



October 2022

Hey, Bombers!

Now that we have all had a chance to rest up from our hyped-up reunion weekend, let me share a recap of some of our activities.

Thank you to Peter Turping and Mike Franco for being our announcers / hosts.

Attendance: Expected 184 for Friday and 160 for Saturday. Only a few had to cancel or didn't show on each day for various reasons. Attendance included approximately 63 spouses or Plus 1's.

Picnic: Apparently, everyone was worn out from Saturday night because only 9 people showed up at the picnic (out of 60+ who signed up)! But that's ok. All in all, the attendance for Fri / Sat exceeded our expectations!

****Photos:** *Please send your photos of reunion weekend to Dan Laybourn at Dan@Colhi70.org so he can post them to our website. Some of you have already done this (Thank U!). See photos here – click link then scroll down to Friday, Saturday, School Tour, etc. <http://colhi70.org/reunions.html> Contact Dan for assistance in sending photos if needed.*

Thanks to ***Terry (Stevens) Broussard's daughter, Jorgie***, for being our roving photographer Friday night and our video assistant on Saturday night.

Thank you to ***Lorie (Thompson) Morrison's granddaughters, Alexis and Elyza Morrison***, for taking care of check-in on Saturday night.

Golf:

- 3 Foursomes and 1 Threesome = 15 golfers
- Winning team: Paul Quinn, Bob Carroll, Ron Baars, Mark Gerber
 - CONGRATS!
 - ***Anyone have any golf photos?***

School Tour:

- Approximately 40 people participated
- Thanks for the Spudnuts, Rich Crigler! Yummm!

- Jim Qualheim was our excellent tour guide (Thank U!)
- Trivia Questions – Robin Lewis O’Hearn knew the most

50/50 Raffle:

- Bob Gustavson bought a bunch of tickets and put other classmates’ names on them. One of those persons was Leslee Houston. **She won \$340!** Congrats!

Silent Auction: We raised \$2,068! Funds used for certain expenses, to offset costs, donation to school (see “Reunion Logo Photo Op” details below), and hopefully future events

Out of 28 items donated, here are the Top 7 Successful Bidders:

- Quilt #1 crafted by Sharon Kaas Demiter – Shirley Sadler (Larry’s wife)
- Quilt #2 crafted by Sharon Kaas Demiter – Peter Moore
- “HOPE” photograph by David Lotz – Linda Hoffman Sterling
- Trailer Hitch from Les Schwab in memory of Bill Wedberg – Lance Willis
- Priest Lake Boat Tour from Danny Bowling – Don Draper
- Priest Lake Boat Tour from Danny Bowling – Naomi Keck
- U of W Metal Sculpture by Larry Sadler – Robin Lewis O’Hearn

Group Reunion Photo:

- Thanks to Rick Reil, once again, for corralling a bunch of 70-year-olds!
- Watch the fun video of Rick in action! Thanks to Keiko Belliston for the video!
 - **It’s on our website – “RICK REIL TAKES A CLASS PHOTO”**
 - **TURN UP THE VOLUME.**
 - **HERE’S THE LINK:**

https://www.colhi70.org/reunions/vids/52_video.mov

Veterans honored – Thank You for your Service:

- The following Veterans were in attendance on Saturday evening and were recognized by our Class and each received a Reunion Hat: Jack Spanner (U. S. Army), Chris Martin, Rick Reil (U.S. Navy), Danny Bowling (U.S. Army, ’70-’73), Darryl Morrison (U.S. Navy, spouse of Lorie (Thompson) Morrison), Keiko Belliston (Nurse, spouse of David Belliston), Mark Gerber (U.S. Navy, ’74-’78) ***(See the photo on our website)***
- Had to cancel plans to attend Saturday: Dick Rushworth (U. S. Air Force, Vietnam), Ron Slater (U. S. Air Force).
- Attended Friday night: Kris (Rau) Bonewell (U. S. Army Reserves, 8 years)

- **SPECIAL NOTE:** Terry wanted everyone to know that she contacted General Mattis ('68) to introduce our Veterans but he had another commitment with a Gold Star event but said "Richland Bombers are the Best!"

Trivia Game (during dinner):

- Developed by Jim Qualheim. Questions were hard! Some different questions than at school tour.
- Robin (Lewis) O'Hearn was the most knowledgeable, AGAIN!

Cheerleaders:

- Current RHS cheer team with taped video of RHS band playing Fight Song SURPRISED EVERYONE when they showed up prior to dinner and led us in the fight song. This was so much fun – we even had gold pom-poms at our tables! (Thanks, Terry (Stevens) Broussard for pulling off this surprise!)

*****Watch the You Tube video, CLICK here:*****

<https://youtu.be/y0JB18gZ2OU>

Reunion Logo Photo Op:

- Fantastic News! Thanks to Jim Qualheim's help, the photo op board is being donated to the School Store and Bill Bishop is going to revise it to say "Bomb Shelter" (that's the name of the store) – Donated by Class of 1970" and they will hang it in the store. **Such excellent craftsmanship by classmate Bill Bishop.** We are so glad we found a permanent new home for it!
- Some of the funds raised paid for the cost of having the wording revised and delivered to store

BEFORE (Reunion Logo Photo Op)



AFTER (Changed name and added "Donated by Class of 1970", signed by Bill Bishop and will be hung on wall in School Store



Wondering who traveled the farthest? Probably Gary Tubbs from Bali, but we also had Toni (Stankiewicz) Deranleau from upstate New York, Mike Richmond from Hawaii, Jack Spanner from Florida, and sorry if I missed someone.....

THANK YOU!

..... to everyone who attended and to those of you who donated funds, your talents, and your time! We really appreciate your efforts. We weren't sure we were ever going to have our 50-year reunion,

HOWEVER,

IT.DID.HAPPEN!

See "Reunion Reviews" on our website.

Your 2022 Reunion Committee:

Lori (Simpson) Hogan – Initial Organizer
Bill Bishop
Terry (Stevens) Broussard
Sharon (Kaas) Demiter
Marcia (Lucas) Foss
Mike Franco
Mike Hogan
Dan Laybourn
Nancy Moore
Lorie (Thompson) Morrison
Jim Qualheim
Duane Shults
Becky Stocker
Peter Turping
Sophie Valez
Barb (O'Malley) Wedberg

**See entire list of ALL Committee
Participants from 2019 to 2022 on our
website.**

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