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(via MailChimp)

Hello '87!

Well, its 6 days and a wakeup until our 35th Reunion weekend! Final details are coming together nicely and the weather (knock on wood!), looks lovely. We'll be sending out a Reunion Info Blast tomorrow with all the details for the weekend including the final Schedule of Events (SOE), Transportation Plan and lengthy Gouge Memo. Please be on the lookout for this and take some time to read and digest this so you can tweak your final plan and do any last-minute clothes shopping.

This rest of this email is happily dedicated to thanking the myriad Classmates whose generosity and service have made our Reunion possible. Please take a few minutes to read and appreciate how many dedicated people it took to make our Reunion a reality!

First, my immense appreciation to our amazing Reunion Planning Team who have worked tirelessly over the past 6 months filled with countless Zoom calls, emails and SITREPS to design and execute a fun filled weekend so the rest of us can simply come to Annapolis and enjoy a lovely weekend together.

Janet (Walters) Bristol, Steve Rowe, Molly (Carroll) Shea, Maggie (McKee) Utterback (Registration). **JJ Jewell** (Transportation). **Skip Trahan** (Company Wrangler in Chief). **Nancy Springer** (Class Briefing). **Susan (Davis) Sutter** (Photography). **Rob Pinataro** (*Shipmate*). **Cliff Blumenberg** (Artist in Residence). **Jason Cronin** (Logistician). **Dave Berman, Chip Neidhold** (Golf). **Adrienne (Marks) Griffen, Diane (Farraday) Foster, George Williams** (Welcome Reception). **Robert Burns, Rob Douglass, Rob Shepherd** (Memorial Service). **Susan (Williams) Hochberg** (Decedent Comms). **Jim Dick** (Class Meeting). **Dave Fluker** (King Hall Liaison). **Tom McKenna** (Parade Liaison). **Steve Yoder, Laura (Lott) Granahan, Bill Angeloni** (Friday Reception). **Rob Shepherd** (Saturday Crew event). **Gabe Gomez** (Saturday FunRun). **Roy Ledesma** (Saturday Hoops). **Lisa (Rathjen) Avila, Trish (Thompson) Burgess** (Ladies Lunch). **Jeff Lay** (NAAA coordination). **Chris (Keller) Hart, Duncan Hart, Jeanne (Grabowsky) Taylor, Tish (Dour) Wold** (Tailgater).

And an additional batch of thanks to the many others who have volunteered to help at the Reunion with registration, logistics, or in some other important way to make the reunion flow smoothly.

We also had a group of Classmates who have kindly supported the Class golf outing with prizes and SWAG. Thank you to **Craig Augenstein, Chip Neidhold / All Pro Tactical, Rayome Soupiset and Andy Callahan / Hostess Brands, Inc.**

Additionally, thanks to USNA Women's Golf Coach Nadia Ste. Marie, Coach Joey D. Golf and Duke Cannon Supply Co. for their donations.

Thank you all for your hard work and for doing such a great job!

Next, we had a set of classmates who have stepped up to financially sponsor the Class Reunion in a truly meaningful way. **Adrienne (Marks) Griffen, Stephen & Rachel Giannone, Tony Klimas, Rich & Jackie Vitaro, Paul Rayhill, Gabriel Gomez, Tom Backgalupo, and Phil Corcoran.**

Attached is a MEMO with some background on these generous sponsors and their organizations – please take a look and reach out to these Classmates if there is any need for their services or if you have an idea of how you can help them be even more successful in their endeavors.

To our sponsors, thank you for your support of the Class Reunion!

And finally last, but most importantly, a boundless THANK YOU to **Scott Herbener** who has not only skillfully and selflessly led our Reunion Planning Team, but who has been my ever engaged, always cheerful and uber organized partner-in-crime for the past many years and without whom we would not have been able to accomplish any of the amazing things our Class has achieved and enjoyed. I am looking forward to turning over the Class President role to Scott next Friday and am confident that '87 will flourish under his capable and passionate leadership.

Please take a moment to reach out to these Classmates to say "Thanks!" and buy them a drink next weekend at the Reunion.

Signing off with gratitude beyond words,

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