deeper appreciation for the NAPS legacy of which they are now a part, and the alumni left with a good feeling for the future of their former school as NAPS approaches its 100 year anniversary.



Keith and Joyce McIntyre talk with Midshipman Candidate Anna Sewall following the NAPS multi-year reunion at NAPS last Saturday. Keith graduated from NAPS in Bainbridge, MD in 1967 and came back to NAPS for his 50th reunion.

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