



16 June 2023

Good morning '87!

Stretch for the Severn, follow the Red Corvette, and don't hold up the whole Naaaaavy!

Mark your calendar, save the date, review your Reef Points, and report ready for duty –

Thursday, 6 July 2023 is our 40th I-day anniversary!

Class Zoom at 2000 ET: Zoom Meeting ID: 529 229 7392; Passcode: 873301

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Bring your best I-Day story. Here's a little video to get you in the mood: <https://youtu.be/yXjN5ln-2TQ>

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CELEBRATING LEGACIES: Continuing the I-Day vibe, there are six new '87 legacies poised to join the Class of 87+40 on 29 June! They are: **Brian Hendrickson's** son (Francis); **Gabriel Gomez'** son (Max); **Shelly (Laurilla) O'Malley's** son (Luke); **Ed Schofield's** son (Parker); **Doug Ten Hoopen's** daughter (Lael); and **Mike Todd's** daughter (Anna). CONGRATULATIONS ALL!

CLASSMATE SUPPORT:

I could wax poetic about how I-Day was the beginning of our association of sharing our joys, our burdens, our sorrows, our triumphs together; of having each other's back and supporting one another. Instead, I'd like to demonstrate that spirit in the form of a most heartfelt letter of gratitude from **Mark Joslin**, in response to the outpouring of support he's currently experiencing...

"There were multiple classmates who stepped forward and took the time to complete the questionnaire. I have tried to express my gratitude in the following letter, but words cannot begin to capture my appreciation."

Here is Mark's [letter in his own words](#).

And speaking of words of thanks, **Pat Hagerty** is out of the hospital, back home and shared...

"I would like to pass along my deepest thanks... we have such a strong Class – there is no need to struggle alone... Everyone should feel that we all will rally around our Classmates. Even ones you never really knew. We have that, sharing 4 years by the Bay."

On that theme, a reminder that **Rob "Race" Roberson's** interment of ashes will be held Friday, 23 June 2023, at 1130 at [Quantico National Cemetery](#). See the [May 9th letter for further details](#).

As many of you know, **Olin Filyaw's** wife, Monica Noe Filyaw, passed away very suddenly in April. Olin asked me to share that Monica's ashes will be interred in [Arlington National Cemetery](#) on her birthday, Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 1400 (meet at the Administrative Building at 1315). There will be a procession to the niche where a Navy Chaplain will perform a service and a Marine body bearer will place Monica's urn in the niche. Dinner and drinks afterwards at Clyde's Willow Creek Farm.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS SUNI?: In a different mode of support and ICYMI in the news – Boeing has postponed the *Starliner* (hence, **Suni (Pandya) Williams'**) launch until at least the Fall (maybe October??) while they sort out [some parachute and flammable electrical tape issues](#) (quite prudent says the non-aviator). We'll keep you updated. Suni said [the suit](#) would've been hot & humid in July in Florida anyway. While her ride gets sorted out, she and **Mike** may attempt to find some cooler climes to summer in (read that NOT TX or FL). You might even find her poolside wearing some cool kicks while talking about underwater robotics (see [page 3 of the June Shipmate](#)).

DGA NOM COMMITTEE: I recently chartered the Class [Distinguished Graduate Award \(DGA\)](#) Nominating Committee. Our Blue-Ribbon team will be chaired by **Vince McBeth** and include **Jim Byrne, Adrienne (Marks) Griffen, Scott McFarlane** and **Joyce (Robinson) Saunders**. The committee's charge is to identify deserving Classmates and take the lead in crafting nomination packages for DGA recognition in any given (annual) cycle. I envision this will be a standing committee with a rotating cadre (read that: future opportunities for YOU to volunteer and shape the conversation). More info to follow as the team "forms, storms, norms, and performs".

SHIPMATE: **Rob Pinataro** would love your *Shipmate* input by **COB Wednesday, 21 June**. Send your pictures and words to Rob at rpinataro87@gmail.com and include *Shipmate* in the subject line.

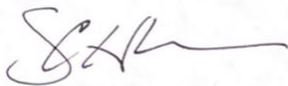
There will be more news in the next Class Blast with updates on the progress of the Class Gift Project, news and briefing notes from the last Council of Class Presidents, and discussions of all things Tailgating, including YOUR opportunity to volunteer to help. Anecdotal information suggests that there is a fairly loud contingent of '87 heading to Dublin in August to watch the season opener – Godspeed to you all. BEAT NOTRE DAME!

See you at the Class I-Day Zoom -- Thursday, 6 July 2023 at 2000 EDT.

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