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Hello Calhoon Graduates, MEBA Family & Friends,

The Calhoon MEBA Engineering School opened its doors at the Emerson Hotel in Baltimore, MD to the first group of students on September 21, 1966. Thus began the mission of CMES to train extraordinary professionals in the maritime industry. On April 7, 1989, CMES graduated its final group (94A) of Marine Engineers. In that span of time, 2,035 men and women successfully completed the apprentice engineer program, forever changing the face of the MEBA. During the cadet program and continuing on after it was terminated, CMES has trained thousands of licensed marine engineers and mates in a wide variety of maritime specific subjects, thus increasing the knowledge and various skills of MEBA members to be the best trained in the industry. On June 17th, the Calhoon Alumni Association will be holding a reunion in Easton, MD for the MEBA family to celebrate our union school's success in its mission. Please join us.

The reunion will be held June 16, 17, & 18, 2023 at CMES in Easton, MD. Information and registration forms can be found on the CMES website by following the link to the Calhoon Alumni Association page. The weekend will start with a golf outing on Friday 6/16. Unlike the previous Chief's Tournament, we are only able to secure a string of 7 Tee times, so spots are limited to 28. Get your forms in early to secure one. The CMES bar will be open on Friday night, however it will be a pay as you go arrangement. Friday night adult beverage is not covered in the reunion fee. Saturday will be the traditional reunion event as we have held in the past, with Sunday clean up to follow.

A large turnout for this event is expected, so dorm rooms will be assigned on a first come-first served basis. If you need a room, get your registration form in ASAP! In addition to the dorm rooms, the Manor House and guest houses are available to rent by groups for an additional fee. If interested, email the CAA (caa@mebaschool.org). A supplemental form will be returned via email for completion based on availability. Upon receipt of a returned House Rental form with payment, use of the desired house for the reunion weekend will be secured. The House Rental fee is in addition to the reunion fee. Occupancy shall not exceed the number of people shown that each property can safely accommodate. Damages by abuse to the rented house are not covered by the rental fee. Repairs will be billed accordingly.

If you can come by RV, boat, camper, or trailer pop-up, I encourage you to do so as it will help ease room demand. If you have access to local accommodations, please consider using them.

We will not accept requests for specific dorm rooms, nor additional dorm rooms. Renting one of the houses may best suit your accommodation needs. However, we do have limited rooms equipped for disabled/handicapped guests. Please specify when registering if you need one of those rooms so we can assign one to you. If you plan to have a crowd in your room, plan to bring sleeping mats, sleeping bags, or cots as there is a very limited supply of cots available at the school. All dorm building spaces are no smoking; CMES no longer has a smoking wing. If rooms are sold out when your registration is received, I will process your application in order received for a room stand-by list. CAA will deposit your check pending communication to confirm you will still attend, while seeking accommodations off campus if a room doesn't

become available. Our room fee, if paid, will be refunded if you decide to attend the reunion with off campus accommodations.

Cancellation policy: A full refund will be issued if notice is received prior to the deadline date of June 1st, 2023. If we have not deposited your check, it will be returned to the address shown on the check.

Late fee policy: Registration forms received after June 7th, 2023 are subject to a \$100 late fee. This fee may be waived by the organizing committee. Submit a request for waiver with a valid explanation and we will consider your request.

CMES pet policy: No pets are permitted in the dorm rooms and rental houses. They are only permitted on campus if you are staying in an RV or boat.

Fireworks policy: They are not permitted on campus. Use will result in expulsion from the property.

For those of you who have not yet attended a reunion, here's some of what you can expect... Unlimited camaraderie while enjoying a weekend that is scheduled to provide a Crab feast, pig and pit beef, pizza and subs, live music, swimming in two pools, beer, wine, soft drinks, frozen treats, daily breakfast, raffles, Friday golf outing, softball game, award ceremony, sundown ceremony, sea stories, and a great time with old classmates-shipmates-friends, while generating new memories of another great adventure at CMES. This will also be a great opportunity to see the MEBA Merchant Marine Memorial and support the Foundation.

Please forward this information on to all your classmates by passing the word around about the reunion, as we have a limited (old) email database. All the latest reunion information and forms can be found at the CMES website (www.mebaschool.org). Just look for the CAA link on the home page, and while you are there be sure to fill out the form to update our mailing list so we can keep you informed!

Hope to see you all in June.

Very best regards,
CAA Reunion Organizing Committee

PS: The reunion is an expensive event to hold, and as such, you may notice our pricing has risen to adjust for inflation. In addition to paying for the reunion event, we also need to restock depleted funds that have outflowed since the last reunion was held 7 years ago. The CAA is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and as such we make mandatory annual contributions to various charities every year. We are greatly appreciative when people donate to our cause and will provide a receipt for any tax deductible donation received. Thank you in advance for your continued support.