

**Class of 1960**

**65<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

**2025**

# **Official Gouge**



**UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY**

**Annapolis, Maryland**

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Dear Classmates, Wives, Widows, and Guests,

We are delighted you can join us in celebrating our 65<sup>th</sup> reunion, which will begin Thursday afternoon (August 28<sup>th</sup>) with an inspiring visit to the Terwilliger Center for Student-Athletes. This will be followed by a welcoming reception at the hotel later that evening.

Friday will be a full day, starting with a service in the Chapel to honor those of us who have already weighed anchor for distant shores, followed by a buffet lunch at the O'Club, an update on recent developments at the Academy by the Superintendent, a parade on Worden Field, and a Battalion or Company Party.

Saturday morning will provide an opportunity to catch your breath and spend leisure time with classmates prior to witnessing Navy's first contest of the football season on the heels of last year's stellar performance. The day will conclude with a banquet and class meeting in the new Alumni Association and Foundation Center. Sunday will provide a bit of frosting on the cake as we brunch with the Mids in King Hall.

Most of what follows you have seen before, but there are several differences and additions that deserve to be highlighted. In no particular order, they are as follows:

1. The **bus schedule** has changed.
2. Contrary to earlier expectations, because **the Class of 2010** will be using a pricey stadium facility for their tailgate, there will be an associated charge of \$150 to access the site. Accordingly, instead of interacting with them at their tailgate as originally planned, we will visit with them immediately following the Superintendent's briefing and as we both make our respective ways to seating on the parade field. In other words, we will have close to a half hour with them in a more formal setting before the briefing and this time afterward for informal interaction. If anyone would like to attend the 2010 tailgate despite the added cost, please let me know right away at (202) 203-8360, and we'll take steps to make it possible (leave a voicemail).
3. At the **parade**, our reserved seating will be in the bleachers on the far side of the reviewing stand, electing shade over proximity. 2010 will be sitting on the near side, but in the sun. However, you should feel free to sit on whichever side you prefer when the time comes. Wherever you choose, you will need to **be in your seats by 1545**. The **USNA Parachute Team** and the **Brigade Silent Drill Team** will be performing before the parade begins.
4. At the **banquet**, everyone will be assigned to a table for two reasons. First and foremost is the fact that we're at an age in which going deep with folks we've known for some time is a higher priority for most of us than making new acquaintances. So, although we will have attended our Battalion or company parties the night before, the banquet seating will also be arranged by company and/or battalion to the extent possible. The second reason is to facilitate the serving of those who have dietary

restrictions. Although tables will be pre-assigned, it will be open-seating once you get there. If anyone wants to trade tables with someone else on a mutually agreeable basis, please feel free to do so; but highlight the change to your waiter if anyone involved has a dietary restriction.

The banquet will take place in the Reinemund Family Conference Room on the main floor of the Alumni Center. As you enter, you will pass through the Pre-function Room where mixed drinks and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. In that room, you will see your name and table number prominently displayed on the overhead monitors (in addition to the seating chart enclosed in this package).

5. The final half hour or so of our banquet will be devoted to a sit-in-place **class meeting**, which will largely focus on honoring a number of folks who have devoted countless hours over the years to serving the class.

## General Information

The following information is provided to make your weekend as enjoyable as possible. If you have questions or anything is unclear, don't hesitate to ask the relevant member of our Reunion Committee.

### 65<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee

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| 1. Doug Johnston (5)   | Coordination (202-203-8360) <a href="mailto:dmjj60@gmail.com">dmjj60@gmail.com</a>                    |
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**Hotel.** The DoubleTree Hotel at 210 Holiday Court in Annapolis has been selected as our base of operations. Plentiful parking is available outside the hotel and is free of charge.

**Check-In.** Official check-in for the weekend will take place in the Harbor Room at the DoubleTree on Thursday, August 28 from 1400-1800 and Friday from 0730-0930. Any classmates who arrive without having previously registered will be expected to pay with check or cash, before checking in.

