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(via MailChimp)

Hello '87,

We're just under four months to our 35th Reunion which is going to be a fabulously fun time. I want to express my immense gratitude to our Reunion Planning Committee for their amazing teamwork and dedication! Now, it is time for you all to do your part - signup and attend which we've made easy:

OUR CLASS REGISTRATION SITE IS NOW LIVE at <https://signupnow.events/USNA1987>

This email will provide everything you need to know to register for the Reunion, signup for the events you'll attend and select the SWAG you'd like (and yes, pay for it all). It takes less than 10 minutes to do this, but you may want to take some time to familiarize yourself with the gouge in this email, understand the different options and commit the Reunion SOE to memory for chow call purposes!

Please note that we are using the same site as we did for our 30th Reunion, so when you register you can skip directly to the login if you remember your previous login credentials from 5 years ago. If you use the same email (the system will know), but can't remember your password, it will be sent to you. You can also just completely start a new registration from scratch.

VERY IMPORTANT: The Classmate Reunion Fee is tiered to drive timely decisions and commitments. Time, tide, formation and our reunion registration wait for no one!

- \$87 for EARLY BIRDS who register before midnight ET on 6/5;
- \$100 for MAIN registration 6/6 to 7/31;
- \$187 LATE registration beginning 8/1 (don't be this Classmate, please!)

Some Gouge from our Registration Beta testers (aka your Reunion Committee):

- Clicking on "View the entire schedule" in the SOE is easier than going thru day-by-day.
- Once you log in, first ADD GUESTS to include your entourage. You'll then be able to select specific options/events by person as you proceed.
- For CLASSMATES MARRIED TO CLASSMATES: We need each of you to please create your own registration with your own company designation, and also pay your own Classmate Reunion Fee. Badging, SWAG, and Company wrangling are predicated on doing this.
- The Reunion Fee covers all the organizing overhead of the Reunion. It also gets each Classmate one (1) '87 crested Yeti Rambler Mug and other fun and sundry Class SWAG provided at check-in.

- There is optional SWAG that you can order during the registration process. These items will be available to be picked up at the Reunion Check In with your other provided SWAG:
 - Option to order extra Yeti mug(s) in addition to the one included for each registered Classmate;
 - New, full-color version of our enormously popular '87 Chico SWAG bag. Yes they're back, but only as a special order item on the reunion registration site;
 - Class of '87 bourbon and pint glasses which are quite classy!
- **For those NOT able to attend the reunion, we haven't forgotten you!** There is a "Reunion in a Box" option. It covers the shipping of the main reunion SWAG to you and any of the additional a la carte SWAG that you order. If you order items that necessitate an additional box, we'll reach out to you to make arrangements.
- There is an optional \$19.87 Class Donation option that goes to support Class operations and is one of the few ways we have to raise funds for our Class activities. Please donate!
- Note the chance to buy a raffle ticket for an honor chair at the USNI Auditorium and buy a ticket, or two, or ten! This chair is in the USNI auditorium where all the Friday morning Class events will be held and can be named in honor of whomever the winner chooses. The winner will be announced at the Class meeting and NEED NOT be present to win.
- If you'd like to volunteer to help with registration, there is an option to select this as well – this is a great and fun way to support the Reunion, and to meet and greet Classmates!

Please know that your Reunion Committee did yeoman's work in providing value for every event this year. Given the significant inflationary pressures from our vendors, we spent considerable time discussing and negotiating menu options and pricing. As a result, the Friday night reception at the Graduate Hotel is a cash bar but there is an option to advance purchase drink tickets at \$8 to help speed along the line at the bar.

Finally, in the spirit of helping offset any potential financial pressures from attending, you'll note at check-out the option to spread your charges into monthly installment payments.

Yes, You Also Need To Buy A Game Ticket!

YOU MUST PURCHASE A GAME TICKET FROM NAAA TO ENTER THE TAILGATER. The Tailgater is located inside the stadium in Class Ring North West (Navy side) and the Class of '53 Pavilion.

Go to: navysports and use code 1987 for the class block for sit down seats (sections C or D) or buy standing room only tickets. Standing Room tix = \$30; Seats in Class Block = \$50

Contact NAAA at 800-US4-NAVY (800-874-6289) for more info.

Still Need More SWAG?

As always, there is other '87 SWAG available on our class site (<https://usna87.com/ships-store/>) that will be shipped directly to your home. The 35th reunion t-shirt will be announced once the art is finalized and announced, and will be included in the Ship's Store for individual purchase.

In the interim, check out the blazingly cool bowling shirt that Bill is modeling and you can order here: <https://www.bowlingconcepts.com/navy-academy-reunion-shirt-87>. These will be batch produced and shipped to your door in late August in time for the Reunion. The ordering deadline for the bowling shirt is July 15th!



Reunion Team Comms

We will be utilizing a mobile texting service to facilitate sharing reunion reminders and breaking news. Should you desire NOT to receive those, there will be a simple opt-out mechanism that you can select when you receive your first text, or any time thereafter.

You can expect fairly regular (perhaps even annoyingly regular) emails over the next four months leading up to the Reunion. All the most current details will be posted on the class website at www.usna87.com to keep you in the loop. If you have any questions, ideas or concerns, please contact us at usna1987reunion@gmail.com.

In Other News - Our Class Bylaws Have Been Adopted

I'd like to thank everyone for taking the time to review and vote on the Class of '87 Bylaws and those that provided clarifying language suggestions. I am happy to announce that we passed the 15% threshold for voting and was pleasantly surprised that 100% of voting classmates were in favor of our new Bylaws. Thanks again to our esteemed GEC for their hard work in crafting such thoughtful and sensible Bylaws! We have now officially moved into the Nomination & Election Process so please ping me directly if you have interest and/or questions about running for Class Office. We'll be following up with those of you who indicated as such in the poll.

Finally, please join us on May 20th at 8pm ET via Zoom for our 35th Graduation Celebration where we'll provide some Class updates, do some toasts and breakout rooms, and mostly practice partying in preparation for the real deal on Sept 1-4.

<https://hbs.zoom.us/j/91558509139?pwd=emJrR2FyekNqOGMrZ05pRUJTCdRdz09>

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Go Navy!

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