



19 April 2021

Hello 87!

In case you hadn't noticed, time flies...

...so much so that we are already starting to plan our 35th REUNION!!

This will be an information dense email with some key dates & info. We will be sending out additional, increasingly regular emails in the coming months on specific topics, with more info and action items.

First, if you read no further, mark these two critical dates on your calendar and please call/text/email a few Classmates to share this info:

**** 20 May 2021 // 2030-2200 EDT**

34th Virtual Reunion via Zoom

**** 1-4 September 2022**

35th Reunion Weekend - IN (F'ing) PERSON!

34th Zoom-Union Highlights: To celebrate the 34th Anniversary of our actual Graduation and to give us a reason to gather, talk about the reunion and other Class activities, and to do a few virtual toasts, we will be gathering on Zoom. Please join us from 2030-2200 EDT from wherever you happen to be to see some friends, share some fun and get some Class Gouge. Zoom meeting details follow:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1607423301?pwd=VHdlUS8yeW54eUpPbkRkbnBKMmdGUT09>

Meeting ID: 160 742 3301

Passcode: 436003

35th Reunion Highlights: Reunion preparations have already begun - we are officially R-17 months.

We made a Command Decision to take a bird-in-the-hand situation with the 03 Sept 2022 Navy Football Season Opener versus Delaware. It is currently the only published home game for 2022 and given that the 35th reunion enjoys no scheduling priority at USNA, and the AAC conference schedule doesn't publish until early 2022, we decided to grab the date and begin making preparations to party.

Note that this is also Labor Day 2022 Weekend, and we plan to take full advantage of the long weekend. We hope that this long lead time will also allow many more classmates to not only attend the reunion, but make a long weekend out of it! And we also expect that this will give us all something to look forward to as we begin transitioning out of the worst of the Covid-era (knock on wood!).

There are myriad details to work out and disseminate in the future but I can share a few items now to set the stage. The Graduate Annapolis (formerly Loews) will be our Class HQ Hotel – we are finalizing the contract with the hotel and will have room booking info for you in the next Reunion Update in a couple of weeks.

The Key Reunion events are:

- Wednesday (8/31): Advance party reunion preparations in the evening
- Thursday (9/1): Golf; evening Welcome Reception at the Stadium N* Room
- Friday (9/2): Memorial Service (0900); Class Meeting; Parade; Friday night reception
- Saturday (9/3): Beat Delaware tailgater and game (GAME TIME TBD IN SPRING '22)
- Sunday (9/4): Sunday afternoon event (soliciting ideas – BBQ? Cruise?)
- Monday (9/5): Recovery and/or extra Annapolis day (aka Labor Day).

Other Important Class Initiatives & Activities: Over the next several months leading up to and through the 35th Reunion, there are a set of key Class activities and initiatives that we will be engaging you about.

- Class Governance - We will undertake a long overdue review of our Class Governance, and execute an election and other ways to allow interested Classmates to get engaged in Class leadership and activities;
- Class Fundraising Project - We will launch our next 5-year Class Strategic Fundraising Project to support critical USNA initiatives that are aligned with our Class values and priorities;
- Post-COVID Class Tailgating Plan – We have been blessed for many years to have a regular, high quality Class tailgater at home football games, and have every intention to continue, and build, upon this wonderful legacy. For Fall 2021, we will await USNA guidance and plan accordingly, but in any case, we need to rebuild our Tailgating Team and capabilities;
- 2021 NYC ARMY-NAVY Game Gathering. This year's Army-Navy game will be at the MetLife Stadium in the Meadowlands on 12/11/21, as part of the 20th 9/11 commemoration. There are still many unanswered questions about MetLife's ROE. The RV-87 Urban Assault Vehicle Crew will continue to closely monitor the situation and make a GO/NO GO call as decisions unfold.

That's a lot, but that's it for now - keep an eye out for more frequent communications leading up to our 35th as we plan the reunion and pursue these other important Class initiatives. There is a lot of work to be done over the next 18 months, so please let me know if you have some interest and capacity to support these activities.

In the meantime, take care of yourselves and each other, and let us know if you need anything.

Go Navy!

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