



February 15, 2023

Brother Rats and all attending the 60th Reunion:

You have now all received the information to allow you to register online for our 60th Reunion April 24 and 25. The committee would like to give you some additional background information that may help you better enjoy this very special event.

In general, the committee has tried to make things as convenient as possible. The Best Western Plus at Hunt Ridge is only 2.8 miles or 8 minutes from the parade ground. This is the Best Western Plus near the Virginia Horse Center—not the Best Western on Route 11. If you have not already done so, please make your reservation today by calling the hotel directly at (540) 464-1500. We have managed to keep the BR fee the same as it was for our 55th and have been able to reduce the fees for couples, widows, and guests while ensuring no decline in the quality of services.

First, a special dinner for early arrivals is available Sunday evening at the Best Western Plus headquarters hotel. This will be a BBQ catered by Beameup BBQ and includes pork and chicken BBQ, mac and cheese, baked beans, and a baked apple dessert. Beameup is a Best of Virginia award recipient, and their BBQ is excellent. This is an extra-charge event, and it will be necessary for you to sign up in advance.

Another special event is a visit to the Lavender Fields at Tantivy Farm. The farm is only a 9.5-mile scenic drive from the hotel, with views of the Rockbridge countryside and mountains. The visit will include a box lunch, a presentation on the lavender fields, and a tour. There is a gift shop featuring all things lavender. You can see photos and additional information on their website [www.tantivyfarm.com](http://www.tantivyfarm.com) or their Facebook page. This is also an extra-charge event and will require advance sign-up. We are looking for volunteer drivers who are willing to take a carload with them on their visit to the farm. If you are willing to help out, please contact Peggy Riethmiller at [bestyayafour@gmail.com](mailto:bestyayafour@gmail.com).

As has been the practice at our past reunions, we will have a hospitality room at the Best Western Plus with soft drinks, beer, and wine available for any who wish to enjoy a beverage and “hang out” with their brother rats and friends. Since we “host” this room ourselves, we need everyone to volunteer a bit of their time to act as a host in the room. Contact Richard Warren at [warren.richard4@gmail.com](mailto:warren.richard4@gmail.com) and sign up to be a host.

We advise you to stop by post at Marshall Hall – Center for Leadership and Ethics on your way into town and register. You will be given your bag of goodies, including the class gift for brother rats and your itinerary of the events you asked to attend. Registration will not be available at any other location. Those wishing to golf at the Lexington Golf &



Country Club Tuesday morning should contact Johnny Mills at [rahvamil@gmail.com](mailto:rahvamil@gmail.com) .

We look forward to seeing you in April,

Your 60th Reunion Committee

John Mills  
Art Phaup  
Peggy Riethmiller  
Richard Warren  
Bill Wells

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Additional Note:

The 60th Reunion Committee has decided to continue the program that we had for the 50th and 55th Reunions to cover some costs of attendance for those brother rats who might not attend strictly due to their financial or physical circumstances. These costs will come from a fund established by the class as part of each registration fee. The fund will cover the registration fee and two nights' lodging, including meals, at the hotel for the BR and spouse or guest. Should the BR or spouse have any physical challenges, the fund will also provide special local transportation needs.

Privacy is paramount. I have volunteered again to act on behalf of the reunion committee and will be the sole contact for brother rats, who wish to make such a request. I will also talk with any BR who wishes to suggest a BR in need and will follow up on my own in complete privacy. Please contact me if you wish to further discuss the program. The committee hopes to have as many of us together as possible for another milestone reunion in April 2023!

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