

All Things 50th Blog

One Stop Shop for Reunion News and Plans – Updated 09.06.2022

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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) Directions for Pre-Ordering Class apparel has been removed since deadline has passed
- 3) Transportation and Parking

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

Medallion Ceremony Roster (list of who has committed to attend the reunion)

As of September 6th, we have 114 Classmates and 232 total head count (spouses, family representatives, and other attendees) signed on to attend the 50th. See the Medallion Ceremony Roster, which is a living document and will be periodically updated and posted here, at the following link:

[Link] <https://cga72.com/50th-RosterV11-vs090622.pdf>

Class Specific List of Events / Schedule / Costs

Thursday October 13

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

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 Classmate Colonel John Boggs, USAF (Ret.) at the Columbarium
- 3:15pm-4:15pm Review of the Corps of Cadets at Parade Field
- 4:30pm 50th Year Medallion Ceremony (Cadet Memorial Field – football stadium)
- 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

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%2fubm1XQs9icM8ByFnERq3uiL1mQw%3d%3d

Use the above registration form to pay for all homecoming and reunion events, including '72 apparel which you were required to pre-order (no pre-order, do NOT order and pay for apparel at registration). 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. All 32 golfers have now paid their entry fees...good going hackers!

Class Headquarters:

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

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 several month now, 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.

Bus transportation directly between the Hilton and CGA will be provided. See below under topic Transportation and Parking for more info.

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.

<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>

Update

Transportation and Parking

Bus transportation directly between the Mystic Hilton and CGA will be provided at no cost. Those not staying at the Hilton may park at no charge in the Hilton parking lot, and utilize the bus. The bus will not make intermediate stops. Buses will be school buses, and will not be handicap accessible.

The deadline for signing up to take the bus expired on 8/31. The total head count for those desiring bus transportation is 153.

Limited parking will be available at Conn College as in the past. However, there will be no shuttle running between Conn College and CGA.

As in the past, there will be very limited parking at CGA during the reunion. The Alumni Association coordinates with the Academy and grants a limited number of parking passes to each of the 5 year reunion Classes via the respective Class reunion committees. The number of parking passes has not yet been announced by the AA. The reunion committee has determined that priority for the '72 parking passes will go to those with accessibility needs or other special needs. Committee members who will need to be at CGA early to facilitate the various events will also be issued parking passes. If you have a bona fide need for a parking pass due to accessibility or other special needs, and haven't already done so, please advise Charlie McCarthy at cmccarthy4467@sbcglobal.net. Details will follow on how the remainder of the parking passes will be distributed.

Chauffeured golf carts on a roving basis will be providing transportation during reunion events at CGA. There will also be a handicap accessible bus running on the Academy grounds Friday and Saturday.

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.

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 tnewell@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 DEFINITELY BE HAD BY ALL