

All Things 50th Blog

One Stop Shop for Reunion News and Plans – Updated 07.20.2022

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Items updated are reflected by **Update** annotation; in this updated Blog, **the following topics have been updated:**

- 1) Medallion Ceremony Roster
- 2) Reservations, Orders, and Payment info: Link to Alumni Association Homecoming Registration Form and important information when ordering multiple March On Shirts
- 3) Dress Code for March On
- 4) Class Headquarters

The committee will post a running and up to date summary of all reunion planning and activities here. This will be the primary source of reunion news as promulgated by the various Sitreps, and is endorsed by the Reunion Committee as the best source of the latest and most up to date information for the 50th Reunion. Please visit this website link often to stay up to date on reunion news.

Reunion Dates: Thursday October 13 – Sunday October 16

Update

As of 19 July, we have 119 Classmates and 241 total head count (spouses, family representatives, and other attendees) signed on to attend the 50th. We welcome Jim Cooper as the latest Mate to sign on to the roster. See the Medallion Ceremony Roster, which is a living document and will be periodically updated and posted here, at the following link:

[Link] [50th-RosterV11-vs072022.pdf](#)

Class Specific List of Events / Schedule / Costs

Thursday October 13

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| Time 12noon | Class Golf Outing at Elmridge Golf Course, Pawcatuck CT (8 foursomes) 12noon Shotgun Start appx \$72 including cart and prizes.
GregJ in charge...golf event details passed to signed-on golfers only |
| 6pm-10pm | Cocktail Party at Mystic Aquarium \$74.72/person |

Friday October 14

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| 11am-12pm | Spouses/Family Representatives Lunch at Alumni Center \$15.72/person |
| 11:15am-12:15pm | Lunch with Cadets in Cadet Wardroom (limited to Classmates) No Charge |
| 12:45pm-1:15pm | Memorial Service for Class of 72 in CGA Memorial Chapel |

- 1:15pm Inurnment for John Boggs at the Columbarium
- 3:15pm-4:15pm Review of the Corps of Cadets at Parade Field
- 4:30pm 50th Year Medallion Ceremony (Roland Hall-third deck, basketball court, now named Merriman Gym)
- 6pm Dinner at the *Merle J. Smith Club \$59.72/person

*Merle J. Smith Club is the former Officer's Club

Saturday October 15

- 11am Tailgate at Alumni Center \$15.72/person
- 1pm March-On before football game
tickets required to attend game and must be purchased from the Alumni Association order form...see Reservations, Orders, and Payment explanation below \$ TBD
- 7pm-11pm Dinner Party (buffet) at the Hilton \$74.72/person

Sunday October 16

No formal events planned, get-away day

As always, the Alumni Association hosts events independent of the Class specific events. A Class and Alumni Events Schedule which lists all reunion events is available at:

[link] <https://cga72.com/50th-ScheduleEvents.pdf>

[Reservations, Orders, and Payment](#)

Update→Time to Register and Pay Up

Link below is to the Alumni Association Homecoming Registration Form:

[link] https://www.cgaalumni.org/s/1043/21/interior.aspx?sid=1043&gid=1&pgid=6433&content_id=14922&authkey=rcv9wMy%2bU0rheSr5vylpwoYtA9%2fubm1XQs9icM8ByFnERg3uiL1mQw%3d%3d

Use the above registration form to pay for all homecoming and reunion events, including '72 apparel which you were asked to pre-order starting in June. Remember to pay for football game tics as well. Reminder: There is one exception to this; Class golf tourney entry fee is being handled separately, as signed on golfers have been advised via email with payment instructions.

As announced in June, 50th Reunion Class Clothing items must be pre-ordered not later than July 20th, then paid for using the Alumni Association registration form above. Why the need to pre-order? The apparel order to the manufacturer has to be submitted before the Alumni Association order form will probably be available. So pre-order (binding agreement) your gear not later than July 20th, then

only order and pay for items you pre-ordered, using the Alumni Association Homecoming Registration Form.

There is some very nice Class of '72 apparel with original designs by your Classmates and/or their Wenches! We're talking ties, scarfs, March On shirts, and ball caps. See list of 50th Reunion Class Clothing Items with pictures in the link below, and complete your pre-order:

Regarding sizing for the March On Shirt, the manufacturer has confirmed that the material is a synthetic / cotton blend, so there will be slight shrinkage. The manufacturer's representative states that a 180 lb man would wear a size Large, therefore please gauge your size accordingly.