At check-in, each registered classmate will receive a tote bag with the following items:

- Name badge for each registered person. These name badges should be worn at all reunion events both to identify the wearer as a registered class member, spouse, widow or accompanied guest and to facilitate recognition during the reunion.

- The Gouge, including a revised bus schedule, a list of classmate attendees, and the latest sea story to emerge from the depths of Bancroft.
- Navy Guide to Annapolis
- Annapolis Visitors Guide

**Memorabilia.** Since we are at the stage in life where one begins to divest rather than accumulate, there will be no memorabilia this time around. However, a grateful shout-out to Tugg Knorr from the 20<sup>th</sup> Company for providing a never-ending stream of wonderful mementos celebrating our times together in past reunions. For those who might in fact be looking for more, you can order any number of things off the usna.com website, some of which can be embossed with our class crest. Also, as part of the Naval Academy's Run to Honor Program to perpetuate the legacy of alumni lost in service to the nation during combat or military operations, one can order a Run to Honor T-shirt with "Run to Honor" on the front and our class crest and the names of our Memorial Hall classmates on the back. The shirts are \$26.60 and can be purchased through Steve Swift, a former SEAL out of '87 at [steve.swift@verizon.net](mailto:steve.swift@verizon.net)

**Reception.** A welcoming reception will be held for all attendees on Thursday evening from 1830-2100 in the DoubleTree Main Sail Ballroom. Greet your classmates and enjoy drinks, beer, wine, or sodas at a cash bar. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served.

**Memorial Service.** The Memorial Service honoring our departed classmates will take place from 1000-1100 on Friday in the Naval Academy Chapel. Buses will depart at 0915 from the DoubleTree Hotel to the Chapel. Luther Alexander, a former Command Chaplain at the Academy, will assist in our tribute to those who have gone before.

**Link in the Chain.** Our Link in the Chain (Class of 2010) purposely chose the same weekend as us to celebrate their 15<sup>th</sup> reunion. Accordingly, we will be linking up with them on Friday immediately prior to and after the Superintendent's presentation in Alumni Hall.

**Football.** For folks with mobility issues who don't want to cope with the seating at the stadium, you should be able to watch the game from the restaurant at the DoubleTree. There are three large screens but rather limited seating, so you may want to get there on the early side. The game cannot be viewed from individual hotel rooms. The Navy football team uses the DoubleTree for dinner and rest prior to all home games, so you may run into some of them on Friday or Saturday.

**Transportation.** Bus transportation is provided between the hotel and the Yard for all scheduled reunion events. The buses will be clearly marked with Class of 60 on the front and side. Recognizing that some of us are beginning to lose a little spring in our step, we will have at least one bus in all of our travels that is equipped to accommodate folks who may require a bit of assistance along the way.

The bus schedule is attached. **Please note that all buses will depart from the Conference Center entrance (on the left side of the hotel as you face the building).**

**Please try to be ready to board at least 15 minutes before the buses are scheduled to depart.** Also, for the short distances between the Chapel, the O'Club, Alumni Hall, and the parade field, golf cart assistance will be provided for those who need it.

Bus transportation back to the hotel will be provided after the O'Club lunch for anyone who wants it.

**Security Measures/Yard Access.** Pedestrian access to the Yard requires a valid photo ID. It is suggested that you always carry a photo ID when you are away from the hotel. The reunion name badge by itself will not allow entry into the Yard. However, it is suggested that you always wear it whenever you are attending a function or going into the Yard.

Only vehicles driven by active-duty military, retired military with valid ID, or with valid handicapped decals/stickers will be permitted to drive onto the Yard. A photo ID is required for the driver and passengers. Parking within the Yard is extremely limited, especially during normal working hours.

