



The GOUGE

Everything You Wanted To Know About The Class Of 1955 65th Reunion

"1955 - 2020 Celebrating 65 Memorable Years Of Service To Our Nation"

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Widows of Classmates are encouraged to return for the Reunion to renew old acquaintances.

Lucy Mustin has agreed to serve as a point of contact for widows thinking of attending, including for the Memorial Service only. Members of the Committee or the Reunion Coordinator can be contacted on specific questions but Lucy will be available for these or other matters of concern.

All classmates and widows are encouraged to confirm or update their contact information (address; phone; email) to Tom Stallman (STALTOM@aol.com) so that the Class has a current Class Directory.

Registration Fee is \$300.00 per person for all attendees, inclusive of all reunion events, except certain events noted as personal expenses (i.e. Hotel Room; Annapolis Trolley Tour; Company / Battalion Parties).

Reunion Registration A registration form will be emailed to the Class about **July 1, 2019**. If you plan to attend, please print out the registration form, fill in the requested information and mail the form to USNAAA as directed with your check for the number of attendees being registered. Please register early to facilitate our understanding of potential attendance and commitments needed for various events.

The registration form will also serve as a mini-survey to gather information regarding your preference for various reunion events / requirements, including:

- Your choice of salad for the Class Luncheon on Friday noon,
- Your choice of entrée for the Class Banquet on Saturday evening,
- Your interest in taking the Annapolis Trolley Tour on Saturday afternoon.
- Name(s) for your name tag(s) (see below).
- Your special assistance needs.

The information you provide will be very helpful to our ongoing planning activity.

Cancellations We hope that you will be able to join us and enjoy this opportunity to reunite with classmates and friends. We recognize that plans and circumstances may change over time after you have registered, however please inform us as soon as possible if things do change so we can adjust our planning and commitments. We'll be flexible if problems arise.

Name Tag On the reunion registration form, we ask you to specify the name you want on the Name Tag for each planned attendee. The Name Tag is your access to all reunion events and services (transportation, etc.). Your Name Tag will be inserted into a 3' X 4" holder attached to a fabric lanyard with an alligator clip (no pins). If you do not care to use the lanyard, use the alligator clip on the Name Tag for attachment to your clothing.

Host Hotel: DoubleTreeAnnapolis 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD 21401 (410) 224-3150
www.doubletreeannapolis.com

Room reservation will open about May 1, 2019. DT has set aside a bloc of **40** rooms for our Group - Thursday 4/23/20 thru Saturday 4/25/20. Additional rooms will be made available as room registrations accumulate, if rooms remain available. Please register early (see Reservation Process below) in order to reserve your preferred accommodations:

- The Group rate is **\$139.00 / night + 13% tax = \$157.07** per night, single or double occupancy. There will be a higher charge for a suite if that is your preference.
- There is no minimum stay requirement.
- The Group rate will also apply for three (3) nights before (Monday – Wednesday) and after (Sunday – Tuesday) the reunion should you wish to arrive early or extend your Annapolis stay.

We have a contractual obligation to utilize at least 120 room nights! We trust you will see the benefit of staying at the DoubleTree:

- Major reunion events are scheduled there every day (Thursday thru Saturday);
- DoubleTree has free parking and will be our transportation hub;
- Per the 2018 Survey, a large majority of potential attendees indicated a preference for staying at the Host Hotel, so most of your friends will be there.

Check In Time: 3:00PM. Rooms may be available before this time. Ask upon arrival.

Check Out Time: 12:00PM Later check out times are at the discretion of DoubleTree.

In both cases, ASK and you might receive.

Reservation Process: The DoubleTree opens up their room reservation system approx. one year in advance of an event. About May 1, 2019, we will email the Class a link which gives everyone access to the DT reservation system,

including the applicable Group ID and Code. Group rooms not reserved by April 23, 2020 will be released to DoubleTree for sale at the prevailing rate.

Handicapped Access: DoubleTree has seven (7) rooms (incl. one suite) classified as **handicapped access**. If you need such a room, request it when you make your reservation. Please be considerate of other attendees if you do not require the full capabilities of a handicapped access room.

DoubleTree Room Cancellation Policy: It is necessary to guarantee a room reservation with a credit card. Your credit card will not be charged until you actually check in. You must cancel your reservation **72** hours prior to arrival to avoid a one night room charge + tax. If you make a reservation for one of the bloc rooms, please make every effort to honor it so other classmates are not blocked out.

Self Parking at DoubleTree is FREE. There is no valet parking.

Reunion Events: Reference: the Three Day Reunion Plan
Information regarding individual reunion events is as follows.

Reunion Check-in @ DoubleTree Harbour Room (off the Main Lobby)
Thursday afternoon 12:00PM - 6:00PM; Friday morning 7:00AM - 9:00AM.

Volunteers are needed to assist with check-in on Thursday afternoon. Please contact the Reunion coordinator (David Wright dwr6@aol.com (610) 733-9450) directly if you can help.

At check-in, classmates / widows / guests will receive their Name Tag(s) and information about the reunion and the local Annapolis area, including:

- Attendance list by company,
- Transportation plan,
- Final schedule of events,
- Dining options in the immediate DoubleTree area and downtown Annapolis,
- Annapolis Today magazine and local maps, including USNA,
- and more ...

At check-in, sign-up sheets will be available for attendees to:

- be part of a watch list for the Hospitality Suite (Thursday thru Saturday); see below,
- indicate their seating preferences for the Banquet (Saturday evening) with _____ other individuals or a group. The Reunion Coordinators will make every effort to facilitate your request,
- firm up your interest in taking the Annapolis Trolley Tour (Saturday afternoon); see below.

Welcome Reception Thursday Evening DoubleTree Ballroom 6:00PM - 8:30PM.

This event is casual. Given the timing of this event, our approach effectively provides a full meal:

- Displayed starters, including crudités with dressings, cheese assortment and fruit
- Buffet setup including soup, salad and a hot entrée (e.g. salmon) with accompanying sides
- Two food stations: pasta prepared to your order and a meat carving (e.g. turkey)
- Dessert presentation and beverage.

Cash Bar will be available throughout the evening (you pay the bartender – no need to buy tickets). We selected the mid-range price and quality (well known brands) for the spirits, wine and beer offered.

There will be ample seating (non-assigned) in the Ballroom for joining classmates and guests. We also plan to have adequate hotel staff on hand to assist attendees with moving from the food sites to their table (as needed).

Class Meeting Friday Morning DoubleTreeBallroom 9:00AM - 10:00AM.

Ted Parker, Class President, will chair this meeting. Major topics include:

- Introduction of candidates and election of class officers,
- Review of status of class projects,
- Update on class accounts at USNA Foundation,
- Discussion of any proposed potential future class projects.

After the meeting, provided transportation will take attendees to the Yard for the Memorial Service, Class Luncheon and other possible events (e.g. Superintendent Briefing; Dress Parade).

Memorial Service Friday Morning USNA Chapel 11:00AM - 12:00PM

The Service will honor all our deceased classmates (In Memoriam) with particular recognition for those classmates who deceased since the 60th Reunion (Last Call). Widows of classmates who attend the 65th Reunion will be presented with a rose entering the Service. Don Sturtz (with help from Bruce Newell) is coordinating this Service on behalf of the Committee. After the Service, attendees will gather on the Chapel steps for a 65th Reunion group photo.

Class Luncheon Friday at the Navy Club 12:00PM - 1:30PM (after the Memorial Service, a short walk or bus ride from the Chapel)

This will be a served meal, including a salad, dessert and beverage. You will pre-select the salad of your choice from three (3) selections offered as part of the reunion registration form survey noted above.

There will be a cash bar available (you pay the bartender – no need to buy tickets). We selected the mid-range price and quality (well known brands) for the spirits, wine and beer offered.

Superintendent Briefing Friday Afternoon Alumni Hall 1:50PM – 3:15PM

An officer of the USNAAA will welcome the Class and introduce the USNA Superintendent, who will speak for about an hour, then have some Q&A. There is a possibility that the Superintendent may provide his customary briefing to the Class at the Navy Club after the Luncheon, assuming we are the only Reunion in town that weekend (currently the case). If the Superintendent Briefing happens at the luncheon, more Free Time will be available to attendees for touring, visiting, etc.

Dress Parade Friday Afternoon Worden Field 4:00PM - 5:00PM

After the Superintendent's briefing, attendees can stroll across the street to Worden Field for the dress parade. We may not know for certain there will be a parade until just before the Reunion. If there is no dress parade, more Free Time will be available to attendees for touring, visiting, etc. If the dress parade is cancelled well ahead of time, we may be able schedule other Academy presentations of interest at the DoubleTree hotel.

After the Class Luncheon, Superintendent Briefing or Parade (if any), bus transportation will be available to return attendees to the DoubleTree Hotel. Attendees can also take the On The Yard Circulator transportation, with stops at several Yard Venues, including Visitors Center, Midshipman Store and USNA Museum (Preble Hall). Please see the Transportation Plan in your check-in packet for times, etc.

Company / Battalion Parties Friday Evening

Friday evening has been set aside as Free Time for Company / Battalion parties as separately arranged, either at the DoubleTree or in town. Other groups may want to arrange similar reunions. These events will be at individual expense.

Informative Presentation Saturday Morning DoubleTree Ballroom 10:00AM – 11:30AM

Virtual Tour of USNA James Minderlein, '65, Captain USN (ret), will provide a "Virtual Tour of USNA" covering the history, current focus and future direction of USNA. New Yard sites (e.g. the Cyber Building) will be emphasized. Class of 1955 investments and contributions to USNA will be highlighted.

Saturday Afternoon - Lunch On Your Own and Free Time

After the presentation, transportation will be available to take attendees from the DoubleTree to the Yard for Free Time activities. If there are athletic events available and of interest, we may arrange for transportation for those attendees wishing to attend the event.

