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Hello Classmates,

As I write this just days before June Week it is interesting to contemplate that you won't read this until July or August. These next two months will reveal much about the course of war in Ukraine, inflation, recession, and political division. I pray that despite the world happening around us that these ensuing months have brought you and yours health, happiness, prosperity and peace.

LCDR John Hair shared a great story of breaking back into the USNR in 2020!

■ "After 21 years since I departed the Navy reserves (and about a year and a half of processing), I was finally able to return to the Naval Reserves. On 5/8/2020, **VADM Timothy White** administered the oath to me in his office as Fleet Cyber Commander for my re-entry into the USNR (as a LCDR). Also in attendance were members of his staff including, RADM James Butler, RADM Michael Vernazza and RADM John Watkins. VADM White did an exceptional job and commented that he appreciated me asking him to do the ceremony because it was a welcome "positive" thing in the midst of the Pandemic.

It was great to talk with him after the ceremony and share what both of us had been doing since graduation.

In January 2021, I joined a NCIS Reserve unit out of Quantico (nothing happened fast during the Pandemic). I am very thankful to have this opportunity especially now that I am within a few years of retiring from the FBI."

~LCDR John Hair



VADM Tim White administering the oath of office to LCDR John Hair in May 2020!

And Tim Wolf shared another update that shows **VADM Tim White** is everywhere this month!

■ The Upper Midwest Chapter of the USNA Alumni Association hosted a wonderful event for alumni and community friends on 5 May at the Minneapolis Club. The primary program was a panel discussion on the theme: of "Cyber Security Threats and Mitigation: The Intersection of National and Corporate Security." We were fortunate to have classmate **TJ White** (VADM, USN (Ret.)) come to Minnesota to be a panelist and lend his meaningful insights to the discussion.

Classmates **Jon Jewell** and **Dan Nygaard** attended and we had a pre-35th reunion dinner together. Go Navy!

See you soon, Tim Wolf



L to R: Dan Nygaard, Jon Jewell, Tim White and Tim Wolf mini 35th Company reunion at the Minneapolis Club

And now for a word from **Jim Matheson** with tremendous thanks for his 35 years of service as our Class President!

■ "Hello '87,

We're just under four months to our 35th Reunion which is going to be a fabulously fun time. I want to share my immense gratitude to our Reunion Planning Committee for their amazing teamwork and dedication! Now, it is time for you all to do your part - signup and attend, and we've made that super easy for you:

OUR CLASS REGISTRATION SITE IS NOW LIVE at <https://signupnow.events/USNA1987>

This email will provide everything you need to know to register for the Reunion, signup for the events you'll attend and select the SWAG you'd like (and yes, pay for it all). It takes less

than 10 minutes to do this, but you may want to take some time to familiarize yourself with the gouge in this email, understand the different options and commit the Reunion SOE to memory for chow call purposes!

Please note that we are using the same site as we did for our 30th Reunion, so when you register you can skip directly to the login if you remember your previous login credentials from 5 years ago. If you use the same email (the system will know), but can't remember your password, it will be sent to you. You can also just completely start a new registration from scratch.

VERY IMPORTANT: The Classmate Reunion Fee is tiered to drive timely decisions and commitments. Time, tide, formation and our reunion registration wait for no one!

*\$87 for EARLY BIRDS who register before midnight ET on 6/5;

*\$100 for MAIN registration 6/6 to 7/31;

*\$187 LATE registration beginning 8/1 (don't be this Classmate, please!)

Some Gouge from our Registration Beta testers (aka your Reunion Committee):

*Clicking on "View the entire schedule" in the SOE is easier than going thru day-by-day.

*Once you log in, first ADD GUESTS to include your entourage. You'll then be able to select specific options/events by person as you proceed.

*For **CLASSMATES MARRIED TO CLASSMATES**: We need each of you to please create your own registration with your own company designation, and also pay your own Classmate Reunion Fee. Badging, SWAG, and Company wrangling are predicated on doing this.

*The Reunion Fee covers all the organizing overhead of the Reunion. It also gets each Classmate one (1) '87 crested Yeti Rambler Mug and other fun and sundry Class SWAG provided at check-in.

*There is optional SWAG that you can order during the registration process. These items will be available to be picked up at the Reunion Check In with your other provided SWAG:

-Option to order extra Yeti mug(s) in addition to the one included for each registered Classmate;

-New, full-color version of our enormously popular '87 Chico SWAG bag. Yes they're back, but only as a special order item on the reunion registration site;

-Class of '87 bourbon and pint glasses which are quite classy!