**Terwilliger Center for Student Athletes.** For those who arrive early and would like to see it, two buses have been arranged to take you over for a short visit on Thursday at 1500 from the hotel. Dick Pariseau, a standout football and lacrosse veteran from the 1<sup>st</sup> Company, and Lew Hilder, a track star from the 5<sup>th</sup> Company, will ride the separate buses to provide a bit of context before you arrive at the Center. Once you arrive, there are any number of displays that will attract your interest, so feel free to roam as you wish. If you are unable to make this trip, we highly recommend you try getting there on your own if you can find the time. It's a short walk from Gate One. The buses will also stop at the Visitor Center, which is in close proximity to the Terwilliger Center.

**Religious Services.** The bus schedules on Sunday morning are timed so you can attend a religious service and also have brunch with the Mids if you'd like to do both.

**Cost.** In the interest of controlling costs, and recognizing that many of us have given up drinking, we have opted for cash bars at the reception, the O'Club lunch, and the Alumni Center Banquet. Please note that the costs associated with the Battalion and Company parties are to be paid separately at those functions.

**Miscellaneous.** In amplification of the gouge contents, please note the following:

- At the game, bus transportation will be provided at halftime for anyone who wants to return to the hotel at that time.
- The tour of the Alumni Center is not a formal tour but rather free time for you to walk around and familiarize yourselves with the layout and trappings of the new center. The bar will be open in the Pre-Function Room (to the left as you enter on the main floor) and you can tour the premises with drink in hand as the spirit moves. You and your guests should plan to be seated at your assigned table by 1830.

- Apparently, the outer doors to King Hall operate off of a key card, and aren't always monitored. Once inside, please keep an eye out for other classmates who appear later and may need you to open the door for them.
- Please do your best to start boarding the buses 15 minutes ahead of when they are scheduled to depart. Again, the buses can only pick you up and drop you off at the Conference Center entrance, which is almost directly below the Harbor Room where you will be registering and checking in. An elevator to take you there is right around the corner from the Harbor Room.
- **Dress code for all events: As you think appropriate for the occasion.**

Carpe Diem,

Your Reunion Team

## **Schedule of Events**

### **Thursday, August 28, 2025**

- 1400-1800 Check-in/Registration in the Harbor Room at the DoubleTree Hotel
- 1500 Buses to Terwilliger Center for Student Athletes (and Visitor Center)
- 1830-2100 Welcome Reception in the DoubleTree Main Sail Ballroom

### **Friday, August 29, 2025**

- 0730-0930 Check-in at DoubleTree Harbor Room
- 0915 Buses depart DoubleTree Hotel for USNA Chapel
- 1000 Memorial Service in USNA Chapel
- 1030 Bus departs DoubleTree Hotel for O'Club
- 1115 Buffet lunch at USNA O'Club (golf cart assistance from Chapel)
- 1315-1345 Link in the Chain event in Alumni Hall (golf cart assistance from O'Club)
- 1350-1500 Alumni Association Welcome and Superintendent's Briefing
- 1500 Link in the Chain continued
- 1545 Parade
- 0715 Buses to hotel
- 1700-1830 Superintendent's reception for Flag-rank alumni and class officers
- 1830 Bus from Alumni Hall to hotel
- 1900+ Battalion Parties (times and locations determined by Battalion coordinators)

### **Saturday, August 30**

- 1030 Buses depart to stadium
- 1200 Kick-off against VMI
- 1530 Buses return to hotel
- 1730 Buses to Alumni Association and Foundation Center (301 King George St.)
- 1800 Tour Alumni Center

1830	Class Banquet in Alumni Center Reinemund Conference Room
2100	Class Meeting
2130	Buses return to hotel

**Sunday, August 31**

0800	Bus shuttle to the Chapel and King Hall from the hotel, leaving the hotel on the hour and returning from the Chapel/King Hall on the half hour until 1230 (or as close to these times as possible). Breakfast/Brunch with the Mids runs from 0800-1100.
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## **Bus Schedule**