Update: March On Shirts...the Alumni Association Registration Form is being amended to allow for purchase of more than one shirt, however, the registration form will still allow you to select only one size. Here's the work around if you want to order more than one shirt in different sizes: **You still need to pre-order using the Class order form link below**, and on Class pre-order form, specify how many shirts you want, and if different sizes, specify that as well (since the Alumni Association Registration Form cannot accommodate multiple sizes). So you will be paying the correct amount for the shirts through the Alumni Association Registration Form, and the reunion committee will deliver the correct sizes based on your pre-order. **The deadline for pre-ordering 50th apparel, including shirts, remains the same, TODAY, July 20th.**

[Link] <https://cga72.com/50th-ClothingOrderForm.pdf>

Class Headquarters:

The Mystic Hilton is the Class Headquarters for the 50th.

Update: the Alumni Association Registration Form correctly lists the Mystic Hilton as the Class Headquarters, and provides info to reserve rooms. However, as the blog has been stating for some time, the Hilton is booked out / no more rooms at the inn. Don't get lulled into the false impression that you can still book rooms at the Hilton with the Class negotiated rate.

The multiple block of rooms at the Class negotiated rate are now sold out. If you elect to cancel your reservation at the Hilton, please notify Meis first by contacting him at tmeisenzahl@sbcglobal.net. Meis may be able to work some magic and retain rooms from the blocks which are cancelled, and then have those rooms allocated to Mates or Family Representatives. If you desire to be placed on a wait list for a room, let Meis know.

COVID Protocol and Restrictions:

As we've all learned over the last two years of the pandemic, COVID protocols and restrictions are fluid. The committee will coordinate closely with CGA and pass the word regarding any COVID related requirements as the 50th approaches.

Medallion Ceremony Protocol

Many may find this to be the most important and meaningful event of the reunion. Our Reunion Committee Coordinator for the Medallion Ceremony is Greg Johnson. Our Class is the guest of CGA and the Alumni Association who sponsors the event each year for the 50th Class, and Greg is

spending considerable time coordinating with the Alumni Association to make this event special. All attendees are encouraged to read the link below regarding the ceremony to understand the protocol each attendee will be asked to follow. Note: please read, there is significant new information.

<https://cga72.com/50th-MedallionCeremonyProtocol.pdf>

Dress Code

Medallion Ceremony: Navy Blue Blazer, light blue dress shirt (preferred) or white dress shirt, tie (Class tie or Mate's choice of tie), dark gray or charcoal dress slacks (no khaki please, I repeat, no khakis).

Update: Uniform for March-On: Blue Blazer over Class March On Shirt (preferred). Casual trousers, including dress jeans (no holes), and 50th **Medallion** around the neck.

Dress Code for other Class Specific Events: Casual (coat and tie optional). Since the Class Dinner on Friday follows the Medallion Ceremony, Mates may elect to "dress down" and remove coat and tie if they so wish.

POC for Family Representatives Attending 50th

[link] <https://cga72.com/50th-POCFamilyMembers.pdf>

Transportation

The committee will be contracting for transportation between the Mystic Hilton and CGA. There will be very limited parking at and near CGA for us as the 50th Class, details to follow.

Chauffeured golf carts on a roving basis will be providing transportation during reunion events at CGA. If anyone requires dedicated cart transportation, please advise the committee as far in advance as you can, and every effort will be made to accommodate.

The Reunion Committee Chairman, Charlie McCarthy, and various other committee members are attending Alumni Association Homecoming Reunion Coordinator Meetings. The Alumni Association plays a prominent role in coordination of Class reunion activities with CGA.

Your Reunion Committee

Chairman Charlie McCarthy and Robbie McCarthy, Jim and Janice Norton, Bill and Ella Armstrong, Tom and Elaine Meisenzahl, Tom and Maggi Paar, Tony Stimatz, Tiger McCarthy, Greg Johnson, and Terry Newell.

Periodic SITREPs in the immediate future will be abbreviated reports pointing to links at the Class website. The website will be the primary source of information for Class reunion activity. There will be no need to look back to old Sitreps to stay current since this blog will be the latest and most up to date information for "All Things 50th."

Please direct questions to Newelli at twnewell@gmail.com and he will coordinate a response from the committee.

~Very Respectfully,

Newelli Sends for the Reunion Committee, and Mark Noll aka Neptune, the Class Webmaster

**"Non pro uno, sed pro omnibus"
Not for one, but for all.**

A GOOD TIME WILL BE HAD BY ALL