



1.0 Reunion Overview

Reunions take place every five years in September or October. A reunion allows classmates to see old friends, make new ones who have shared their student experience, and re-engage.

Events hosted by class reunion committees are open to all alumni. Class reunion committees and the Alumni Association staff form a collaborative partnership to plan successful reunions. Strong class leadership is critical to a successful reunion. Classes with leaders who work collaboratively with other volunteers and the Alumni Association staff are classes that set attendance records and present record-breaking class gifts.

Homecoming/Reunion 2017

October 19 - October 22

Registration Open: June 1 - October 2

We hope you find the information in this manual helpful as you plan for your reunion. Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have any questions, requests or concerns. We are here to help you have the best reunion possible!

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3.0 Alumni Association Events

Homecoming Schedule & Registration Form

See Appendix B: Sample Homecoming Schedule and Appendix C: Sample Registration Form. The schedule of events and registration form will also be emailed to coordinators, published in *The Bulletin* and available online at www.cgaalumni.org/HC17. Please note that the Homecoming weekend schedule is updated frequently and shared with coordinators, and updated online as they are revised.

Registration / Tickets

- **Registration:** Registration is open June 1 to October 2
- **Registration Fees:** A registration fee of \$20 will be charged for all registrants who are not Alumni Association members.
- **Ticket Pick-Up:** Tickets may be picked up at the Alumni Center during the following times. Tickets will not be sent by mail.
 - Thursday, October 19 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - Friday, October 20 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, October 21 - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Parking at the Alumni Center:** The Alumni Center parking lot is for attendees picking up tickets. Please see *Transportation, Parking and VIP Parking* for parking options during the weekend.
- **Registrations After October 2:** Missed the deadline date? Tickets may be purchased on the 2nd deck of the Alumni Center on Thursday, Friday or Saturday during ticket pick-up hours. Tickets may not be purchased online or by phone after the registration deadline.
- **Refunds:** Refunds are available if they are requested prior to the registration deadline (October 2). After the registration deadline, registrants may designate their registration fees to their class or preferred fund.
- **Guest Registrations:** Please include the names of everyone you are registering for (ex. family, friend, spouse) on the registration form (hard copy or online).

Sponsorships

If you would like to sponsor a Homecoming event (ex. cocktail party, photo booth, CG Run to Remember, Medallion Ceremony, 50th Year Reception, etc.) please contact Eileen or Sue.

- **Bear Open Golf Tournament Sponsors:** We are once again offering alumni classes the opportunity to purchase tee sponsorships for the Bear Club Golf Open. The tournament will be held at Stonington Country Club on Friday, October 20. Tee sponsorships are available for \$250 and includes signage at the tee box and inclusion in the tournament program. All proceeds benefit the Bear Club and directly support CGA athletics. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available at various levels. For more information, contact Trueson Tarinelli, Director of Athletic Giving, at (860) 442-2683 ext. 29 or ttarinelli@cgaalumni.org or Abygale Lund, Development Officer & Operations Coordinator, at (860) 442-2683 ext. 19 or alund@cgaalumni.org.

Transportation, Parking & VIP Parking

- **Limited Parking Availability:** Parking on the Academy is extremely limited! We highly recommend hiring a bus (school or coach) to transport your class to and from the Academy. It is important to note that Academy Police **will tow** any car not following parking signs throughout the weekend. Again, we encourage you to come by bus.
- **Buses:** If you charter a bus, please provide Sue Fage with the name of your bus company so she may give them necessary instructions and information (ie. parking, cell phone number, etc).