### **Thursday, August 28**

#### 2 buses

1500 Hotel to Visitor Center and Student /Athlete Center

1630 Student/Athlete Center & Visitor Center to Hotel

### **Friday, August 29**

#### 3 buses

0915 Hotel to Chapel

#### 1 bus

1030 Hotel to O'Club

#### 2 buses

1300 O'Club to Hotel

#### 2 buses

1715 Parade Field to Hotel

#### 1 bus

1830 Alumni Hall to Hotel

### **Saturday, August 30**

#### 3 buses

1030 Hotel to Stadium

1530 Stadium to Hotel

1715 Hotel to Alumni Center

2130 Alumni Center to Hotel

### **Sunday, August 31**

#### 2 buses

Will make continuous roundtrips at half hour intervals between the hotel and the Chapel/King Hall starting at 0800 and ending with a return trip at 1230 (or as close to this schedule as possible).

**\*At least 1 accessible bus to be included on all trips.**

## **Battalion and Company Parties**

<b><u>Battalion /Company</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Point of Contact</u></b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (1,2,3,4 Co's)</b>	DoubleTree Hotel Lookout Room	1830	Merf Moerschel 410) 991-3739
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion (5,6,7,8)</b>	The Severn Inn 1993 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd Annapolis 21409	1900	John Michalski (410) 757-6429
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Battalion (9,10,11,12)</b>			
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Company</b>	DoubleTree Hotel Main Ballroom East	1830	Ron Burdge (410) 757-2179
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Company</b>	DoubleTree Hotel Captain's Room	1830	Ray Jones (407)221-6779
<b>11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup> Companies</b>	DoubleTree Hotel Ports Restaurant	1800	Jack Lynch (973) 224-7967
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion (13,14,15,16)</b>	Paul's Homewood Restaurant 919 West St. Annapolis 21401	1830	Bob Antonio (443) 223-0807

**4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Battalions**  
**(17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23)**

DoubleTree Hotel  
Main Ballroom East

1830

Bob Osmon  
(757) 564-3088

**6<sup>th</sup> Battalion (24)**

The Severn Inn  
1993 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd  
Annapolis 21409

1830

Dave Banner  
(301) 928-2018

# USNA 1960 Banquet Seating

Table 1	Company	Table 2	Company	Table 3	Company
Sandy Hastie	1	Jan Chabot	14	Willaim Ballard	4
Donna Hastie	1	Bill Lewis	5	Russ Hoke	6
Dick Pariseau	1	Linda Lewis	5	Johm Michalski	6
Becky Pariseau	1	Don Sanders	5	Nancy Michalski	6
Warren Hahn	5	Karen Sanders	5	Jack Suddath	6
Cynthia Hahn Borchhardt	5	Larry Ryan	5	Mike Gavlak	9
Johm Claman	3	Paige Goulart	5	Mike Gavlak, Jr	9
Joyce Claman	3	Mark Goulart	5	Edward Vinje	9
Dave Criste	3	Doug Johnston	5	Richard Banister	9
Linda Criste	3	Dareen Johnston	5	Carol Banister	9
# at Table	10	# at Table	10	# at Table	10

Table 4	Company	Table 5	Company	Table 6	Company
Gary Cogdell	7	Ron Burdge	9	Martha Everman	9
Kathy Cogdell	7	Linda Burdge	9	John Pethick	9
Gene Gasser	7	Jack Greenhalgh	9	Nancy Pethick	9
June Gasser	7	John Groth	9	Norm Slezak	9
Rich Lang	7	Joan Groth	9	Harriett Slezak	9
Sandi Lang	7	David Hofman	9	Ray Jones	9
William Taylor	7	Nikki Schwatz	9	Vonnie Jones	9
Carolyn Taylor	7	Ken Reuter	9	Al Pauole	10
Lew Hilder	5	Bill Kee	9	Bob Stevenson	2
Lynn Hilder	5	Gail Kee	9		
# at Table	10	# at Table	10	# at Table	9