*For those NOT able to attend the reunion, we haven't forgotten you! There is a "Reunion in a Box" option. It covers the shipping of the main reunion SWAG to you and any of the additional a la carte SWAG that you order. If you order items that necessitate an additional box, we'll reach out to you to make arrangements.

*There is an optional \$19.87 Class Donation option that goes to support Class operations

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and is one of the few ways we have to raise funds for our Class activities. Please donate!

*Note the chance to buy a raffle ticket for an honor chair at the USNI Auditorium and buy a ticket, or two, or ten! This chair is in the USNI auditorium where all the Friday morning Class events will be held and can be named in honor of whomever the winner chooses. The winner will be announced at the Class meeting and NEED NOT be present to win.

*If you'd like to volunteer to help with registration, there is an option to select this as well - this is a great and fun way to support the Reunion, and to meet and greet Classmates!

Please know that your Reunion Committee did yeoman's work in providing value for every event this year. Given the significant inflationary pressures from our vendors, we spent considerable time discussing and negotiating menu options and pricing. As a result, the Friday night reception at the Graduate Hotel is a cash bar but there is an option to advance purchase drink tickets at \$8 to help speed along the line at the bar.

Finally, in the spirit of helping offset any potential financial pressures from attending, you'll note at check-out the option to spread your charges into monthly installment payments.

Yes, You Also Need To Buy A Game Ticket! YOU MUST PURCHASE A GAME TICKET FROM NAAA TO ENTER THE TAILGATER.

The Tailgater is located inside the stadium in Class Ring North West (Navy side) and the Class of '53 Pavilion.

Go to: navysports and use code 1987 for the class block for sit down seats (sections C or D) or buy standing room only tickets. Standing Room tix = \$30; Seats in Class Block = \$50

Contact NAAA at 800-US4-NAVY (800-874-6289) for more info.

Still Need More SWAG?

As always, there is other '87 SWAG available on our class site (<https://usna87.com/ships-store/>) that will be shipped directly to your home. The 35th reunion t-shirt will be announced once the art is finalized and announced and will be included in the Ship's Store for individual purchase.

In the interim, check out this blazingly cool bowling shirt which you can order: <https://www.bowlingconcepts.com/navy-academy-reunion-shirt-87>.

These will be batch produced and shipped to your door in late August in time for the Reunion. The ordering deadline for the bowling shirt is July 15th!

Reunion Team Comms

We will be utilizing a mobile texting service to facilitate sharing reunion reminders and breaking news. Should you desire NOT to receive those, there will be a simple opt-out mechanism



'87 at ICOF in May

that you can select when you receive your first text, or any time thereafter.

You can expect fairly regular (perhaps even annoyingly regular) emails over the next four months leading up to the Reunion. All the most current details will be posted on the class website at www.usna87.com to keep you in the loop. If you have any questions, ideas or concerns, please contact us at usna1987reunion@gmail.com.

In Other News - Our Class Bylaws Have Been Adopted

I'd like to thank everyone for taking the time to review and vote on the Class of '87 Bylaws and those that provided clarifying language suggestions. I am happy to announce that we passed the 15% threshold for voting and was pleasantly surprised that 100% of voting classmates were in favor of our new Bylaws. Thanks again to our esteemed GEC for their hard work in crafting such thoughtful and sensible Bylaws! We have now officially moved into the Nomination & Election Process so please ping me directly if you have interest and/or questions about running for Class Office. We'll be following up with those of you who indicated as such in the poll.

Go Navy!"

Jim

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Enjoy the rest of the Summer and please send your news to rpinataro87@gmail.com with "SHIPMATE" in the subject line.

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'88 "Courage, Valor, Integrity", USS STOUT (DDG55) Happy Independence Day.

God bless America. r/ Sara

Kim Smith (**Chuck Smith**)

✉ Hello Sara, I enjoy reading the *Shipmate*, which prompted me to share a photo and simple story about an event held on April 2nd, 2022. Chuck Smith (USNA class of 1988) along with his family, own CrossFit Krypton in Chesapeake, VA and were honored to hold the 6th annual "Krypton Games - Compete for a Cure" last week which benefits St Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The event has raised over \$300,000 in the past and once the totals are tallied, we hope to have raised over \$120,000. this year alone. Our oldest son, Ben, who won the CrossFit Games in 2015 and named Fittest On Earth, felt he was given a platform to help those in need. Ben programs for the 360 athletes who participated in the competition which was held in the new Virginia Beach Sports Center.

Photo is Chuck with one of his three granddaughters and then a photo of Ben during the athlete briefing. Chuck isn't one to reach out,