

Midway Update ... 30 June , 2017 ... Full Reunion Committee Mtg

Flight Deck No-Host Wine, Beer, soda & water reception ... with passed Hors d'voures: 1.5 Hours

Buffet Dinner in Hanger Bay with Entertainment: 2 Hours

Issues Update:

ADA:

Concern: Distance from stairs to stairs or elevator-to-elevator are in excess of a football field in length. Disabled or modestly disabled classmates may find walking that distance challenging.

Response: Work in Progress. Midway has 25 wheelchairs available to us at no-cost

Lighting:

Concern: Flight Deck Lighting: Standard Lighting provided by Island floodlights is inadequate. So advised by the Continental Catering meeting planner and confirmed by Ted.

Response: Work in progress. Balloon lighting is available from Midway at a 50% discount. Further assessment required.

USO Show:

Concern: The Andrew Sisters are WWII Icons.

Response: They have a Vietnam era program; Bob Hope will tailor his presentation to the class.

Buffet Dinner:

Concern: It may take too long to feed everyone; moving up & down will be disruptive.

Response: Salads, rolls and deserts will be pre-set on each table There will be a minimum of three, possibly four identical buffet tables serving on both sides; Everyone should be served within 20 minutes.

Bottled Wine:

Concern: Not provided at the 50th. Many reported that not having wine at the dinner table was a disappointment.

Our experience is that pre-set wine bottles were on the table of most banquets we've attended. To not have it takes the level of satisfaction down a notch.

Response: Place 2 bottles, one red & one white at each table as is typical at such affairs. This will add \$4 per person to the cost of the event.

Flight Deck Beverage service.

Concerns: Time it takes to serve everyone & the challenge of meeting the minimum sales per bar ... (\$675). 4 Bars ... each serving 100 people.

Assuming 50 persons in line at each bar, (spouses seated) it could take up to 50 minutes to serve everyone ... excessive time ... and may not sell enough drinks to cover the minimum.

Alternatives:

Add a second bar tender to each bar: Rejected by the Midway.

Host the bar service ... no exchange of cash would cut the time per person in half ... but cost prohibitive: \$20 per person... because for a hosted bar Midway will raise the min to \$2K per bar.

Issue drink tickets (Midway recommendation) ... one per attendee in the reunion package.
This would speed up the drink line substantially. The cost of the drink ticket (\$5.19) would be added to the cost of the Midway event. But this may reduce the likelihood of meeting our minimum per bar.

No matter the approach, we will have to underwrite meeting the bar minimum.

A Hybrid Approach: Add the cost of covering the minimum bar sales to the cost of the event. Include the cost of the first drink (drink ticket). Subsequent drinks would be paid for in cash.

If there are not sufficient drink purchases to cover the minimum, we will have collected and set aside the necessary cash to cover the minimums.

If there are sufficient drink purchases made to cover the minimum, then the cash we collected in advance will be returned to the class treasury.

The cost added to the Midway event for the bars would amount to \$1.70 per person per bar.

The Midway Committee recommended and the Full Reunion Committee approved the Hybrid approach outlined above.

Perspective:

***Current estimated cost for Midway, Buffet and Entertainment:** Buffet \$70; Midway rent \$7; Entertainment \$6 for a sub total of \$83:

***Beverage underwriting and including wine at the tables** could bring the total event cost estimate as high as \$94.

Added expenses TBD: Enhanced Flight deck lighting; additional linens, upgraded food options.

*These numbers assume 400 attendees