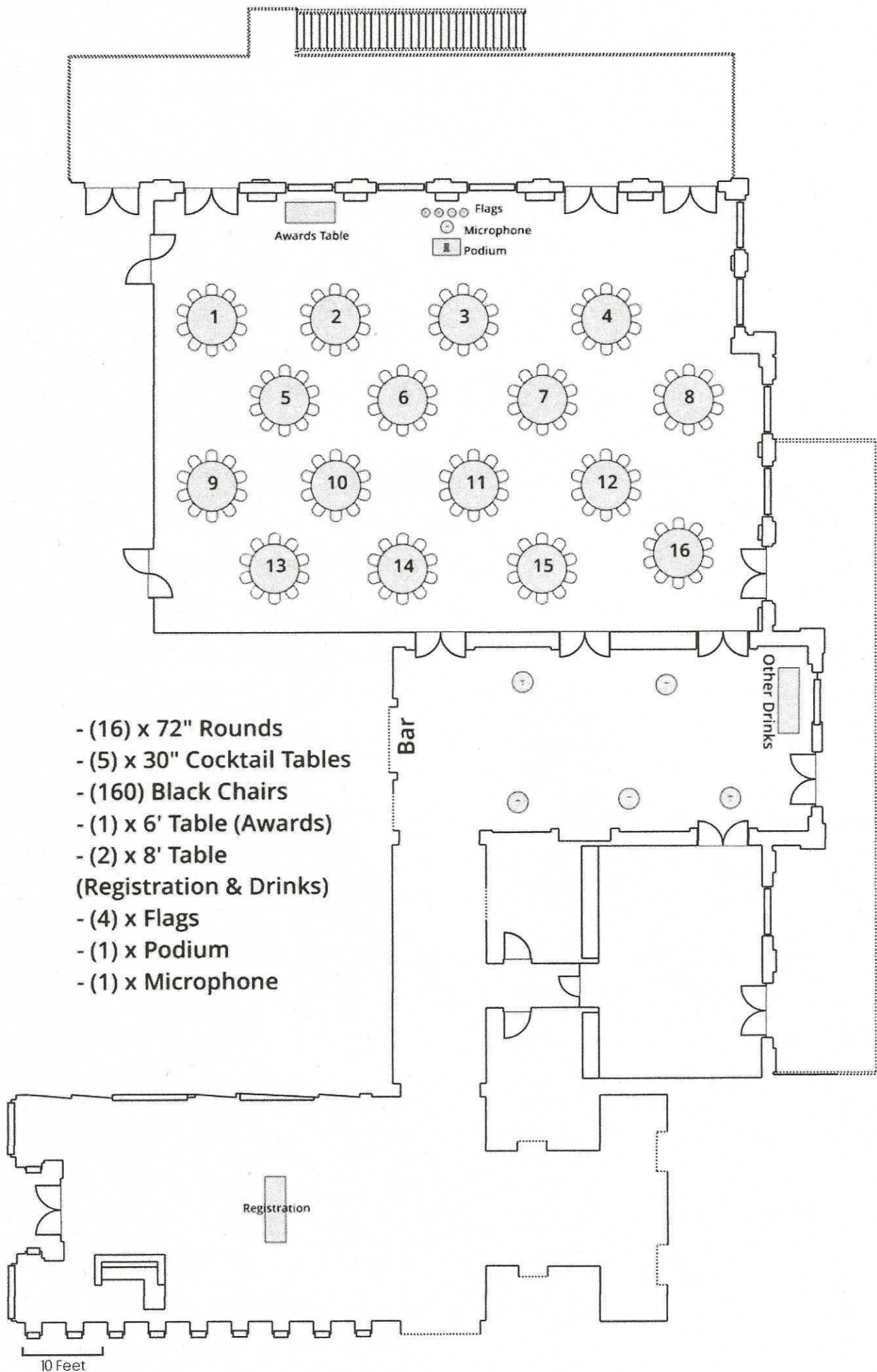
Table 7	Company	Table 8	Company	Table 9	Company
Robert Kunkle	10	Jack Paepcke	11	Jerry Cooper	13
Ann Kunkle Torney	10	Linda Paepcke	11	Ellie Cooper	13
Doug Menikheim	10	Wood Burns	12	Ron Hinkel	14
Mary Louise Menikhim	10	Catharine Gilliam Bt	12	Heather McNally	14
Marbeth Paulson	10	Harry Branson	13	Ron Koontz	21
Jay Hyland	10	Elizabeth Branson	13	Joyce Koontz	21
Lance Terry	10	Gary Lew	16	Kendle Priestley	21
Kay Terry	10	Annette Lew	16	Perry Priestley	21
Clint Johnson	10	Ken Batchellor	12	Bud Pezet	13
Monty Johnson	10	Bev Batchellor	12	Fae Daniels	13
# at Table	10	# at Table	10	# at Table	10

