

86/87 CLASS NEWS

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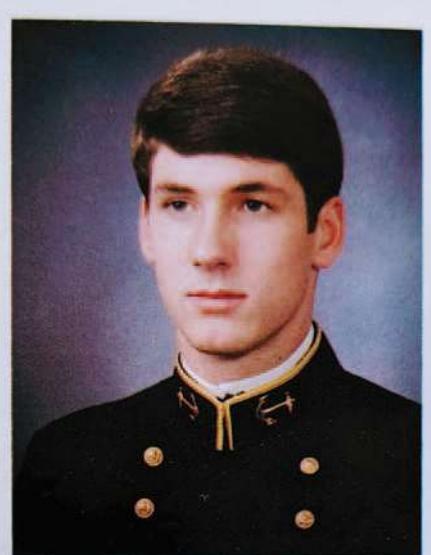
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Two submissions this issue!

Harry Dunbrack provided the following:

■ In the spring of 1986, both Scott Franklin and Joe Wallis penned the following for the *Lucky Bag*: "See you in the Banana Republics in 30 years."



C. SCOTT FRANKLIN
Lakeland, Florida

Scott came to us from Lakeland, via the prestigious Lakeland Yacht Club, where southern gentlemen are refined. We traveled to Antigua, Nassau, Baja, San Diego, and binged in Lauderdale. Always the tease, from tossed cookie pictures, wild boat rides chasing Benji, to diving for dollars at J & L's pool. A sincere friend, it wouldn't have been the same without him. How about the mutual friend in Rota? Jack says eat sushi and don't pay. Remember, "Don't Let Your Dreamboat Turn Out to be a Footnote." See you in the Banana Republics in 30 years or else. AMF JFW QCA



JOSEPH F. WALLIS

Pensacola, Florida

Joe, alias Pancho, Minimus, Free Lunch, and foremost Stump, was always a rambler while at USNA, with numerous trips to Paradise including Antigua (get Benji-fied, Calypso Joe!), Nassau & Cat Cay on Capt. Dale's "Prestige" (toss those cookies!), Coconut Grove, Lauderdale, San Diego, and of course, J & L's Hotel. Always bent on stretching himself thin, Stump is noted for max output at minimum effort. A sincere and dependable friend, he will no doubt find his niche in the Corps. Always remember Ponch, "Roll with the punches, play all of your hunches, make the most of whatever comes your way." See you in the Banana Republics in 30 years. CSF AMF

A few more than 30 years perhaps, but in April 2023, four 10th Co. classmates met at Foxy's Jost Van Dyke in the British Virgin Islands. Great weather and great sailing!



L to R; Scott Franklin, Joe "Pancho" Wallis, Harry Dunbrack and Lawrence Kough.



Rounding out the salty crew were (L to R): Scott and Amy Franklin, Pancho and Shannon Wallis, Cathleen and Lawrence Kough. It was an honor and a pleasure to fulfill this solemn oath from 1986!

The second submission is courtesy of CAPT Mike "Timber" Kline, class of 1997:

■ On Friday, 31 March 2023, the Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment (ALRE) Program Office (PMA-251) held their ALRE Ball and awards banquet at the Golden Nugget in Atlantic City, NJ. This was the first time this event was held in several years and it was a major morale boost to the entire team. Nearly 200 people from Naval Air Station Patuxent River, MD, and Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division Lakehurst, NJ, attended the event! USNA was well represented by Tim Held '92, Jim Donnelly '86, Mike Kline '97, and Rob Beauchamp '07.



Keep that content coming!

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Hello Classmates,

Welcome to the July issue of Shipmate and a bumper crop of inputs from **Scott Herbener**,



'87: "Honoring Mark Hamilton" (L-R): Steve Clarke, Rob Shepherd, Michael Gaffney, Steve Rakow, Joe Seibert, Rob Douglass, Amy (Donovan) Byrne, Bill Byrne, Cam O'Kuingtons, David Smith, Jason Cronin, Scott Herbener, and Paul Bevans with Mr. Tom Hamilton.

Shelley (Laurilla) O'Malley, John Martins' wife Karen, Ed Magee and me!

