

Class of '14 Ring Dance

Ring Dance. The Ring Dance for the Class of 2014 will be held on Saturday 18 May, 2013. This is a Link in the Chain event, and the Class of 2014 has invited us as their honored guests. They are excited about the prospect of having us in attendance and emphasizing the traditions associated with the Ring Dance and their continuation of those traditions from our day to theirs. If you recall, last April we donated 13 rings and miniatures with the gold from the donated rings to be melted down and combined with the gold for 2014's rings. As '14 receives their rings, a physical bond between our two classes will have been formed. We anticipate arriving about 1900 in Dahlgren Hall, where the dance will be held, and proceeding through the ring, rechristening our rings with waters from the Seven Seas just as we did 50 years ago. A buffet dinner and beverages will be provided. There is no cost to us for attending the Ring Dance. The midshipmen will be in their black tie white mess dress uniforms. As done by earlier classes, we should also be in black tie (tuxedo), with white jackets and miniature medals and warfare qualification insignia (optional), which is the preferred uniform of the day. Ladies are encouraged to wear cocktail or formal wear as desired.

Other Activities. A luncheon at the Officers and Faculty Club can be scheduled if there is enough interest. So please indicate your desire to attend when you sign up. First come, first served.

Some companies plan to schedule a company event on Friday night or Sunday morning. Check with company mates with regard to informal get-togethers.

Where to Get It

Dinner Jackets Formal wear (tuxedos) and white dinner jackets can be rented locally in Annapolis. Another idea is to rent a white dinner jacket before coming to Annapolis and returning it when you get home. This precludes running around in Annapolis to find one.

Small Medals If you want to wear miniature medals, which are optional, and don't have them, you can order a set through the Navy Exchange

or at Medals of America (1-800-308-0849) or on line at medalsofamerica.com. If you do not remember which medals and decorations you earned while in the service, your discharge certificate (DD-214) lists them in full.

Rings—Large and Small. If you need to have your ring resized or refurbished or you want to obtain a miniature for your One and Only, BALFOUR, 32 West Road Suite 110, Townson, Md. 21204 (410-321-4433) has the molds and dyes for our rings and services our class rings. The Tilghman Company at 44 State Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401 (410-268-7855), Ron George Jewelers 206 main Street, Annapolis, MD 21401 (410-269-0958) and Zachary's Jewelers at 100 main Street, Annapolis, MD. (410-266-5555) also provide rings and miniatures.

As We Get Closer. More information will be disseminated as it becomes available. In the meantime, please e-mail or call Jay Green, d-jgreen@comcast.net, (410 295-1678) if you have any questions or are planning on attending the Ring Dance and/or luncheon so we can get an approximation of how many may be coming. See you in May.

Thanks, Jay