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Hello 87,

Well, it's been 2 years since Covid rudely entered our lives – hopefully this finds each of you doing well and getting back to some sense of normality - I for one could use a little less excitement. We're a mere 6 months from our 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion, and with a lot happening across the whole '87 Enterprise, we'll be steadily ramping up our communication tempo. In this installment, we offer a chance to reorder some Class SWAG classics and highlight some important dates to put on your calendar.

### Class SWAG

1. **The '87 Party Blazers are back!** We have a short order window until March 14<sup>th</sup>. While I am biased as the official Class blazer model, I can vouch that these things are really awesome and you'll want to own one (Red Sox shirt sold separately). Cost is \$349.00 and delivery in time for our 35<sup>th</sup>! Order here: <https://blaze-in.com/usna-class-of-87-custom-blazer-3932.html>  
More info here: [https://blaze-in.com/flyers/campaigns/usna87\\_3932\\_v200122.html](https://blaze-in.com/flyers/campaigns/usna87_3932_v200122.html)



2. **Classic USNA Reyn Spooner Limited Time Offer:** Chris Hodges is briefly offering another chance to get a USNA Reyn Spooner Aloha shirts. Yes, I have one of these, and yes, you'll want one of them too! Shirts are \$100 and must be pre-ordered / paid. If you are interested, please contact Chris Hodges no later than March 10<sup>th</sup> : @ Email: [iamchrishodges@yahoo.com](mailto:iamchrishodges@yahoo.com) or phone:240.401.2466
3. **Class Rings:** Apparently, some of us are finding that our rings have shrunk (Pro-tip: you need to wash them in cold water) and might like to have Herff Jones rectify this. To get your ring fitting "just like it used to", try this: <https://www.herffjones.com/about/jewelry-warranty/>. We also expect to have a Herff Jones representative join us for our Friday evening Class gathering at the 35<sup>th</sup>.

4. **Still Need More SWAG?** We also have our standing Class SWAG sites and will have some new and awesome items available for the 35<sup>th</sup> – do your shopping and stay tuned at [www.usna87.com](http://www.usna87.com).

### Key Upcoming Class Activities & Dates

1. **35<sup>th</sup> Reunion:** As you hopefully already know, our 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion will be held over Labor Day Weekend, September 1-4, 2022. At this point, our Class block of rooms is sold out and lodging is getting scarce so we highly recommend you secure accommodations very soon. Reunion registration will GO LIVE on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Much more info, soon and often, leading up to the Reunion.
2. **Class By-Laws & Election:** We have a group of Classmates hard at work on our By-Laws and Election planning. Your Class Governance and Election Committee (GEC) plans to send DRAFT By-Laws out to the Class ahead of a Class By-Laws Discussion / Q&A on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 8-930pm ET. Following this meeting, the By-Laws will undergo a final review and edit process by the GEC, and then be distributed to the Class ahead of an official vote to approve them at the end of April. Once we have an approved set of By-Laws, we'll move onto the Class Leadership Nomination & Election process in May and June with the goal to have our new Class Leaders ready to take the helm at our 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

**Please consider throwing your hat in the election ring – ping me for any gouge!**

3. **35<sup>th</sup> Graduation Celebration:** We'll be hosting a 35<sup>th</sup> Graduation Party on Zoom on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm ET. During this virtual celebration, we'll cover a bit of Class business re the Reunion and Election, but mostly share memories and toasts while trying to collectively figure out where the hell 35 years have gone. Here is the ZOOM Info to add to your calendar & we'll remind you!

Topic: USNA '87 35th Graduation ZOOM-Union

Time: May 20, 2022 19:00 Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://hbs.zoom.us/j/91558509139?pwd=emJrR2FyekNqOGMrZ05pRUJJCdRdz09>.

Meeting ID: 915 5850 9139

Password: USNA87

Yup - there is a lot going on as we head into our 35<sup>th</sup> reunion in September so to ensure that you are getting the latest and greatest news, please set up or verify your contact info at <https://myusna.com/signup> (or call the USNA AA) and keep an eye on our class website [www.usna87.com](http://www.usna87.com).

Finally, a quick update and bit of good news re our Classmate Al Rodger's battle with stage 4 face & throat cancer. Al underwent very aggressive chemo treatments last year which appear to have worked as the last PET scan in December 2021 indicated they no longer appear active. That is great news but the nerve damage and effects of the cancer treatments have been rough. Al's a fighter and is slowly regaining his strength and energy but is not yet cleared by his doctor to return to work. Please keep Al in your thoughts & prayers, and if you'd like to support his GoFundMe Campaign, here's the [LINK](#).

Go Navy, Beat Cancer!

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