The following companies provide bus chartering services:

First Student School Bus Company of Stonington, CT - (860) 599-0838

First Student School Bus Company of Waterford, CT - (860)443-2244

Constitution Coach Bus Company - (860) 646-0363

- **Golf Carts/Special Assistance/Mobility Issues:** Thank you to the Great Class of 1952 for funding the use of golf carts throughout the weekend! Alumni staff and volunteers will drive anyone around the Academy on Friday and Saturday. Our first priority is to the 50th year class and older reunion classes, as well as, individuals with mobility issues, oxygen and other special challenges.
- **Shuttles on the Academy:** There will be a shuttle service running on the Academy on Friday and Saturday. The shuttle accommodates 15 to 20 people, has a low step at the door, and is wheelchair accessible.
- **Shuttles off of the Academy:** A shuttle service will run between Connecticut College South Lot and Leamy Hall on Saturday only (times TBD).
- **North Gate (walk-in):** The North Gate will be open for walk-in guests on Saturday only (times opened TBD).
- **VIP Parking Passes:** VIP parking passes are granted to the 50th year and older reunion classes for designated Academy lots. Coordinators will be contacted a few days after registration closes with the number of parking spots available per class. Please remember to carpool when possible. We appreciate your understanding and patience with this challenge!

Accommodations for Guests with Mobility Issues

- **Handicapped Parking:** If you own a handicapped placard, please use it and park in one of the handicapped spaces in the VIP parking areas or anywhere around the Academy.
- **Elevator/Lifts:** Elevators and lifts are located in the Officers' Club, Leamy Hall, Hamilton Hall, Waesche Hall and the Chapel. The Chapel has a personal lift only and extra wide wheelchairs will not fit.
- **Football Viewing Area:** Guests with mobility issues may use the handicapped viewing area in the football stadium to watch the game. The football viewing stand is located at the south end of stadium closest to Billard Hall. Please make a note on your registration form if you would like to be seated in this area so that we are sure to provide enough chairs.
- *See Transportation Information above for more details about transportation on Academy grounds. Those with special health challenges (oxygen, crutches, etc.) are encouraged to contact Sue Fage to discuss golf cart and shuttle assistance or other concerns.*

Arrival by Boat

- **Docking:** Homecoming attendees arriving by boat may dock at the waterfront. Please make arrangements with Allen Kruger, Waterfront Director, prior to arrival at (860) 444-8575 or Allen.L.Kruger@uscg.mil.

Appendix A: Alumni Association Homecoming Events



Homecoming/Reunion 2017

October 19 - October 22 Register June 1 - October 2

Brought to you by your USCGA Alumni Association

www.cgaalumni.org/HC17

Athletic Hall of Fame & Alumni Association Awards Dinner

Thursday - 7 p.m.- 10:30 p.m. Awards

Come honor the 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and Alumni Association award winners at the Athletic Hall of Fame and Alumni Association Awards Dinner held at the Otto Graham Hall of Athletic Excellence in Billard Hall.

Bear Club Golf Open

Stonington Country Club

Friday - 7 a.m. arrival

Arrive bright and early for social hour and continental breakfast, then get golfing at the 8 a.m. shotgun start. Enjoy the use of golf carts, eat a hearty lunch and win some great prizes and giveaways! Sponsorship options available at www.cgaalumni.org/bearopen.

Lunch with Cadets

Wardroom/Chase Hall • Friday - 11:15 - 12:50 p.m.

Have lunch with the cadets in the wardroom and learn first-hand what cadet life is like today! Space is limited.

Run to Remember

Start and End at Leamy Hall • Saturday - 8:30 a.m.

Run or walk one lap around CGA to honor the Coast Guard men and women who died saving lives and defending our nation.

T-shirts will be provided to those who register.

Buffet Lunch

Officers' Club • Saturday - 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Enjoy a buffet lunch before the football game with the Classes of 1952 and 1957.

Walk-On & Football Game

Cadet Memorial Field • Saturday - 1:00 p.m.

Take part in the Walk-on with your class then watch as the Bears take on M.I.T. at 1:30 p.m.

Post-Game Cocktail Party

Otto Graham Hall of Athletic Excellence in Billard Hall
Saturday - After the game

All are welcome to attend the post-game celebration in the new Otto Graham Hall of Athletic Excellence to enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

6th Annual Women's Leadership Initiative Networking Brunch

Alumni Center • Sunday

Sponsored by the Women's Leadership Initiative, make this your new Homecoming tradition! Join us for an exciting networking brunch with active duty members, alumni, staff, officer candidates, cadets and local Coast Guard supporters. Meet the Service's future leaders and discuss your Academy and Coast Guard experiences. All profits go to the Women's Leadership Initiative Fund.

