

What is the Medallion Ceremony: To commemorate our 50th Reunion, the Commandant of the Coast Guard will present a 2.5 inch diameter inscribed medallion to each attending Classmate and to an attending family representative of a Classmate who has crossed the bar. With a blue and white ribbon lanyard the Commandant will place the medallion one by one around each classmate's or family representative's neck and tradition holds that we wear the medallion throughout the weekend while on base as a VIP pass.

When does the medallion ceremony take place? Usually Friday afternoon around 1630, closely following the cadet review in our honor.

Where will the medallion ceremony take place? This last year for the classes of '70 and '71, the ceremony took place on the Cadet Memorial Football Field, primarily driven by COVID concerns. In years prior it was held on the basketball court in Roland. The location for us is up in the air right now, but if I were to guess, assuming fair weather, I'd count on the football field. Chairs for our class will be set up on the field facing the stands and the cadets, who are invited and will attend, and other attendees will be seated in the stands. If on the basketball court, our class will be seated on the court facing away from the river and cadets in the bleachers. Regardless, there will be a walk from the Washington Parade Ground to the football stadium or Roland.

Guests: Each classmate or family representative may invite one guest to be seated with them, but not required. Please note the name of your spouse or guest.

Seating Arrangement: The committee selected Greg Johnson to be in charge of the Medallion Ceremony and be the speaker for the class. Therefore, Greg and his wife Sharon will be seated in the front row far left. The attending family representative and up to one guest, will be seated to the right of the Johnsons in alphabetical order of our classmate's last name. Then our classmates, and their spouse or guest, will be seated in alphabetical order left to right.

Attendance and Name Pronunciation: The class owes the Alumni Association a list of classmates attending and their spouse or guest and classmates who have crossed the bar AND the attending family representative and their guest. As part of that list, we include the classmate's retired rank and if not retired, then Mr. or other preferred title, e.g. Professor, Doctor, The Reverend, etc. The committee will provide a pronunciation guide to aid the announcer in pronouncing our names. The classmate's name will be announced as it is printed in your Tide Rips Graduation page. The list will also be used by the Alumni Assn to place names on the chairs to aid us in finding our seats.

Medallion Presentation: One by one, in order of our seating, our name will be announced and our graduation picture and name will be shown on a big screen. As each classmate's name is announced, only the classmate or family representative will stand to receive his medallion, the spouse or guest will remain seated. As we stand, the Commandant will place the medallion around his/her neck and may personally congratulate us, then move on to the next classmate.

Post Ceremony Picture: At the end of the medallion ceremony, classmates only will gather and be seated in the stands for a class picture.

What to wear?

Tradition holds, as this is a formal event. The Commandant and the Superintendent will be in Full Dress Blues. So, the committee recommends that Mates wear dark blue blazer with tie, gray dress slacks and a white or light blue shirt. Presently the committee is considering a unique reunion tie and, for the ladies, an infinity scarf, both based on designs offered by Classmates. Please wear a tie of your own choice if you elect not to wear the committee designed tie.

Note 1 of 3: This Medallion Ceremony 'uniform' will NOT be the same as for the class march on for Saturday's Football game.

Note 2 of 3. The events on Friday run one after the other so there will not be a good place to change clothes. What you wear to the medallion ceremony will probably dictate what you wear for the day Friday and into the dinner event on base Friday evening.

Note 3 of 3: These briefing notes will be incorporated into the All Things 50th Blog under the All Things 50th Reunion section of the Class website at the following link: <https://cga72.com/01-Main.html>

**Added 06/15/2022 - fr Reunion Committee
Clarification on Clothing for Medallion Ceremony**

Shirt - The committee's recommendation is to wear a light blue shirt, but white is acceptable.

Tie - With respect to the tie, the order form was to represent the tie only, you are not ordering the shirt. And the shirt being white on the order form does not infer wearing a white shirt. The committee still recommends we wear a light blue shirt, but if you don't have one and you want to wear a white shirt that is acceptable.

Pants - We recommend Dark grey or Charcoal dress slacks for the medallion ceremony.