

Class of 1973 50th Reunion



October 5-8, 2023

Registration Summary: We have, to date, 1047 people who have registered for the reunion. That includes 51 signed up for golf, 616 for the Shipwreck Party, 574 for the class meeting, 633 for the memorial service, 586 for the lunch at the Naval Institute, 433 for the Superintendent's briefing, 931 for the game and tailgate, 416 for the King Hall brunch and 382 for the Dinner/Dance in Dahlgren Hall.

Check In:

Thursday – **Westin 1300 – 1700 and N* Room 1800 – 2000 (Shipwreck Party)**

Friday – **Westin 0900 – 1800**

Saturday – **Westin 1000 - 1230; Tailgate at the N* Room 1330 - 1630**

Nametags and lanyards will be provided to those that registered. Nametags will include the name(s) you used in registration, as well as symbols for the events you paid for and the schedule. A minimum number of paper schedules will be available at check in, but we are trying to save the trees and limit expenses.

Bus Schedule:

Thursday, October 5, 2023

1815 – 2230 3 buses - Continuous shuttle between DoubleTree, Westin Hotel and Stadium (Shipwreck Party in N*Room)

*2230 - Last departure from USNA Stadium

Friday, October 6, 2023

0830 – 1300 6 buses - Continuous shuttle between DoubleTree, Westin Hotel, Naval Institute (Hospital Point), Alumni Hall and Mid Store. There will also be a minibus providing regular service to points within the Yard.

1300 – 1530 5 buses – Continuous shuttle between DoubleTree, Westin Hotel and Alumni Hall. Buses will provide service between the USNI building and Alumni Hall for the Supe's briefing.

*1530 - Last bus departs Alumni Hall for hotels before the parade

1715 – 1800 5 buses – Continuous shuttle between Alumni Hall, Westin Hotel and DoubleTree

*1800 - Last bus departs Alumni Hall for hotels after the parade

Saturday, October 7, 2023

0830 – 1200 2 buses – Continuous shuttle between DoubleTree, Westin Hotel and Mid Store.

1230 – 1930 4 buses – Continuous shuttle between DoubleTree, Westin and Stadium

Last bus departs stadium at 1930 unless the game runs over.

Sunday, October 8, 2023

0730 – 1030 3 buses – Continuous shuttle between DoubleTree, Westin Hotel and King Hall

*1030 - Last departure from King Hall

1630 – 2230 5 buses – Continuous shuttle between DoubleTree, Westin Hotel and Dahlgren Hall for the Dinner/Dance

*2230 - Last departure from Dahlgren Hall

Access to the Yard:

Buses: Bus access to the yard is currently being negotiated with USNA security. The current plan is for all buses to stop at the Fluegel Center, the new Alumni Assn. building, for ID check and then enter the yard through Gate 8.

Walk In: You can walk in gate 1 from 0500-0000 with any kind of State or Federal photo ID, including your driver's license.

Drive in: Gate 8 is always open, with a DOD ID card required for access.

Due to the boat show in Annapolis, Gate 1 will be open only for walk in traffic.

Exiting the Yard:

You can exit on foot through the turnstile at Gates 1 and 3 but cannot get back in through Gate 3 unless you have a DOD Common Access card. Gate 3 is closed for drive-in. Cars must exit through Gate 8.

Parking:

In the Yard: Parking is always difficult in the yard. Approximately half of the mid-store parking lot is blocked off as a staging area for McDonough Hall renovation. Best parking in the lower yard is along the Severn seawall on Dewey field. Also, there is now a two-story parking garage across from Alumni Hall. **A valid DOD ID card is required for access to the Yard.**

At the Westin: **A City Parking Lot is available under the Westin and associated buildings for access to the class buses, at reasonable rates.** Also, there is a multi-story parking lot across from the Westin that is available for overflow.

Mid Store: The Mid Store is available by using your reunion nametag.

Mobility Assistance:

Handicap Accessible buses will be provided (see bus schedule above).

For all N* room events, access is on the ground level. Elevators are available from the N* room to stadium seating. **Accessible (ADA) seating is available throughout the lower level of the stadium on the upper blue (west) and gold (east) side.** These seats are available on a first come, first serve basis by calling the ticket office prior to the game. Based upon availability, there are also game day exchanges that can take place.

For King Hall Brunch – access at ground level on seaward end of King Hall.

For the Dinner/Dance in Dahlgren Hall enter from the seaward end as the landward end is closed for construction.

Stadium Rules:

USNA has adopted a clear bag policy for entry into the stadium. The rules are as follows:

Permitted Items: Clear bags no larger than 12"X12"X6", small clutch purses no larger than 4.5"X6.5", blankets, seat cushions, diaper bags, umbrella strollers, and video cameras. All items will be inspected.

Prohibited Items: Backpacks, computer bags, purses, fanny packs, brief cases, binocular cases, camera cases, tote bags, firearms, bottles (glass or plastic), cans, thermoses, coolers, alcoholic beverages, outside food or drink, large bags, folding chairs, umbrellas, profession cameras and tripods, noise makers, hanging banners/signs/sticks, chains, illegal substances, laser pointers, clothing containing vulgar language, large strollers, fireworks, aerosol cans, pets, pepper spray, and any item deemed by management to be dangerous or inappropriate.

Class Store: All purchases of 1973 emblematic items are voluntary. Emblematic items will not be handed out at the reunion. Classmates who were interested in purchasing Class of '73 merchandise have already ordered and received their items. However, the Class Store will remain open until October 22, 2023 to give classmates one last chance to order items. Items ordered between now and October 22, 2023 will be shipped during the week of November 27, 2023 and will arrive before the Christmas Holidays. The link for access to the Class Store is <http://www.usnaclasstore.com/73store.html>

Reunion Events:

Thursday Oct 5

Golf: The class golf tournament will be held on Thursday at "The Preserve at Eisenhower" Golf Course (1576 Generals Highway, Crownsville, MD), about 15 minutes from The Westin. There will be a shotgun start at 0900. In order to ensure a shotgun start we have joined with the class of 1983, but our class will be paired together.