Other Activities Back By Popular Demand

Objee Bear Tracker

Children can use clues to track Objee around the Academy. Pick up your "tracker pack" at the Alumni Center ticket desk.

Photo Booth

Dress up and take a photo to bring home to show off all the fun you had at Homecoming.

Interested in sponsoring an event?
Contact Eileen Kelly at ekelly@cgaalumni.org

Appendix B: Sample Homecoming Schedule

Thursday, October 19 th		Ticket Pickup : Alumni Center - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
7:00 p.m.	Athletic Hall of Fame & Alumni Association Awards Dinner - Otto Graham Hall of Athletic Excellence in Billard Hall Cash Bar; Honoring the Alumni award recipients & Academy Athletic Hall of Fame inductees - <i>Reservations Required</i>		
Friday, October 20 th		Ticket Pickup : Alumni Center - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
7:00 a.m.	Bear Club Golf Open - Stonington Country Club, Stonington, CT Arrival/Continental breakfast; 8:00 a.m. shotgun start; Lunch included; <i>Reservations Required</i>		
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Coast Guard Academy Museum Open to Visitors - Waesche Hall		
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Hall of Heroes Open to Visitors - Chase Hall Quarterdeck Area Includes Wall of Gallantry, Wall of Remembrance and the Cadet Memorial Wall		
11:15 p.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Lunch with Cadets - Cadet Wardroom, Chase Hall - Enter through north side Wardroom NLT 11:15; Limited Seating		
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Memorial Service - Class of 1967 - Coast Guard Memorial Chapel		
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Class of 1967 Reception - Alumni Center		
3:15 p.m.	Review of Corps of Cadets - Washington Parade Field - In Honor of the Great Class of 1967; Weather Permitting		
4:30 p.m.	50th Year Medallion Presentation - Class of 1967 - Roland Field House, 3rd Deck		
5:00 p.m.	Happy Hour - Lee Rail Room/Officers' Club - All welcome! Cash Bar		
Saturday, October 21 st		Ticket Pickup : Alumni Center - 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	
8:30 a.m.	Run to Remember - Start/Finish at Leamy Hall <i>Reservations Required</i>		
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Objee Bear Tracker - Alumni Center		
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Photo Booth Open - Alumni Center		
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Chase Hall Open to Visitors - Guided tours from Quarter Deck every 15 minutes		
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Coast Guard Academy Museum Open to Visitors - Waesche Hall		
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	All Class Memorial Service - Coast Guard Memorial Chapel		
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Class Tailgates - Various Locations		
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Buffet Lunch - Officers' Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Hands - Chase Hall, - Open 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. • Dry Dock - Leamy Hall - Open 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. • Chief's Grill - Behind Press Box on Harriet Lane - Open 12:00 p.m. throughout the game 		
1:00 p.m.	Class Walk On - Cadet Memorial Field <i>Line Up:</i> Even years - North End by Alumni Center Odd Years and 50th Year - South End by Billard		
1:30 p.m.	Football Game - CGA vs. M.I.T. - Cadet Memorial Field - Classes seated together; <i>Reservations Required</i>		
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Photo Booth Open - Billard Hall		
Post Game	Cocktail Party - Otto Graham Hall of Athletic Excellence in Billard Hall		
Sunday, October 2 nd			
9:00 a.m.	Catholic Mass - Coast Guard Memorial Chapel - Fellowship follows		
Time TBD	6th Annual USCG Women's Leadership Initiative Networking Brunch - Alumni Center; All welcome! <i>Reservations Required</i>		
11:00 a.m.	Protestant Worship Service - Coast Guard Memorial Chapel - Fellowship follows		

Appendix C: Sample Registration Form

Name: _____ Class Year: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Primary Phone: _____ Cell Home Business
 Primary E-mail: _____
 Spouse and/or Guest(s) First & Last Names: _____



