

The Lone Ranger – Class of 75 Version October 2024 Edition

Our 50th Reunion Week is 8 months away! June 12 – 15, 2025.

Reunion Week planning is happening! It might be eight months away, but the Team putting together Reunion Week is hard at work. In the last few weeks, we have met with vendors and walked again through Philbrook, thinking through the night's flow and activities. We met with our caterer, Ludgers, to taste-test the food, which was amazing. We are thinking and planning through every detail possible to make this week as memorable as can be.

One thing I have learned is that nothing is cheap anymore! Plus, being our 50th, we hear from classmates who have not attended or never attended a reunion event that they will be present. We are anticipating over 200 in attendance. This drives our costs up. We are doing two things to mitigate the cost. First, we are combing through all bids and contracts, looking to find ways we can save money. Then, to lower the donation price for entry, we are raising money ahead of time.

Thanks to your generous contributions, we've already raised \$30,400 to make Reunion Week affordable for every classmate. Your support is crucial! I'm extending our fundraising campaign until the end of the year, and every dollar counts towards making this reunion a reality.

My Facebook campaign goal is \$35K, and we are closing in on that. Additionally, a few classmates are calling for larger gifts to help us drive our cost down to \$0. By the end of the year, I hope to have all monies pledged or given.

If you are interested in contributing, please contact me at markbrooks82176@gmail.com or 678-350-3115.

What is the ticket price for each event of Reunion Week? One gift gains you access to all events. I have announced that we will not turn anyone away. To attend any of our events during Reunion Week, we are asking each classmate to contribute any amount to the Nathan Hale Class of 75. Some can give more, while others might only afford a dollar. All get in.

If I'm raising money to pay for all events, why are we taking up donations, and what are the plans for that money? The goal is to use the money given to first give back to Hale a significant gift for some project they determine a need for. Then, we will use a portion of what has been given to fund the next Committee for future work.

Financial accountability. Being a 501C has some complexity, and we are working on getting monthly financial statements posted. If you have questions, please contact me, and I will gladly answer any questions you have. Look for us to post an update on our Facebook page soon.

A lot of work is happening now to make Reunion Week the best event ever. *You* are making this happen! Let's do this!

Ranger For Life!

Mark Brooks - Chairman of the Class of 75

PS. Remember that you can now make contributions directly at <https://giv.li/hpxic5> . We do pay a transaction fee of around \$1.03 for a \$25 gift. To cover the fee, multiply by that number.