



Dear Classmates, Wives and Friends,

*You've saved the date!
You're enduring the wait!
We've promised you it will be exceptionally GREAT!*

We are talking, of course, about our upcoming Fifty Fifth Reunion! While it still seems quite far away right now, at the rate time flies it will actually be here before we know it.

In fact, this letter is to give you an update on all the exciting plans that are in the works thus far, and more importantly, to let you know that **HOTEL REGISTRATION will begin on Saturday, June 1, 2019**. *That's just a few days away!*

As mentioned in our previous letters, the dates for the reunion are April 23-26, 2020. We have selected the Park Ridge Marriott as our reunion headquarters. The rate negotiated for our class is \$159 plus tax (*total of \$182*) per night. Recently renovated and located in a quiet wooded area just off the Garden State Parkway and south of I-287, the Park Ridge Marriott is the perfect spot for the gathering of our class.

Information on how to reserve your rooms is shown below. If you know now that you definitely plan to attend, we suggest that you jump in and make your room reservations early. We don't want any one to be disappointed if they procrastinate and reserve late, just to find that our group block is sold out! If you find that your circumstances change after reserving, you can always cancel your reservation up to two days prior to arrival without penalty.

HOTEL REGISTRATION DETAILS:

Park Ridge Marriott
300 Brae Blvd, Park Ridge, NJ 07656
201.307.0800 or 800.228.9290
Rate per night: \$159+

You will find the information for your online reservation link below. If you have questions or need help with the link, please do not hesitate to ask. We appreciate your business and look forward to a successful event.

Event Summary:

West Point Military Academy Class of 1965 Room Block

Start Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020

End Date: Sunday, April 26, 2020

Last Day to Book: Monday, March 23, 2020

Group Code: WPMWPMA (king) or WPMWPMB (double)

[Book your group rate for West Point Military Academy Class of 1965 Room Block](#)

Cancellations policy: Guests can cancel their reservations up to two days prior to arrival without penalty.

REGISTRATION FOR THE GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Bruce Clarke has volunteered to organize a golf outing as part of our 55th reunion. Ray Hawkins has volunteered to help Bruce and is digging out his institutional memory from past such outings. The hotel is prepared for the golfers to arrive on the evening of the 22nd so they can play the morning of the 23rd. The new golf clubhouse has not yet been built so the Ski lodge is serving as the clubhouse and pro shop. The plan is for a shotgun start at 0900. The cost of golf is \$55 per player (green fees and cart) A luncheon after golf can be catered as can a continental breakfast, The cost of lunch and breakfast of course will vary according to the menu. To start to put all of this together Bruce needs direct input on several questions:

1. Players?
2. Luncheon choice? cold cuts, beer and soda? Burgers and dogs beer and soda? etc?
3. Continental breakfast?
4. Format? Ladies tournament and men's? Or mixed teams?

Please let Bruce know (BBGClarke@aol.com) on your druthers.

REUNION REGISTRATION:

We are told that AOG will not be opening registration for the reunion until after the first of the year. We will send out information on the specifics in early January, so be on the lookout for that. In the meantime, it would be very helpful for our advanced planning purposes if you would take the time to fill out the on-line survey that Chuck Nichols is putting together for us. Expect to receive that survey in the next few days.

When Registration does begin, it can be done on-line and paid for by credit card if you so desire. We are attempting to keep prices more or less in the same range as the last reunion, but you can definitely expect that they will be somewhat higher.

PRELIMINARY ITINERARY:

A copy of our Preliminary Itinerary is attached to this letter. It is still in the works, so you should know that some changes could occur. We are enthusiastic about the theme of “Connect, Commemorate, Celebrate” and the many special plans that we have in store for you! *It's sure to be both deeply meaningful as well as lots of fun for all !!!*

THANKS TO THE CLASSMATES WHO VOLUNTEERED TO HELP:

Typical of the members of the Class of '65 and our motto of “Strength and Drive”, there was not a shortage of classmates and spouses who volunteered to join in to help make our 55th Reunion yet another great gathering! Attached is a list of those who are on the Committee. Many thanks to one and all. We are sure that the Committee Members would welcome additional help if you are so inclined. Feel free to get in touch with any of these committee members and volunteer your services.

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