

# 86/87 CLASS NEWS

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'86, are you out there?

Thanks to **Jeff Layton** for the following:

✉ I don't know that I've ever written into *Shipmate* in the 37 years (!) since graduation, but here it finally is. I'll skip most of the history from Nuke Subs to ex-wives, but the fun part is finally here!

Since I moved to Colorado almost 5 years ago, I have been skiing more often, and married Angie Friend 2 1/2 years ago (even though she's a snowboarder). You know she's something special if I took another time at the altar - was pretty sure I was done with that! I've been running manufacturing for a rocket engine startup here & having fun with it.

This past weekend I met up with **Anne Groves Hammond** and **Carrie Cleveland Royster** in Vail.



**Anne Groves Hammond, Jeff Layton and Carrie Cleveland Royster**



**Bill & Anne Hammond and Angie & Jeff Layton**

I was also able to catch up with **Jack Lurette** in Beaver Creek in early February.



**Jeff Layton and Jack Lurette**

But the main reason for writing is to invite all '86ers to a Class Ski Trip in February 2024. In case some of our class isn't on Facebook, below is the text from the post on our class page:

✉ **Anne Groves Hammond** and I are discussing trying to form a class ski trip for February 2024 - so you have almost a year to plan it. We'll be in Breckenridge from February 18 to February 25, 2024. Epic passes go on sale this Spring, typically \$149ish for military retirees and about \$540 for Veterans. Look for the Military Epic pass at Epicpass.com starting in March or April - they go up throughout the year and sales usually end in October. (Window prices per day are up to \$240 so the pass is the way to go). We'd love to have a mini-reunion with any of you that can join us.

Once we get a headcount, we can plan events and get-togethers and maybe even some class ski swag. If enough are interested, we can try to get a block of rooms in the condos we're staying in. Anne, Bill, Angie & myself will be staying in the Grand Timber Lodge and **Alan & Linda ('90) Jarusewski** will be staying in Grand Colorado on Peak 8.

Signed up so far: **Anne & Bill (Groves) Hammond, Jeff Layton and Angie Friend, Alan & Linda Jarusewski, Joe English, Gordon Fogg, Paul Costello, Christine Buswell, Sharon Chapman, and Paige Kholi Hoffman.**

If you're interested, please send an email to **Jeff Layton** at [JLayton86@gmail.com](mailto:JLayton86@gmail.com), and include # of adults, # of children, and whether you'd want to try & get a group rate somewhere at Breck or not. Also, if your name is on the list above & I don't have your spouse's name and they're joining you, please let me know & I'll add them. By **Gordon Fogg's** special request, we're searching for an Orthopedist to join us....

In other class news, **J. Eric Smith** has a new book out in collaboration with **Jim McNeal**.

Here is the publisher's link to the book, titled "Side by Side in Eternity: The Lives Behind Adjacent American Military Graves": <https://mcfarlandbooks.com/product/side-by-side-in-eternity/>

It is also available on all of the major book-selling platforms, if you prefer to order from Amazon or Barnes and Noble or elsewhere.

Additionally, Jim and J. Eric recently contracted for representation for their next book with top-flight literary agent Mark Gottlieb of the Trident Media Group. The working title for their next book is "Crucibles: History's Most Formidable Rites of Passage." Watch [jericsmith.com](http://jericsmith.com) over the months ahead for updates on that project.

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**Hello Classmates,**

**Enjoy the season of baseball, weddings, graduations and to those fortunate enough to venture onto The Yard, take in the beauty of USNA in all it's spring glory!**

**Steve Taylor** shared some good news:

✉ "I have been residing here in Pleasanton, CA for the past 26 years with my wife of 25 years Jennifer, and our twins (16) Sarah and Josh, and college freshman (18), Anna. Three years ago I became a partner in The Franchise Consulting Company representing approximately 400 different concepts (primarily franchises) looking to expand and working with companies seeking to implement a franchise strategy. Classmate **Jean-Pierre "JP" Bolat** joined us last month as a partner as well (IMMEDIATELY before our semi-annual meeting in Cancun - flipping aviators!) and I've attached a picture to prove the deed!

Both of us have a passion for working with Veterans and are focused on identifying and developing ownership opportunities tailored specifically for this group. On a personal note, it has been an absolute joy connecting with many service academy graduates and classmates.

Best to all, **Phillip "Steve" Taylor**"



L to R: Steve Taylor and Jean-Pierre Bolat

Thanks to **Steve** and **JP** for contributing to this issue. Please send your news and writings to [rpinataro87@gmail.com](mailto:rpinataro87@gmail.com) with "SHIPMATE" in the subject line.

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**'88 "The Courage to Prevail",**  
USS PAUL HAMILTON (DDG 60) r/ Sara

Save the Date! **The 35th Class Reunion**

- 29 September - 1 October 2023 - Navy vs University of South Florida. Information will be disseminated primarily through emails from myUSNA.com. Please update your profile through the USNAAA.

**Jim Maguire** writes in:

✉ I won my election! Having been appointed to City Council to fill an unexpired term that ended last December, I successfully ran for my first full four-year term for the City Council of Dayton, Oregon. I was also truly humbled when my fellow city councilors and mayor elected me as Council President at our first meeting in January. This is a non-partisan,



'88: Lisa representing in central Florida



**Jim Maguire**



**Lisa Gregory Arato** (the best plebe roommate ever): Navy - UCF, what a great game! I grew up outside of Orlando so my sister, Anne, her boyfriend and my best friends and families are all UCF fans. We did have one secret weapon though... my 90-year old mom, Elizabeth, who was rooting for Navy. I think she was our good luck charm!

volunteer position and I love being able to help our small farming town be a great place to live, work, walk, bike, and play. Cheers and Beat Army! Jim



Looking great, Mrs Scruggs. Go Navy!

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Classmates,

This month's column is a bit somber, with the news of another classmate passing. Class President, **Denise (Shorey) Willert**, checks in with this report:

✉ Dear friends,

How I wish I didn't have to start with sad news, but we've recently lost another beloved classmate. **Mark Springer**, a member of the USNA Rugby Team and a dear friend to many, passed away unexpectedly due to a health issue this past January. Following a successful Navy career as a P-3 pilot, Mark retired as a Captain and went on to fly for the company FlexJet in 2018. Within the first year, he upgraded to Captain on a Gulfstream 450 and was selected to stand up with a special team within his company.