



The *Lost Families Project* aims to provide the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association and Foundation with an avenue to contact families of the fallen, and/or reconnect Gold Star families with the Naval Academy family. Some graduates' primary next of kin is unknown; some have moved, passed, or changed contact information. Each year, the association invites these families for the Honor Our Fallen Heroes weekend – usually the final Navy home game in November – with events including a memorial service and recognition in the stadium during the game.

From a baseline of 364 graduates and families, and starting with the class of 1950, Run to Honor, a U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association & Foundation shared interest group, identified an additional 570 additional graduates whose family members were not previously designated for contact. In total, **720 primary next of kin still require identification or recontact.**

Run To Honor has created a form to collect and catalog the necessary contact information at runtohonor.com/lostfamilies. Data aggregated via this form will be cross-referenced with Virtual Memorial Hall and used to populate the association's database to bring next of kin back to Annapolis; it will not be used by any other organization or for any other purpose.

This project is fully endorsed by USNAAA&F, and can be validated through CAPT Wesley Huey '87, USN (Ret.), Ph.D., Executive Director, Strategy and Legacy Programs (wesley.huey@usna.com).

Thank you for your support in helping us to locate and acknowledge the families of our alumni who have sacrificed so much in the service of our nation!

To Honor!

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