



23 November 2023
Thanksgiving Day

Happy Thanksgiving, '87!

Wherever you are in the world, whatever time it is – Happy Thanksgiving and know that all the Class Officers wish you and yours the very best this weekend and holiday season. As I fight off my tryptophan-induced food coma, I remain grateful for each of you.

I do have two news updates that I am especially reflecting on this Thanksgiving:

1. **Mark Joslin** is a proud liver recipient! I'll let [his attached letter](#) tell the full transplant story but wanted to share this excerpt (with my emphasis):
"Multiple classmates came forward, expressing their willingness to help in various ways. Your outpouring of support touched me deeply, and I cannot thank you enough for your love and generosity.... Ultimately, one Classmate emerged as the donor. This individual's selfless decision to donate a portion of their healthy liver was a momentous turning point in my journey.
*I am thrilled to inform you that the transplant surgery was a success, thanks to **Mark Schreiber** from the 23rd Company. I am now on the path to renewed health and vitality, and this gift has filled me with hope and gratitude beyond words."*
2. **Pat Hagerty** - since the last update in June, Pat is improving. He had a modification to his medication regime and it's apparently agreeing with him. He walked his daughter down the aisle in September and has been able to travel visiting family a little since then. I briefly spoke to Hags and told him that I was thankful for his grace, strength, and courage in adversity.

I am inspired by these stories and find them typical of our amazing Class.

Near-term Class Business tidbits:

1. There will **NOT** be a Class tailgater at Gillette Stadium for Army-Navy on 9 December. Besides the Alumni Association tailgater, I can also recommend the Travis Manion Tailgater (<https://www.travismanion.org/events/search-local-events/2023-tmftailgate/>) Tickets are still available at \$65 for Adults 21+ (as well as minors' tickets at a reduced price).
2. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Class Fundraising Project has been finalized, so we are weeks away from kicking off active fundraising (just in time to count for CY23, should you desire). Many more details coming very soon!
3. **SHIPMATE:** **Rob Pinataro** would love your next *Shipmate* input by **COB Friday, 19 January 2024** for the Mar-Apr 2024 issue. Send your pictures and words to Rob at rpinataro87@gmail.com and include *Shipmate* in the subject line.

Go Navy! **AND BEAT ARMY!!**

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