Ride-2-Remember: Several members of our class have ridden bicycles from Astoria, OR to Annapolis, MD to symbolically those who have gone before us. Each day of the ride is dedicated to one or more fallen classmates and now ride with us in spirit back to where our shared and unique journeys began more than fifty years ago. **The Ride-2-Remember team will enter the yard through Gate 8 at approximately 1430. After a ceremonial loop through the yard there will be a tribute ceremony at the Columbarium at approximately 1530.**

Shipwreck Party, Thursday 1830-2030 N* Room at the Stadium: A meet and greet cocktail party to welcome everyone to the festivities. Dinner will include a pasta station, carving station, coffee/tea and soft drinks, and a cash bar (credit cards or cash). Limited informal seating will be available. Transportation will be provided from The Westin and the DoubleTree hotels. Paid parking is available at The Westin and at the stadium. **Dress is casual.**

Friday Oct 6

Class meeting, Memorial Service, lunch: The class meeting will be held at 1000-1045 at the new Naval Institute Building on Hospital Point, followed by a memorial service (1045-1200) to honor those that have gone before us. Lunch will be available following the memorial service. **Dress is slacks and collared shirts for men and appropriate attire for women.** Transportation will be provided from The Westin and DoubleTree hotels.

Posthumous Degree Award to Lance Fremd 1300-1330 Fremd Room, Dahlgren Hall:
Transportation will be provided from USNI and return to Alumni Hall for the Supe's briefing.

Superintendent's Briefing 1350-1500 Alumni Hall: The Supe will address our class and other alumni classes with a USNA SITREP. **Dress is slacks and collared shirts for men and appropriate attire for women.** Transportation will be provided from The Westin and DoubleTree hotels and from the Naval Institute Building to Alumni Hall.

Dress Parade on Worden Field: 1600-1715 Special seating will be available for '73 and significant others. **Dress is slacks and collared shirts for men and appropriate attire for women.** Transportation will be provided from The Westin and DoubleTree hotels.

Company Parties Friday Evening: Company parties are the responsibility of the company reps or designees.

Saturday, Oct 7

Class of '73 led Faith-based, Non-denominational Fellowship Service 0900-1100 Memorial Hall
Continuous shuttle service between the DoubleTree, Westin and Mid Store will be provided from 0830-1200 for the Fellowship Service and Mid Store

Football Navy vs University of North Texas and tailgate (Kickoff 1530):

Every person who is attending the football game/tailgate in the N* room must have a football ticket to enter.

Tailgate 1330 – 1930 N* Room at the Stadium

The tailgate will be held in the N* room on the Navy side of the stadium. The entrance is on the ground level, blue side (west) of the stadium. Buses will drop you right outside the N* Room. **Dress is casual.** Food and beverages will be provided as follows:

TASTE OF THE CHESAPEAKE MENU:

Hot crab dip station with crackers, tortilla chips, vegetables

Herb-marinated grilled chicken

Hot pit beef, Kaiser rolls "Fixin's Bar" - ketchup, mustard, mayo, BBQ sauce, horseradish cream sauce, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, horseradish

Chesapeake Bay oysters served with hot sauce, cocktail sauce, horseradish, lemons

Peel n'eat shrimp with cocktail sauce

Maryland crab soup
Caesar salad
Cole slaw
Homemade salt and pepper chips, onion dip
Fresh baked chocolate chip cookies, double fudge brownies, Nutty Buddies
Unlimited draft beer - McGarvey's Aviator lager, Goose Island, Bud Light
Unlimited red and white wine
Soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea, water
Coffee and tea
Mixed drinks may be purchased via cash or credit card
Dress is casual

Sunday Oct 8

Brunch in King Hall 0800-1000: Dress is slacks and collared shirts for men and appropriate attire for women. Transportation will be provided from The Westin and DoubleTree hotels.

Cocktail Reception/Dinner Dance Dahlgren Hall:

Cocktail Reception, Sunday 1700 – 1800 Dahlgren Hall

Dress is coat and tie for men and appropriate cocktail attire for women.

Transportation will be provided from The Westin and DoubleTree hotels.

Entry to Dahlgren Hall is from the Seaward Entrance due to construction on the landward side.

Imported and Domestic Cheeses: Red Windsor Layered, Huntsman, Cotswold and Chive, Stilton, Gouda, Cahill Porter, Muenster, Pepper Jack Cheeses, Strawberries, Grapes, Water Crackers

Cash bar (credit cards only) serving beer, wine and mixed drinks

Dinner Buffet, Sunday 1800-2200 Dahlgren Hall

Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter

California Field Greens Salad w/Garden Vegetables, Balsamic and Ranch Dressings

Maryland Cream of Crab

Flat Iron Steak w/Merlot Bordelaise, Crispy Tobacco Onions

Herb Crusted Atlantic Salmon w/ Lemon Beurre Blanc

Rigatoni & Italian Pasta w/Roasted Red Peppers, Rapini, Cured Olives (**vegetarian**)

Chef's Selection of Seasonal Accompaniments

Chef's Selection of Desserts

Freshly Brewed Coffee and Hot Tea - Joffrey's Arabica Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Fine Tea

Cash bar serving beer, wine and mixed drinks (Credit Cards Only)

A DJ will provide your musical entertainment

The following are members of the 50th Reunion and their primary areas of responsibility. All have worked hard over the last few years, and all have provided valuable input to ensure a great 50th reunion:

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