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(via MailChimp)

Hello 87,

A belated Veteran's Day greeting and an early Happy Thanksgiving to you all – I hope this finds you and families happy and healthy and planning to gather this coming week to celebrate many good things. In three weeks, we'll be heading into the Christmas holidays and also know the results of the 2021 Army-Navy Game (it's going to be a tough game!) and so I wanted to send around a very quick round-up on Class of '87 happenings:

1. **ARMY-NAVY 2021 PLANS:** Despite our determined efforts, **there will be NO class tailgater** for Army-Navy this year. The Meadowlands rules were just too restrictive to fire up the EM-87 for tailgater ops. Fortunately, we have a fantastic post-game Class gathering available right in the heart of Manhattan. Our classmate Craig Perri will graciously open the doors of his wonderful NYC midtown restaurant *Da Marino's* for what is shaping up to be a class gathering of epic proportions. In fact, he's giving our Class priority the entire Army-Navy game weekend. In return, it is important that we give Craig a decent head count - particularly for Saturday night, 11 Dec.

This evite link [<http://evite.me/YYpmaS9KZX>] will let you share your plans and allow Craig to plan staff & seating accordingly. It's important that anyone who is planning on dining at Da Marino use the survey to give Craig an idea of your plans. It could be that you want to join the larger gathering as a party for 1-2, or are bringing a larger group by for dinner, or just plan on coming by for a drink at the bar. Whatever your plans, please indicate them via the poll.

In addition to filling out the poll, whatever your plans ◇ if you are coming in for dinner anytime during the weekend, please contact Craig directly with your reservation requests via text at 619.248.4006. DO NOT BOOK with OpenTable!

2. **35th REUNION UPDATE:** Planning for our 35th is well underway with a dedicated crew of classmates working hard to ensure we have another amazing reunion over Labor Day '22 weekend (1-4 September 2022). Keep up with the latest plans and info via the class website (www.usna87.com) and make your lodging reservations now. Also, take some time over the next month to reach out to your roommates, teammates, and company mates to say happy holidays and encourage them to join us for a great reunion. And if you want to volunteer and haven't been assigned a role yet, please ping us directly at: usna1987reunion@gmail.com. It's gonna be amazing to see everyone next September!

3. **CLASS GOVERNANCE & ELECTION PROCESS:** We have assembled a great group of classmates to serve on the '87 Governance & Election Committee (GEC) whose mission it is to help design and execute an updated Class governance architecture & approach, and to run an election to select and install a new Class Leadership Team coincident with the 35th Reunion. Over the next few months, we will share more info as we explore various governance & leadership Team options ahead of an election. This is a great chance for you to get involved if you have the time and passion to serve the Class in a large (or smaller) capacity. Please ping me directly with any questions or to express a desire to run for a Class leadership position: jmatheson@1987.usna.com

Last but most importantly, a huge THANK YOU to our Annapolis Tailgater Team who allowed us to gather together at home games again this season. We hope to be back in full swing again next year after we work through this Covid unpleasantness.

As always, lots of good stuff happening in and across the Class of '87 – we'll be in touch and please do the same via *Shipmate*, Facebook and the Class website.

Happy Holidays and Go Navy, Beat Army!

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