This month's column starts with a few notes from our Class President, **Scott Herbener**:

■ **1. Classmates** - Thank you for responding to the Great Class Challenge with GUSTO! We CRUSHED previous Class records with 357 donors/ 38% Class participation! Absolutely MAGNIFICENT! A steady strain effort, fueled by Chris Dunphy parody updates, had us finish:

- **2nd** in total number of donors;
- **4th** in Class Participation %; and
- **7th** in YoY improvement Lisa (Rathjen)

Avila noticed, we were the most ummmm..., established Class in that list.)

It was impressive to watch Classmates rally, and inspiring to see so many of our Fallen Classmates honored. This esprit defines the character of our Class. The Challenge was also a terrific warm-up in advance of our 40th Reunion Class Gift Project (did I just actually write 40th Reunion?).

2. IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING THE CLASS BLAST EMAILS, contact **Steve Rowe** or me, so we can amend the emailing list and get you "gouged up".

3. The fifth **Mark Hamilton** shell was dedicated and christened on 29 April. Thirteen Classmates had the honor of representing the Class.

~Scott Herbener

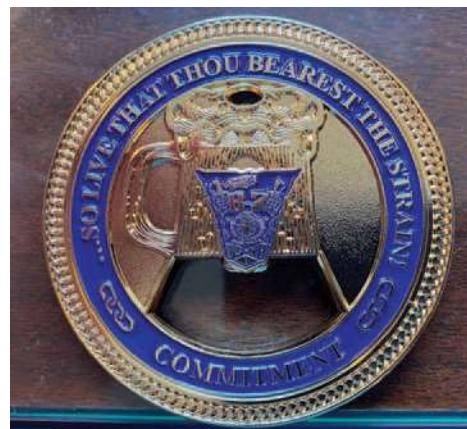
■ **Rob Douglass**, a member of the plebe year Thirsty Third Company Class of 1987, led us to follow the example of Greg Pease, Thirsty Third Class of 1984, by designing and producing some impressive challenge coins which double as beer openers. You may recall the fifth Law of the Navy,

"On the strength of one link of the cable
Dependeth the might of the chain.
Who knows when thou mayest be tested?
So live that thou bearest the strain!"
~Admiral R.A. Hopwood, RN, 1898

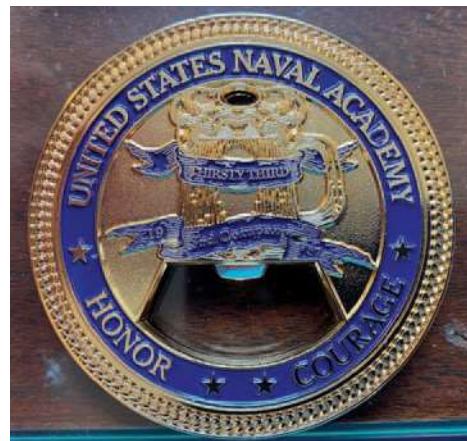
Check out Rob's handiwork and think about whether your company might like to follow this

lead! And, on behalf of the original Class of 1987 Thirsty Third crew, Thank you and BZ, **Rob Douglass!!!**

~Rob Pinataro



Class of 1987 Plebe Year Thirsty Third Challenge Coin - Face



Class of 1987 Plebe Year Thirsty Third Challenge Coin - Back

Karen Martins, wife of **John Martins**, sent photos of a chance encounter with a few other '87 boatniks from March when they were all aboard the Willy T, a pirate party boat at Norman Island, British Virgin Islands.



Class of 1987 in the British Virgin Islands



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And some exciting news from **Shelley (Laurilla) O'Malley**:

■ Congratulations to everyone on the Class Challenge—Go '87!! I also wanted to let everyone know that the '87 legacy continues as our son, Luke, will be joining the Class of 2027 (yeah, do THAT math) for I-Day on 29 June. He is excited to join our ranks and is slowly shearing his hair (a little gouge to avoid sunburn). Thanks to our classmates ('87 and '87-1) and friends who cheered him on and helped him find his way. Our nest will be empty after he leaves us, so we might pull up stakes and try a new adventure. We'll keep you posted.