Annapolis Trolley Tour: We have arranged with Towne Transport for a one hour tour of the city (not including USNA). Many attendees will not have been back to Annapolis since the 55th Reunion (or earlier). This tour received a significant positive response in the 2018 survey. We will ask you to indicate your current interest in taking this tour as part of the Reunion Registration survey noted above, and then affirm that interest at check-in. This is a first come, first served event and we want to ensure that we have adequate tour buses available to accommodate our attendees' interest. The tour operator will pick up and drop off attendees at the DoubleTree. Cost is \$15 per person to be paid in cash when getting on the bus (personal expense).

Class Banquet Saturday Evening 6:00PM – 9:00PM DoubleTree Ballroom

This event will be dressy, starting with a cocktail hour and followed by a plated dinner with your pre-selected choice of entrée (two selections offered). You will make this choice as part of your response to the Reunion Registration survey noted above:

- Butlered hors d'oeuvres,
- Served dinner including salad and your entrée choice: crab cakes or filet mignon.
- Dessert and beverage

Cash Bar throughout the evening (you pay the bartender – no need to buy tickets). We selected the mid-range price and quality (well known brands) for the spirits, wine and beer offered. We will have one bottle each of red and white wine on each table during the meal portion of the dinner.

There will be ample table seating in the Ballroom for joining classmates and guests. At check-in, we will have a sign-up sheet for you to indicate your preference for seating with particular individuals or groups. At any time during the reunion, please inform the Reunion Coordinator (David Wright) directly. We will make every effort to facilitate your preferred seating arrangement.

Hospitality Suite DoubleTree Hotel Leeward Room (lower level)

The Committee has arranged for a room to serve as a meeting place throughout the day and evening:

Thursday 12:00PM – 6:00PM; 9:00PM – 11:00PM.

Friday: 2:00PM – 11:00PM

Saturday: 12:00PM – 5:00PM; 9:00PM – 11:00PM

The Committee will provide light snacks and setups (water; soft drinks). You are encouraged to bring your own spirits, wine or beer, provided you take them with you when you leave. The room will be staffed by classmate volunteers. Last attendee to leave is responsible for locking the room.

Transportation Plan Friday and Saturday

Transportation service will be provided by the Annapolis Bus Company (ABC). Scheduled service starts Friday morning and runs through Saturday afternoon.

The DoubleTree will be our transportation hub. The transportation plan is focused on taking attendees to the Yard for scheduled events or personal touring activities. You can access the Yard with a personal vehicle, but be advised security requirements are strict and parking is very limited. You may gain access if the driver is handicapped with a valid driver's license and the vehicle has a handicapped license plate, or if you have a DOD-issued Identification Card and a valid driver's license. We will not have any temporary vehicle passes. You should carry your Reunion Name Tag with you at all times.

If you require the capability of a handicapped bus (e.g. wheelchair assistance), please contact the Reunion coordinator (David Wright dwrg6@aol.com (610) 733-9450) directly. ABC will then contact you directly to work out necessary arrangements at no extra cost to you.

The DoubleTree has two small shuttle buses (~10 seats each) that hotel guests can use to be dropped off and picked up within a five mile radius of the hotel. This is enough distance to get you to the Yard Gate 1 (but these buses cannot get on the Yard) or downtown. These buses would provide easy access to restaurants and shops in the Annapolis Towne Center and Mall which are near the DoubleTree. The hotel shuttles are not a scheduled service and we would compete for use with other DoubleTree guests.

Other Useful Information:

USNA Public Guided Walking Tours (Fee: \$10 per person):

Contact the Visitor Center (Gate 1): (410) 293-8687 tourinfo@usna.edu

Group tours: Mon – Fri: 10:00AM – 3:00PM; Sat: 9:30AM – 3:00PM; Sun: 12:00PM – 3:00PM

Visitor Center Gift Shop: (410) 293-4438; giftshop@usna.edu; Mon – Sun: 9:00AM – 5:00PM

Midshipmen's Store: (410) 293-2392; midstore@usna.edu

Mon – Fri: 7:30AM – 4:00PM; Sat: 8:30AM – 3:00PM

USNA Museum: Preble Hall (Gate 3)

Free admission. (410) 293-2108 museum@usna.edu

Mon – Sat: 9:00AM – 5:00PM; Sun: 11:00AM – 5:00PM

Museum Store: (410) 293- 7447

Mon – Sat: 9:00AM – 5:00PM; Sun: 11:00AM - 5:00PM

USNA Main Chapel and John Paul Jones Crypt

(410) 293-1100; Class of 1955 Investment

Mon – Sat: 9:00AM – 4:00PM

Sun: 1:00PM – 4:00PM

Church Services:

Catholic: Sunday Mass @ 9:00AM Main Chapel; Mass @ 11:30AM St. Andrew's Chapel

Protestant: Sunday Communion @ 8:15AM St. Andrew's Chapel; Worship @ 11:00AM Main Chapel

Jewish: Friday Shabbat Service @ 7: 15PM Miller Chapel at Commodore Uriah Levy Center

USNA Nimitz Library

Mon – Thu: 7:00AM – 10:45PM

Fri: 7:00AM – 10:00PM

Sat: 10:00AM – 6:00PM

Sun: 10:00 AM – 10:45PM

Robert Crown Sailing Center

(410) 293-5614