

USCGA Class of 1969 - 50th Reunion Information

Bulletin #3 – USCGA 1969 Golden Tide Rips

As part of our CGA Class of 1969 50th Reunion celebration, we will be creating a “USCGA 1969 Golden Tide Rips” yearbook to share with our classmates, families, and friends!

I (Wayne Gronlund) have agreed to serve as editor for this important undertaking! Mike Sprague has also agreed to help. We could also use assistance from a couple of others – please see the details below.

I have been in touch with Mont Smith from '68 who was the editor of their 50th Reunion Yearbook. He has sent me a detailed explanation of what they did, the pitfalls they encountered, and the lessons they learned. Cliff Carter from '67 also shared a copy of their 50th Reunion Yearbook. The information derived from their experiences has been invaluable in helping get our project started on the right track.

Example pages from the 50th Reunion Yearbook from the Class of 1968 are included to give you an idea of what you might want to include on your pages.

Each classmate will have two facing pages in the book. Included will be a summary of your Coast Guard assignments and/or civilian career, whatever photos you would like to share, and a narrative/essay section written by you. In order to keep this project workable, the following guidelines apply:

- Your Coast Guard assignment summary ought to include years, job, organization title, and location and any noteworthy events.
- Our planned format can accommodate 4 to 6 photos. If possible, please send us photos in jpeg format with resolution of at least 72 dpi (higher is better) when the image is adjusted to about 2x3 inches in size. If you only have the photo in another digital format, send it anyway and we will convert it. If you only have hardcopy of the photo and can't provide a digital version, please email me (tahoekid@mac.com) and we can figure out the best way to handle it.
- For grads, I will be scanning the official photo from your 1/c page in the 1969 Tide Rips. For non-grads, I will look for an underclass photo in Tide Rips. This photo will appear in the upper right corner of your first page. One other “picture of choice” will appear in the upper left corner.
- The contents of the narrative section will be whatever you would like to share, including talking about life since the Academy, education, jobs, family, activities, and keen interests. This section ought to be 500-750 words in length.
- For our deceased classmates, we eagerly welcome and encourage a submission from their widow, children, or other family member to help make our yearbook as meaningful and complete as possible.

- One important objective of this project is to help us reconnect with each other. Please indicate if you would like your email address included on your page.
- As this project moves forward, we will email you a proof copy (PDF) so you will have the opportunity to proof/review/comment/ change your page, so we get it right!
- We are actively working on this project and need your submissions as soon as possible! The sooner the better!!
- If you have any good photos from any of our previous Reunions, please send those so we can add pages covering those events.
- **In order to get our Golden Tide Rips published in time for our 50th Reunion weekend (3-6 October 2019), we absolutely need ALL yearbook material submitted NOT LATER THAN ~~1 MAY 2019~~ **Deadline extended to 15 MAY 2019!!****
- Email your submissions to Wayne Gronlund: tahoekid@mac.com
- ~~1 May 2019~~ **15 MAY 2019!!** is a hard, no-slip deadline – missing it means your submission is likely to not make it into the yearbook!!
- You are free to submit your page contents (assignment summary, photos, and narrative) separately if that helps, so we can get started on building the layout as soon as possible!
- The ultimate success of this endeavor is dependent on your timely support!

To date, Mike Sprague and I have committed to this worthwhile project. We could certainly use some more help! Specifically:

- If someone is digital-photo-savvy, has the requisite software, and is willing to help with quality control of the photos (i.e., adjust size/format/light/dark/color balance/contrast/ etc), that would benefit our process flow.
- If someone is especially good at grammar and writing, reviewing and editing the text submissions would facilitate the overall development process of our yearbook.

If you are interested in helping with one of these two tasks and have the time/inclination to do so, please email me at tahoekid@mac.com as soon as possible so we can setup Dropbox sharing, etc as needed.

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 Others – TBD

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