~Shelley (Laurilla) O'Malley



Congratulations to Shelley (Laurilla) O'Malley on her son Luke's admission to the USNA Class of 2027! Could Luke be the last Class of 1987 son or daughter to join USNA?

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Ed Magee has been up to some very good work over the past two years partnering with Gen Bryan Fenton (USSOCOM) on talent development initiatives. Most recently, Ed served on a panel addressing "Developing and Retaining Talent." Noteworthy panel members included Darren Shand, Manager of the New Zealand All Blacks, Dr. Andy Walshe, Co-Founder, Liminal Collective, and LtGen Jonathan Braga, CG, US Army Special Ops Command, and of course, Ed Magee.



Ed Magee serving as a panelist in a USSOCOM leadership conference.

Thank you to all our contributors for this issue! Please send your news and writings to rpinataro87@gmail.com with "SHIPMATE" in the subject line.

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Steve Townsend, 27th CO:

✉ My wife, Alisa, and I celebrated our 30th Anniversary with an Alaskan cruise this May. We were actually married in January, but apparently even Norwegian Cruise Line ships are not ice-rated. We visited Juneau, Skagway and the Hubbard Glacier, amongst other ports, and then disembarked in Seward, AK. While there, we dropped in on Kerry Romig at her store, the Frontier Trading Post. We spent a few minutes enjoying a mini-35th reunion before catching the bus to Anchorage. It was supposed to have been a scenic train ride, but the tracks were closed when an avalanche derailed a locomotive the previous week. We decided the change in itinerary was OK with us.

Apparently 45 degree air whipping across the steel blue waters of Resurrection Bay is what passes for Spring in southern Alaska, never mind the snow-covered mountains less than a mile away. We saw young people

running around in shorts and halter tops. Kerry, being at work, was much more sensibly attired in sandals, trousers and a T-shirt. Meanwhile, my wife and I were still in our winter finest of hiking boots, fleece sweatshirts or vests, and thermal-lined puffer jackets. Can you guess we live in the South?

It was a wonderful cruise and a great opportunity to catch up with a fellow 88. I'll save the horror story of lost airline luggage (both ways) for another day.

-Steve and Alisa Townsend



Ted Peck:

✉ I trekked to Annapolis for the first annual RADM Simpson Summit, bringing together Parent Club leadership and Alumni Chapter leadership from across the country for the first time. Great event! I extended my visit for 2 days so I could attend the Army-Navy Lacrosse game. The outcome wasn't what we wanted, but it was great seeing classmates and being in NMCMS! Had good representation at the tailgate.



Left to right, Dave Cleary, Michelle Boretti, Chad Watson, Rodney Luck, Cliff Rees, Mike Binnix, Ted Peck. Donnie Hughes scampered before the picture.

Meanwhile, across the river Navy Rugby beat Lindenwood as a prelude to beating Cal in Texas to be National Champs in their first varsity season! '88 was again well represented.

Other classmates involved with the Alumni Association are Donnie Hughes, Vice President of the Athletic & Scholarship Program; Steve Rasmussen, outgoing President of the San Diego Chapter; Darryl Smith, recently elected to the Board of Trustees representing the Central Region; Matice Wright-Springer, Board-selected Trustee through 2024; Jim Schwab, Trustee for '80s Classes Through Spring 2025. Great to have so many classmates so involved in making a strong support for alumni!



Navy Rugby National Championship Game -Jim Schwab, Dion Cornett, John Cox, Dennis Sullivan, and John "Face" Donelan (not shown) attended"



(Left to right) Jeff Muller, Cliff Rees, Joe Brenner, Don Hughes, Chris Bushnell, Brian O'Donnell, and Mike Binnix.

Chris Bush:

✉ "This group of '88ers got together last night to take in the Navy Lax game at NMC Stadium for the Patriot League Quarter Finals vs Loyola. Unfortunately our host (Chad Watson) and the Navy Lax team didn't show up at game start, and we had a very challenging first half goal deficit that we tried valiantly to overcome in the second half, but fell short."

Bill Park: