16 December 2021

Dear Classmates, Widows, Families, & Friends of the USNA Class of 1956:

Hello from Annapolis – With 125 days and counting until our 65th+1 Class Reunion, we are writing with an update on the planning!

Just this week we met with our contacts at The Crowne Plaza Hotel to confirm details of reunion events scheduled to take place at the hotel. The Crowne Plaza (formerly The Sheraton) was the site of our 50th reunion but has been completely renovated in the last few years. It is lovely and all rooms and common areas are easily accessible for everyone.

A few of the perks for those staying at the hotel include the availability of connecting rooms for anyone bringing extended family and/or caretakers and complimentary breakfast each morning served in the hotel restaurant or delivered to your room if you prefer. Additionally, we will have a 24-hour hospitality room stocked with beverages and snacks: perfect for those wishing to take time out of scheduled activities but still wanting to visit with old friends.

If you are ready to secure your reservations for the Crowne Plaza, please read the following directions carefully. If you run into any difficulty at all – contact our reunion event planner Devon Clouse at 410.533.3370 or devon@annapolis.events and she will be more than happy to assist you!

Crowne Plaza Hotel Annapolis Reservations

The Crowne Plaza Hotel at 173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD 21401 will serve as our reunion headquarters. The initial room block started to fill up quickly and we have been able to add more room nights, in particular for the Saturday night. The process to reserve rooms is fairly straight forward. **Be sure to call the Crowne Plaza's Main Reservation Line at 1.800.227.6963. Tell the reservationist that you are with the USNA Class of 1956 and use the Promo Code N2.**

NOTE: We want to encourage everyone to attend this reunion. One of the many reasons that the Crowne Plaza has been selected is the ease of accessibility for all and especially those requiring assistance. Our event planner supported a 70th class reunion at this hotel in June 2021 without any access/mobility issues that were not easily resolved. If you have questions – please call Devon Clouse to discuss your specific concerns.

Along with this update you will find the most recent copy of our Schedule of Events (SOE). Please remember that this is still a work in progress. We will continue to update and provide confirmations when speakers and tours are officially confirmed by USNA.

All events are included in your registration fee with the exception of Company and/or Battalion dinners on Thursday evening. We are encouraging Company Reps to plan these dinners. Annapolis is full of wonderful restaurants from which to choose. Please contact Devon for assistance; she can talk to you about the different restaurants, make reservations, and help arrange transportation if requested.

Lastly, below you will find a registration form. Please note two changes from the original sent in late August:

- We have lowered the price for any attendees under the age 18 to encourage class members to bring their grandchildren – If you have already paid full price for someone who falls into that age range – we will be happy to refund your overpayment.
- Due to an error in communication, the fee for spouses and widows was noted incorrectly on the original registration form. The actual fee is $400 as they are included in all of the events.

While we would like to encourage people to register as soon as possible, please note the following deadlines as they have been extended slightly.

Registration Deadline: February 15, 2022
Cancellation of Registration with Full Refund: March 15, 2022

On behalf of your Executive Committee, we are:

Jim Van Metre   Doug Hayman

Class of 1956 65th Reunion

April 20-23, 2022

Wednesday 20 April

0730-1600	Midshipmen Store Hours
0900-1700	Museum Hours
0900-1700	Visitor Center Hours
0900-1800	Registration/Check-In at The Crowne Plaza/Calvert Room
1830-2100	Welcome Reception at The Crowne Plaza/Prince George Room

Thursday 21 April

0730-1600	Midshipmen Store Hours
0800-1800	Check-In at Hotel
0900-1700	Museum Hours
0900-1700	Visitor Center Hours
0930-1530	Akerson Tower – Briefs and Lunch
	Speakers TBD but requests have been submitted which include
	Superintendent/Alumni Association Briefing/Academic Dean/Commandant/
	Virtual Tour/Director of Cyber Program and Cyber Building
1830-	Cocktail Reception at The Crown Plaza Hotel/Queen Anne Ballroom
	Dinner at locations as planned by Battalions and/or Companies/Locations TBD

Friday 22 April

0730-1600	Midshipmen Store Hours
0900-1700	Museum Hours
0900-1700	Visitor Center Hours
1030-1130	Memorial Main Chapel
1200-1215	Noon Meal Formation
1230-1400	Lunch at O'Club
1600-1715	Dress Parade on Worden Field - TBD upon USNA Schedule
1800-1845	Cocktail Hour at The Crowne Plaza/ Grand Ballroom
1900	Dinner Banquet at The Crowne Plaza/Grand Ballroom

Saturday 23 April

0900-1700	Museum Hours
0900-1700	Visitor Center Hours
0900-1000	Company Reps Meeting at The Crowne Plaza Hotel
1230-	Lunch at Selected Venue TBD
TBD	Bus Tours of Historic Annapolis and USNA
	Stops/Tours Schedules TBD. Stops may include Alumni Hall, Terwilliger Center, Wesley Brown Field House, National Sailing Center, Preble Hall Museum, Tecumseh Court, Hopper Cyber Building, USNA Golf Course, Brigade Sports Complex, Paca House & Gardens, and MD State House

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USNA Class of 1956 66th Reunion Registration
Please return registrations by February 15, 2022

Last Name_____

First Name_____

Name for Name Tag_____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Guests: Please list all guests/companions who will be attending with you. Note all names as you would like them to appear on nametag

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

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The reunion fee charged for each attendee covers costs associated with all events, reunion planning, hospitality suite, and transportation to and from events.

USNA Class of 1956 Class Member, Spouse, Widow

_____   X $400 per person $_____

USNA '56 Children, Grandchildren, and their Spouses (Age 18+)

_____   X $266 per person $_____

USNA '56 Guests – **(Age 17 and Younger)**

_____   X $133 per person $_____

Banquet Only – Guests attending the banquet only

_____   X $125 per person $_____

Total Enclosed _____

Do you and your guests plan on staying at The Crowne Plaza Hotel? _____

Do you or anyone in your party anticipate requiring special accommodations during your time here in Annapolis? Please just check Yes _____ or No_____. If you check yes, we will call or email you as the reunion gets closer to ensure that support is planned and ready for you during the reunion.

Please contact Devon Clouse with any questions or concerns.
devon@annapolis.events
410.533.3370

All checks should be made out to USNA Class of 1956
Return completed form along with payment to:
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