

USCGA Class of 1969 - 50th Reunion Information

Reunion Committee Bulletin #4 Photos from Our Years at The Academy

In addition to pulling together a 50th Reunion edition of our class yearbook (covered in Bulletin #3 sent out by Bob Gravino back on January 17th), we would like to produce a video, using photos people have from our days at the Academy, visually showcasing our years at the Academy for people to be able to watch during Homecoming Weekend. To do this, we need everyone's help.

We have set up our class website, which is at <http://www.uscga69.org>, to be the focal point for doing this. What we are requesting is that everyone go through whatever photos and slides you have from our days at the Academy and select ones that you would like to send us to use in the video we'd like to produce.

The means to get the photos to us has been designed to be as simple as possible....Chris Kreiler, our Class of 1969 Website Czar, has added a link to our class website (<http://www.uscga69.org>) where you can upload photos directly to Bob Pokress who will be creating the video out of the photos everyone sends him. On the left side of the Homepage of our class website, you will find the link for uploading photos to Bob. The upload link is labeled, appropriately, "50th Reunion Photo Upload" and is second from the bottom in that list of links on the Homepage.

After you click on the link "50th Reunion Photo Upload", you will be taken to a new page on our class website called, also appropriately, "50th Reunion Photo Upload." Just click on the link on that webpage that's Bob's email address. An email window will appear, pre-addressed to Bob with the Subject line filled in. All you need to do, then, is attach the photos you are submitting and then just click "Send" on that email. That's it!

While no text need be added to what you upload in the email where you send Bob the photos, backstories behind photos (who, what, where, when, why) you send us about what's going on in each photo will enable us to make seeing each of them in the video that much more fun for people to see (ESPECIALLY if the photo is from someone or someones doing something where we were stretching the edge of envelope of the Cadet Regs.....as if we would EVER do THAT!).

If you've got photos that would be great to include but which are not already digitized, there are a couple of easy and no-cost ways to get them digitized so that we can use them. If you have a multi function printer at home to use with a PC, they have built in scanning capabilities that do a superb job, and if you do not have a multi function printer or dedicated scanner for scanning prints into digital form, a cellphone can do a really good job of copying prints to digital. If you go the cellphone route to digitize photos you'd like to send us, just fill the cellphone's screen with the photo, avoid having a bright light directly above the print (lights directly overhead cause reflections to be seen in the digital version) , and hold the cellphone level to the print to avoid a parallex distortion of the photo. Amazingly, current generation cellphones will do an excellent job copying prints to digital.

People sometimes hold back from sharing photos they think may not be of interest to other people. Nothing could be further from the truth as far as photos from days gone by go! **Please don't hold back on whatever you've got...we're looking for photos not just from things going on on Academy grounds or our goings on in Chase Hall but photos from our cadet cruises, photos from when we were out on libo in New London, photos from when we were on libo while on cadet cruises, and from things we did on leave, too!** Having worked with numerous photo collections of various sorts, I can guarantee that it will be fun for everyone to see all the photos that people have from our days at the

Academy that have buried away for decades and rekindle memories from a long time ago in a galaxy far far away!

The deadline, and it's a hard deadline (as Wayne has for getting everyone's inputs to the Reunion yearbook) **by which Bob needs your photos to be able to use them is May 1, 2019. So please go to <http://www.uscga69.org> and start uploading all those fun photos you have from our years at the Academy so we can create this video from what people have!**

Post Reunion Photos Sharing

Chris has already pre-positioned on our class website a link for people to use so we can all share reunion weekend photos people take with everyone else. The link is labelled "50th Reunion Photos", it's the very bottom one on the homepage, and it will work the same way the link works to get photos to Bob by May 1 for use in the class video he's going to work up. Chris will organize Homecoming Weekend photos we upload to him after the weekend so that all the photos that everyone takes will be viewable on the class website.