## USNA 1960 Banquet Seating

Table 10	Company	Table 11	Company	Table 12	Company
Jack Garrity	15	Jim Allen	18	Don Boecker	15
Helen Garrity	15	Ann Allen	18	Dr. Ann H Rose	15
Carolyn Bassett	15	Sarah Dutkevitch	18	Bob Ozmon	17
Al Ablowich	16	Mark Dutkevitch	18	Jim Kinney	17
Susan Poe	16	Jerry Fee	18	Cindy Kinney	17
Rusty Poe	16	Nancy Fee	18	Bob Tague	19
Allen Whitaker	16	Bob Meck	19	Kaaren Tague	19
Inge Whitaker	16	Vicki Meck	19	Charles Petersen	18
Mimi Lewis	15	Peg Reid	19	Mary Alice Stone	18
Paul Lewis	15	Tom Hutt	19		
# at Table	10	# at Table	10	# at Table	9

Table 13	Company	Table 14	Company	Table 15	Company
Sal Zaccagnino	16	Tug Knorr	20	Dennis Vied	24
Alice Zaccagnino	16	Beth Knorr	20	Karen Vied	24
Jim Worthington	19	Walt Smits	21	Brian Geiger	24
Sara Worthington	19	Jo Ann Smits	21	Jennifer Geiger	24
Merf Moershel	2	Jim McConnell	21	Megan Geiger	24
Betsy Wilcox	2	Fay McConnell	21	Natalie Geiger	24
Joe Tenney	19	Bill Spearman	24	Richard Shawkey	24
Sherry Tenney	19	Jo Ann Spearman	24	Jonnie Shawkey	24
David Schnegelberger	16	Ed Mangan	20	Emma Shawkey	24
Karen Interlied	16				
# at Table	10	# at Table	9	# at Table	9

Table 16	Company
Dave Banner	24
Verna Banner	24
Bernard Cote	24
Janet Cote	24
Dennis Hickey	22
Catherine Hickey	22
Elizabeth Hickey	22
Emmet Hickey	22
Bob Townsend	19
Linda Townsend	19
# at Table	10



# USNA 1960 Reunion Attendees

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William	Lewis	5	bilewis@comcast.net
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Edward	Mangan	20	edmangan@aol.com
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## **Class of 1960 Highlights**

### **Firsts**

First class to graduate direct inputs to Adm Rickover's Nuclear Power Program

First class to graduate direct inputs to Submarine School

### **Athletics**

- 16 graduates inducted into Navy Athletics Hall of Fame
- Beat Army in football by widest margin since series began in 1890
- National Champions in lacrosse
- National Champions in fencing
- Competed in NCAA basketball championships
- Represented US at Rome Olympics in crew
- Represented US at Rome Olympics in fencing

### **Professional**

- 24 Flag officers
- 2 awarded Navy Cross
- 12 Silver Stars
- 23 Purple Hearts
- 28 lost their lives in military operations
- 5 of those in combat

### **Class Gifts**

- Mitscher Hall Memorial Plaza
- Funded Distinguished Visiting Professor Chair in National Security
- National Security Affairs Speaker Series
- Significant contributions to Athletic Excellence Fund and Annual Fund

## Reunion Musings

Sixty-nine years ago, we walked through Gate 3 to begin a lifetime of service to the nation. As we are about to gather to celebrate our 65<sup>th</sup> Reunion, we also celebrate a remarkable class legacy that has developed over the years. Even more important, though, have been the bonds of friendship that have stood the test of time.

