



55th Reunion Status Report 9 April 2026



The 55th Reunion Committee provides the following update on events scheduled from 8 – 11 October 2026.

1. Hotels

- All 85 rooms at the DoubleTree (DT), our reunion headquarters, are booked.
- As of 31 March, 36 of 46 rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn are booked. The hotel will make additional rooms available if the entire block is filled. To book a room at the discounted rate, go to: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/bwiangi-90i-92ee82b6-626e-4f9a-8bb4-97a971a9ea1c/>
- The DT has ample free parking, even for those not staying at the hotel, to attend reunion events and catch buses to the Yard and football stadium.

2. Football tickets

- The NAAA website (<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Class19712>) opened 6 April for ticket purchases in Section 1 (blue side, lower level). As of 9 April, only 4 of the 354 seats are left in Section 1.
- On 7 April, the NAAA opened Section 101 (blue side, upper level) for ticket purchases. Of the 320 seats available, 238 are still available as of 9 April.
- The NAAA has allocated 674 seats for the class in Sections 1 and 101 not including standing room only seats that may be available later.

3. Golf

- Perry Martini arranged for 13 tee times at Queenstown Harbor Golf Course starting at 0900 on Thursday, 8 October.
- These tee times will accommodate 52 golfers; Queenstown can add more times if needed.

4. Schedule

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf • Reunion check-in (DT) • Welcome aboard reception (DT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reunion check-in (DT) • Supe’s address • Dress parade • Company activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reunion check-in (DT) • Tailgate in N* room • Football game 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial service (DT) • Farewell brunch (DT)

- USNA has not yet announced the time of the Supe’s address on Friday nor the football game start time on Saturday.
- The committee will publish a detailed schedule when these events are set.

5. Transportation

- Buses will run from the reunion hotels to the Yard on Friday afternoon for the Supe's address and parade, and on Saturday to the stadium for the tailgate and football game.
- A shuttle bus will circulate within the Yard on Friday.
- Buses will have equipment to accommodate attendees with mobility issues. Please let the reunion committee know if you or a guest need accommodation.

6. Tailgate

- The tailgate will occur in the N* room in the stadium before and during part of the football game. A football ticket is needed to enter the N* room.
- Discussions are underway with the caterer to specify the menu.
- N* room capacity is 530+ (small tents can be added outside if needed) which should easily accommodate the expected attendance of 500 classmates and guests.

7. Welcome bag and ship's store

- The committee is working with the Midshipmen's Store to identify, design and price items to include in welcome bags for attendees, and in an online portal for individual purchase by classmates and guests, even those not attending the reunion.
- The online items will include a shipping charge (if the order is less than \$150.01) so the Mid Store can ship the items directly to the purchaser.
- Online items will include hats and visors, shirts, quarter-zip pullovers and Yeti mugs with a Navy '71 logo designed for the reunion, along with all the other items available for sale at navyonline.com.
- The committee will provide a preview of items available for sale in early summer with purchase details.

8. Registration and pricing

- The committee plans to open the registration portal soon using the same website as the 50th reunion.
- Cost development is still in progress.
- Perry Martini will send an all-class email to announce start of registration.

Your Reunion Committee,

**Jeff/Beth, Bob/Meg, Mike/Sandra, Craig/Carter, Walt/Judy, Jane, Cass/Karen, Dave/Patty,
Denny/Margo, Jim/Kathi**