



## **NAPS Class of 1967**

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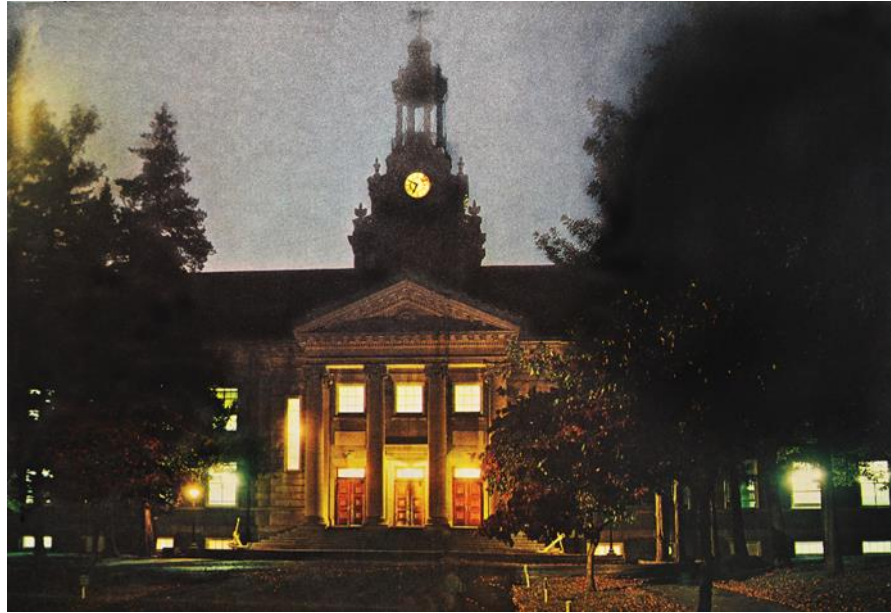
The NAPS Class of 1967 Reunion Committee has met twice by tele-conference to lay the groundwork for a fifty-year reunion. Building upon the success of our 45<sup>th</sup> at what remained of NTC Bainbridge, on the long-dormant grounds of the former Naval Preparatory School, and in the shadow of the once grand Memorial Hall, the committee will again undertake to “*Build It and They Will Come.*”

We were fortunate to have enjoyed the privilege of gathering at the foot of Memorial Hall two years before its destruction by fire. It was arson plain and simple. While such a senseless act served to destroy a once useful and historic structure, it did not and cannot take from us the memories we share of our time together on the banks of the Susquehanna River. The loss behind us, we must now look forward to gathering in a different place for the sharing of memories and the ritual swapping of sea stories and other lies as they only grow better with age -- much like us! Though times and dates have yet to be established, the committee has turned its attention to Newport, Rhode Island, the home of NAPS today, as the site for our 50<sup>th</sup> during the month of September 2017. SITREPS will follow as details emerge. We had a great turnout for the 45<sup>th</sup>, and we look forward to an even larger gathering in 2017. The committee is not asking for commitments this far in advance; however, it would like to get a feel for the level of interest. To that end, please let us know of your willingness to participate if your schedule will permit. A simple yes or no will do; but additional thoughts will be honored and discussed by the committee. Please reply to [kenneth.marks@1971.usna.com](mailto:kenneth.marks@1971.usna.com) or [kamarks71@cox.net](mailto:kamarks71@cox.net). A reply before the end of February will be appreciated.

On a closing note, the committee has been made aware of the passing of four shipmates from our ranks since the reunion of 2012. Let us pause to reflect upon the life and times of: Gerald L. Hoffer (*d. June 10, 2013*); William Hamilton Jakes, Jr. (*d. January 6, 2015*); John T. Hines, Jr. (*d. 8 July 2015*); and Clifford H. Beckley (*d. September 5, 2015*). Obituaries for Jerry, Bill, JT, and Cliff have been posted to the NAPS Class of 1967 website at: [www.naps1967.com](http://www.naps1967.com).

### **The Committee:**

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



**Memorial Hall 1967**



**Memorial Hall September 21, 2014**

*Oh, better that her shattered hulk  
Should fall beneath the flames.  
Her students sailed the mighty deep;  
Remember well their names.*

*Ring one last time her noble bell  
And give her to the fire.  
She offered opportunity  
To all who did aspire.*

Robert Hindman (CPL, USMC, NAPS Class of 1967)  
Inspired by "Old Ironsides" by Oliver Wendell Holmes