Because of the Covid-related cancellations of our attempts at a 60<sup>th</sup>, it has been ten years since our last opportunity to celebrate old ties in a major way. So, we have some making up to do. Adding to this challenge is the fact that this may be the last opportunity for many of us to reinforce those bonds, while honoring classmates who are no longer with us, especially those who gave their all in military operations.

In some respects, today's Academy is quite different from the Academy we left in 1960. It has become a co-ed institution, new buildings and facilities have been added, and the daily life of a Midshipman no longer includes marching to class or pulling out one's slide rule to ace a quiz in Steam. Despite the changes, the values remain the same, as does the Academy's mission. Midshipmen continue to serve the Navy and their country with honor, just as we did.

As for the legacy, we were the last class to fly the N39 "yellow perils" and the first class to enter Rickover's Nuclear Power Program directly after graduation. We were also the first class to report directly to Submarine School for service aboard submarines. Until 1960, all officers entering Sub School had to first qualify as officers of the deck on surface ships.

Our class made its mark on the fields of play as well, with 16 graduates inducted into the Navy Athletics Hall of Fame. They and other classmates played central roles in beating Army in football by the largest margin since the series began in 1890, winning National Championships in lacrosse and fencing, playing in the NCAA basketball championships, and representing the United States at the Rome Olympics in crew and fencing.

That success continued after graduation as well, with 24 ascending to Flag rank, two classmates awarded the Navy Cross, 12 the Silver Star, two the Distinguished Flying Cross, and 20 the Purple Heart. Some 28 others lost their lives in military operations, with five of those in combat.

No matter how you cut it, we are called "Super-Sixty" for a reason. It is the camaraderie borne of the above and countless other experiences over the years to which we will be paying tribute at our 65<sup>th</sup>. If the planets align—join us if you can.

Go Navy!