**Registration Ends
October 2**

Event	Price	# of Tickets	Amount Due
Thursday, October 19th			
Alumni & Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner Honoree: _____	\$30		
Friday, October 20th			
Bear Open Golf Tournament	\$100 (Bear Club Insiders & Active Duty)		
Foursome Names and Handicaps: _____			
Lunch with Cadets (Limited Seating)	\$10		
Saturday, October 21st			
Run to Remember	\$25		
Buffet Lunch	\$20		
Football Game CGA vs. M.I.T.	Adult \$10 Senior: \$5 (55yr+) Child \$5 (5 - 15 years old) Under 5 - Free		
Season Ticket Holders: Please indicate how many tickets you have. _____ # adult season tickets _____ # child season tickets *Seating is with your class, unless otherwise indicated on this form.			
Cocktail Party	\$15		
Sunday, October 22nd			
6th Annual Women's Leadership Initiative Brunch	\$30		
Alumni Association Non-Member Registration Fee	\$15	---	
Reunion Contribution	Class Fund: \$ _____ CGA Today (Area of Greatest Need): \$ _____		
Total Amount Due: \$ _____			

Return to USCGA Alumni Association - Homecoming • 47 Mohegan Avenue • New London, CT 06320-8111
 Questions? (860) 442-2683 Sue Fage ext. 14 or sfage@cgaalumni.org

Appendix D: Frequently Asked Questions

Below are several questions we frequently receive from alumni. Please refer to this list when answering your classmates questions. For other questions, please contact Eileen Kelly or Sue Fage.

1. How can I register for Alumni Events?

You have several choices:

- Visit www.CGAalumni.org/HC17 to register online
- Call Lolly Owens at (860) 442-2683 ext. 27 or Karen Licitra ext. 11
- Mail in the Registration Form (published in the June Bulletin or obtained from your reunion coordinator) with a check
- Stop in the Alumni Center between the hours of 8:00-4:30

2. Can I purchase tickets for someone else?

We prefer alumni register just themselves and their guests.

3. Can someone else pick up my tickets?

We prefer individuals pick up their own tickets. This causes less confusion.

4. Do I have to order football tickets separately from my class events?

Yes, football tickets should be ordered separately. Everyone attending the game will need a ticket.

5. What if I already have season tickets for football games?

You still need to fill out the Homecoming Registration Form and indicate that you are a season ticket holder and indicate the number of tickets that you have. Mark "Free" in the Amount box. You may also put "Donate" in the Amount box if you wish to donate your season tickets.

6. Will I be sitting with my class for the football game?

Yes, we automatically seat you with your class.

Handicapped Viewing Area: Those with more restrictive mobility issues may watch the game from the viewing area located on the south side of the stadium, across from the Billard entrance (at the top of the stadium and the back of McAllister Hall). Please indicate on your registration form if you prefer to sit there instead of in the bleachers, along with how many will be seated with you as we will need to arrange for enough chairs.

7. How can I register and pay for class events and/or hotel payments?

Your reunion coordinator will give you that information. Class events and hotel are paid separately from alumni events (except for 25th and 50th year classes).

8. Can I register and pay for Alumni Association events and class events together?

No, Alumni Association hosted events must be paid for through the Alumni Association (see question #1). You may pick up your alumni event tickets at the Alumni Center at the start of the weekend, as tickets are not mailed. Class events are paid for separately. Your reunion coordinator will give you all information on class events and payments.

9. What events does the Alumni Association host?

Our events are the Athletic Hall of Fame & Alumni Association Awards Dinner, Bear Club Golf Open, Lunch with Cadets in Chase Wardroom, Run to Remember, Buffet Lunch at the Officers' Club, Football Game, post-game Cocktail Party, and the 6th Annual Homecoming Brunch, sponsored by the Women's Leadership Initiative.

10. Will my tickets be mailed to me?

No, we do not mail tickets. After ordering, and up to the deadline date of October 2, you will receive an email confirmation. You can pick up tickets at the Alumni Center during ticket hours.

