



10 November 2022

Greetings '87!

Happy Birthday, Marines! 247 years of 24/7 protection of a grateful Nation – oorah! And speaking of a grateful Nation – Happy Veteran's Day to each and every one of my favorite Veterans! I hope this missive finds you and yours healthy, and happy, and ready to cruise into the Holiday Season. This letter is mostly about fun fall stuff, including:

- Go Navy, Beat Notre Dame
- Army-Navy 2022 – The Return of Mobile 87
- Army-Navy ticket exchange
- Final Reunion SWAG delivery
- "Wardroom" Zoom Calls
- In Case You Missed It (ICYMI)

NOTRE DAME GAME: Navy will host Notre Dame in Baltimore at M&T Bank Stadium this Saturday, 12 Nov. To my knowledge, there are no official Navy tailgaters. Forage at your own discretion. NAAA put out an email with some details [here \(link\)](#), including a nearly hidden tidbit **that all ticket transfers must be completed by 12pm on Friday, 11/11/22!** The timeline promulgated by NAAA:

- 0700** Stadium Parking Lots open
- 1000** Stadium gates open/ Ticket Office opens
- 1141** Brigade March-on
- 1151** National Anthem & Flyover
- 1207** Kickoff – Beat the Irish!

For your post-game plans, our good friends at *Old Line Spirits* (headquartered at 200 S. Janney Street in Baltimore, in the vicinity of Johns Hopkins Bayview) have a Tasting Room open until 2100 on Saturdays. Cheers!

THE EM-87 RIDES AGAIN!: Army-Navy returns to Philly on 10 Dec (before going on an extended road show for the next few years). The EM-87 will get underway with an expert crew for another monster tailgater. More details in the works but the thumbnail sketch is:

Tailgating fare opens at approximately 1030 and includes: MD crab soup, Chili, Brats, and other assorted nibbles. Beer, Wine, Bloody Marys, adult coffee and hot chocolate to help chase the chill.

With an RV basecamp, heated tent, HDTV, a place to charge your cell, and cold beer – what could possibly go wrong?

Advance ticket sales will be handled via EventBrite (just like we did back in 2019).

Anticipate tailgate tickets to run around \$45/head for early birds; \$60/head after 30 Nov; kids (<16 y.o.) are half-price. If you tarry until GameDay, tailgating tix will cost you \$87.

ARMY-NAVY TICKET EXCHANGE: We will be putting a A-N ticket exchange chat room (similar to the Reunion Room Swap chat) up on the class website soon to help facilitate the friendly exchange of tickets between classmates.

REUNION SWAG RECONCILIATION: Next week (after Notre Dame), the final deliveries of Reunion SWAG should find its way to all the very patient boys and girls (just in time for the Holidays!) There are a few items that will be available for purchase after those deliveries are made. Contact me with any inquiries (unless we've already communicated).

WARDROOM ZOOM: I noticed in the last *Shipmate*, that some classes are creating periodic opportunities to get together on Zoom. As imitation is the highest form of flattery, I thought we might give that a try every few months. Look for more details on this initiative during the Dark Ages, after we ring in 2023.

ICYMI:

- **Rick Stollmeyer** was featured in the October [WaveTops \(link\)](#) for his fund-matching [Stollmeyer Challenge \(link\)](#), supporting the STEAM programs of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mid Central Coast. Great work, Rick!
- The U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association & Foundation (USNAAA&F) just posted an open position for Executive Vice President, Engagement and is welcoming candidates to apply, [details here \(link\)](#). USNAAA&F is also advertising for an open position of Executive Director, Principal Gifts and Gift Planning, [details here \(link\)](#). Wouldn't you like to join **Wes Huey** for lunch at the new Alumni Center?

Finally, class column scribe **Rob Pinataro** would very much enjoy your *Shipmate* fodder no later than Thanksgiving (11/24) for inclusion in the Jan/Feb issue. If you have never written into *Shipmate* before, why not send an inspired bit of prose to Rob (and also congratulate him on his recently announced business merger)? Contact Rob at rpinataro87@gmail.com and include *Shipmate* in the subject line.

Go Navy! BEAT ARMY!



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