Doug

## **The Latest Sea Story from Mother Bancroft**

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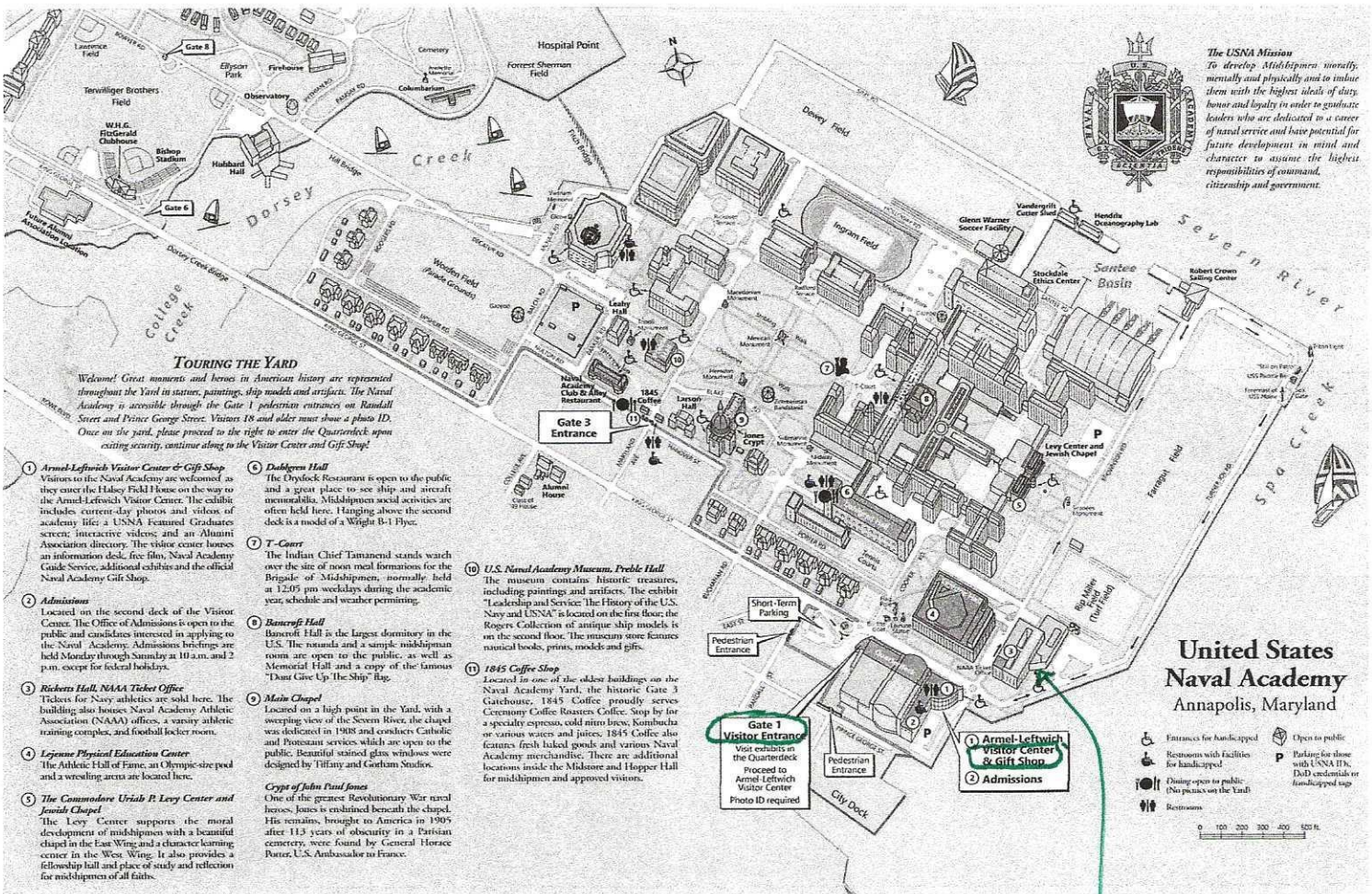
Animal mascots are a common feature in many university campuses. Navy is no exception. Bill the Goat has been a central figure in Academy rallies for over 125 years. It all began when a couple of midshipmen were taking a shortcut across a farmer's field on their way to a football game being played in a nearby field. The midshipmen kidnapped the farmer's goat and the rest is history.

It seems natural that at some point in time, a bronze statue of the goat would grace the Academy's grounds. It also seems natural that a statue of a rampaging goat would attract the attention of midshipmen. So it was that evening meal in late May 1957, that first classman, O.C. Baker, inspired the plebes at his table to rise to the occasion. "If we have a plebe (1<sup>st</sup> year midshipman) with the guts to decorate the goat before its presentation ceremony, I'll spoon (recognize) the plebe as a co-equal." O.C. Baker had run my tail into the ground for 9 months. The thought that I no longer would have to "brace up" in his presence was incentive enough.

The night before the goat's formal presentation, around 2 in the morning, I and my two roommates, made our way to Macdonough Hall where the goat statue lay waiting under a blue tarp. Gordie Caswell and Jim Prather stood guard while I used the artist's red oil paint I had brought. I had to reach under the tarp and feel around the goat's rear end to find the private parts that were to be "improved." I then squeezed out a portion of paint and smeared it by hand across the goat's private parts. The dirty deed finished, the three of us returned to our room.

The following morning workmen began preparations for the presentation ceremony. On discovering the foul deed, they tried to scrub away the paint. Unfortunately, the goat's bronze finish had absorbed the paint and the workmen were forced to steam clean the goat's behind. Although the ceremony was delayed by an hour, the presentation proceeded, only when the cloth cover on the goat was dropped, it revealed the goat's bright shiny private parts.

Taking their cue from their predecessors, over the years countless plebes were ordered to ensure the goat was properly prepared for major school events. The goat proudly displayed his shiny private parts for all to see until recently when the statue was moved to a guarded site. As for me, O.C. Baker shook my hand and henceforth I was freed from his hazing.



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