11. Where and when do I pick up my tickets?

Tickets for Alumni Association hosted events will be available for pick up at the Alumni Center on the 2nd floor on Thursday, October 19th and Friday, October 20th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 21st from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

12. Do you accept checks or do I have to pay by credit card?

We accept checks and credit cards. Visit www.CGAalumni.org/HC17 to pay by credit card through our secure registration form for any Alumni Association hosted events. You may also call the office and register with your credit card over the phone or mail in your registration form with a check. If you are local, feel free to just stop in the Alumni Center to register in-person.

13. Do you have handicap parking?

Yes, there will be additional handicap parking. Your reunion coordinators will be updated on the location of the parking, as well as, other information pertaining to Homecoming Weekend. Please remember to bring your own handicap parking placard to place in your windshield, as Academy security will be checking. We do not provide handicap parking placards.

14. Is special assistance available?

Yes, if you call ahead, we can arrange for a cadet to assist you if someone in your party will be using a wheelchair. Golf carts will also be available to help with transportation around the Academy. The golf carts are generously provided by the Class of '52 (since 2003). Alumni staff and volunteers give priority to those with restricting mobility issues (crutches, walker, wheelchair, oxygen, etc). Our focus is also on the 50th year class and those senior to them, with regard to transportation. In addition to golf carts, we will have two shuttles circling the Academy. Please contact Sue Fage at SFage@cgaalumni.org or 860-442-2683, Ext. 14 to set up arrangements for those with restricting mobility issues. Shuttles have low step-up.

15. Who gets VIP parking passes?

Special VIP parking passes are given to those from the 50th year and older reunion classes. Each of those classes will receive a certain number of passes from the Alumni Association. Unfortunately, there are not enough spaces for each car, so carpooling and buses are encouraged. The VIP parking area to still to be determined. Reunion coordinators will be informed of the parking area and signs will be posted.

16. Where can I park?

If you are not eligible for VIP parking pass (50th year and those more senior reunion classes), we recommend you park across the street from the Academy at Connecticut College in the South Lot (Saturday only) and catch the shuttle which drops off and picks up at Leamy Hall. Contact Sue Fage at ext. 14 or SFage@cgaalumni.org for information regarding class bus transportation. Please let her know the bus company you are using and she will contact them about parking, etc. If you attempt to park on campus, please obey parking rules, otherwise you may be subject to towing ~ at your expense.

17. Is there transportation around the Academy during the weekend?

Yes, shuttles and several golf carts will be available for transportation on the Academy. There will be separate shuttles from parking areas off of the Academy, to and from Connecticut College South Lot on Saturday only.

18. What do I need to know about guests and seating arrangements for the Hall of Fame Dinner?

Everyone must register by the deadline date of Thursday, October 2nd. Table seating is pre-arranged for the event. You may not bring guests or attend unexpectedly. Please list the Honoree that you are attending for so we may seat you with the individual you are honoring.

19. What if I'm unable to pick up my tickets, but am planning to attend the Thursday evening Hall of Fame Dinner?

We will have a list of registered ticket holders with us at the dinner. You may pick up your tickets at the Alumni Center the following day for the other events.

20. What if I miss the deadline date for ordering tickets to Alumni Association hosted events?

We cannot guarantee ticket availability after the deadline date of Monday, October 2, however, we will do our best to accommodate you. Please come to the Alumni Center during the ticket hours listed in question #11, do not call.

21. Can I get a refund for an event that I've already registered for?

Yes, you can be refunded for any Alumni Association hosted event up until the registration deadline date of Monday, October 2.

22. Who participates in the 1:00 p.m. "walk-on" before the start of the 1:30 p.m. football game?

Alumni attending their reunion, including those who did not graduate with their class but attended the Academy for any amount of time, are invited to participate. Please encourage all of your classmates, grads and non-grads, to attend your reunion.

23. Can spouses or children participate in the "walk-on"?

The Academy prefers spouses and children refrain from going onto the field and that only reunion year alums participate. Also, please note that food and beverages are not allowed on the field at any time.

24. How can I become an Alumni Association member or rejoin the Association?

Visit www.cgaalumni.org/joinrenew to learn about the various membership options and to join. You may also call the Alumni Center at (860) 442-2683 ext. 27 and speak to Lolly Owens or dial ext. 14 to speak to Sue Fage.