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The big news this issue is the retirement of one of our last few classmates on active duty,

VADM Collin Green. Thanks to **Todd Wagner** for the below:

✉ I had a recent opportunity to attend an amazing retirement ceremony for one of our last active duty classmates, **VADM Collin Green**. Collin had an incredible career in Naval Special Warfare marked by a multitude of leadership tours in some of the most challenging and kinetic environments ever experienced by NSW. His command tours included SEAL Team 3, where he deployed as commander, Naval Special Warfare Task Group - Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; Naval Special Warfare Unit 3; Naval Special Warfare Group 1, U.S. Special Operations Command South, and Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command. He concluded his outstanding 38-year (43 if you count NAPS and USNA) career as the Deputy Commander of USSOCOM. He was joined in these herculean efforts by his amazing wife Alyssa and their 4 wonderful children - Collin, Henry, Hannah and Kathryn.

It was a stellar ceremony held at the Naval Special Warfare Command with a reception that followed at the Coronado Golf Club. There was great '86 attendance by **Joe "Pancho" Wallis** (10), **Mike Reilly** (23), **Paige (Kohli) Hoffman** (21), **Anthony McKinney** (14), **Marie (Schanz) Burris** (35), **Bruce Loveless** (35), **Steve Wisotzki** (7), **JT Young** (35), and a whole contingent of 20th Company mates of Collin- **Jeff Hornberger**, **Dan Baczkowski**, **Frank Bijak**, **Tom Simoes**, **Tom Metzger**, and yours truly **Todd Wagner**. Collin has certainly made '86 incredibly proud and we wish he and his family all of the best in their next chapter!



VADM Collin Green, USN (Ret.)



'86ers from 20th Co (L to R): Todd Wagner, Tom Simoes, Jeff Hornberger, Collin Green, Frank Bijak, Tom Metzger and Dan Baczkowski.



Class of 1986 en masse celebrating Collin's retirement

Keep that content coming, '86!

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Hello Classmates,

John Chandler, shared a picture of **Mike Spanos** and himself at this years' BNP Paribas Open at Indian Wells CA. They had a great couple of days playing tennis and watching the pros compete. We also got their picture taken with retired professional Michael Chang. Watch for them back on the yard this spring for the Army Navy Tennis Match!



(L to R) Mike Spanos & John Chandler

Steve Thompson sent his first update since our June Week.

✉ Greeting classmates, from years afar. Marking my retirement 16th anniversary, here's a catch-up: selected aviation, P-Cola report Sept'87, to Corpus for Primary with roomies **Scott Seeberger** (35th) and **Walt Keays** (14th), to Kingsville for jets, roomie **Ted Williams** (33rd); winged in '89, F/A-18 orders to Cecil Field, first squadron homeported Japan (met on DESERT SHIELD/STORM deployment (survived...)), ejection injury to 'complete' that first tour early and surgeries for a couple years, back to Lemoore for several tours, off to War College (Newport), back to Lemoore for XO/CO tour, retired after an IA stint in Qatar/5th Fleet; to NAS Whidbey (WA) as a EA-18G simulator instructor, still here (picture). Personally, married with children of college age, and still holding out a forgiveness request

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87/87 CLASS NEWS

to a former friend for sins committed those long years ago; there's only one mediator between us image-bearers of God and God himself, the savior Jesus Christ, in who's grace my request is endorsed. Thanks to you all, my classmates, for the bounty of updates you've provided through these years, I've enjoyed the view from afar though I'm not, as the wives club might phrase it, "actively participating." I can still fit into (barely) the N-star sweater and wear each December to cheer on the Midshipman. Fly Navy, Beat Army!



Steve Thompson

Paul Lewis honored his Navy veteran father recently and shared a photo from the day.

✉ My dad LCDR **Harry C. Lewis**, USN (Ret.) and a **USNA 1960** graduate, was honored recently on an Honor Flight from Brunswick, GA. I was his guardian, and we enjoyed a quick tour of DC, swapped a few stories with other veterans from WW2, Korean War, and Vietnam, and flew back to Brunswick the same day. The reception at Brunswick was beyond anyone's expectations and was a perfect conclusion to a very festive day.



Paul Lewis and father, Harry C. Lewis

Thanks to **Dale Szpisjak**, who sent a triple legacy photo from June Week '24, taken after a bit of fountain diving by the Class of 2024.



(L to R) "Trish Burgess and son, Kevin, Ed Schofield and daughter, Samantha, Dale Szpisjak and son, David

Chris Dunphy sent his first update in decades.

✉ I post in the '87 Facebook group but have not written in with an update in decades. First, I want to thank the entire class for the outpouring of love and support over the past 18 months, as my family and I faced some very challenging times. We are truly blessed to have been united by chance over forty years ago with friendships that have stood the tests of time, deployment, relocation, marriage, divorce, and loss.

Now, onto the good stuff: I am 98% recovered from heart surgery and started a new job at MIT last summer (it still sounds like a lie when I say it aloud). I am with Corporate Relations, which links the industry with the 1000+ faculty at MIT. I love the job, great culture, and colleagues; I go to work daily confident that I will be the dumbest person in the room at any meeting - but now I rarely get lost. It has allowed me to travel extensively (Asia/Middle East and, of course, exotic Washington DC. Between the A/N game at Gillette Stadium in December and jaunts to DC, I have crossed paths with numerous classmates.

In Foxboro and the previous night, I saw **Lou Gregus, Steve Yoder, Eric Schoenbucker, Mike Flood, Dan MacMillan, Dan Snyder, John Rinkacs, Dave Berman, Duncan and Chris (Keller) Hart** - tons of others there, connected via text, but logistics didn't work out ;).

Also, in December, I caught up over dinner with the pride of Smoke Hall and 5th Company - **Soup Campbell**! Soup is the COO of Strategic Insight, a Beltway consulting firm.



(L to R) Soup Campbell and Chris Dunphy

In March, I spent time with **Michael Stewart** (Director of the newly created Navy Disruptive

Capabilities Office) at The HBS and MIT Sloan Technology & National Security Conference 2024: just looking at name tags - pick the '87 grad who didn't go to HBS or Sloan and isn't an SES....take your time...



(L to R) Chris Dunphy and Michael Stewart

Later in March, at O'Malley's Pub in Arlington, VA, we assembled an all-star cast of former Naval Officers from all walks of life - USNA '87 classmates, fellow Navy alumni (and fellow squadron mates)—many, many laughs and updates on our current lives. There are too many jobs and changes to list - **Bobby Misch** needs two new knees (still), Bill and Amy have five grandkids, CJ (new dad.) helped me set up a meeting at NIPO in the WDC Navy Yard, and **Bruce Shuttleworth** is hustling the elderly on local pickleball courts.

A second night of '87 camaraderie and "hijinks" (as **Ronnie J Harris** would say) at Ted's Montana Grill in Arlington, VA.

Marc Firlie, Bill Byrne, Spud Webb and John Loesch. Loesch's camera has some AI filter that always makes the person in a scally cap the size of a leprechaun

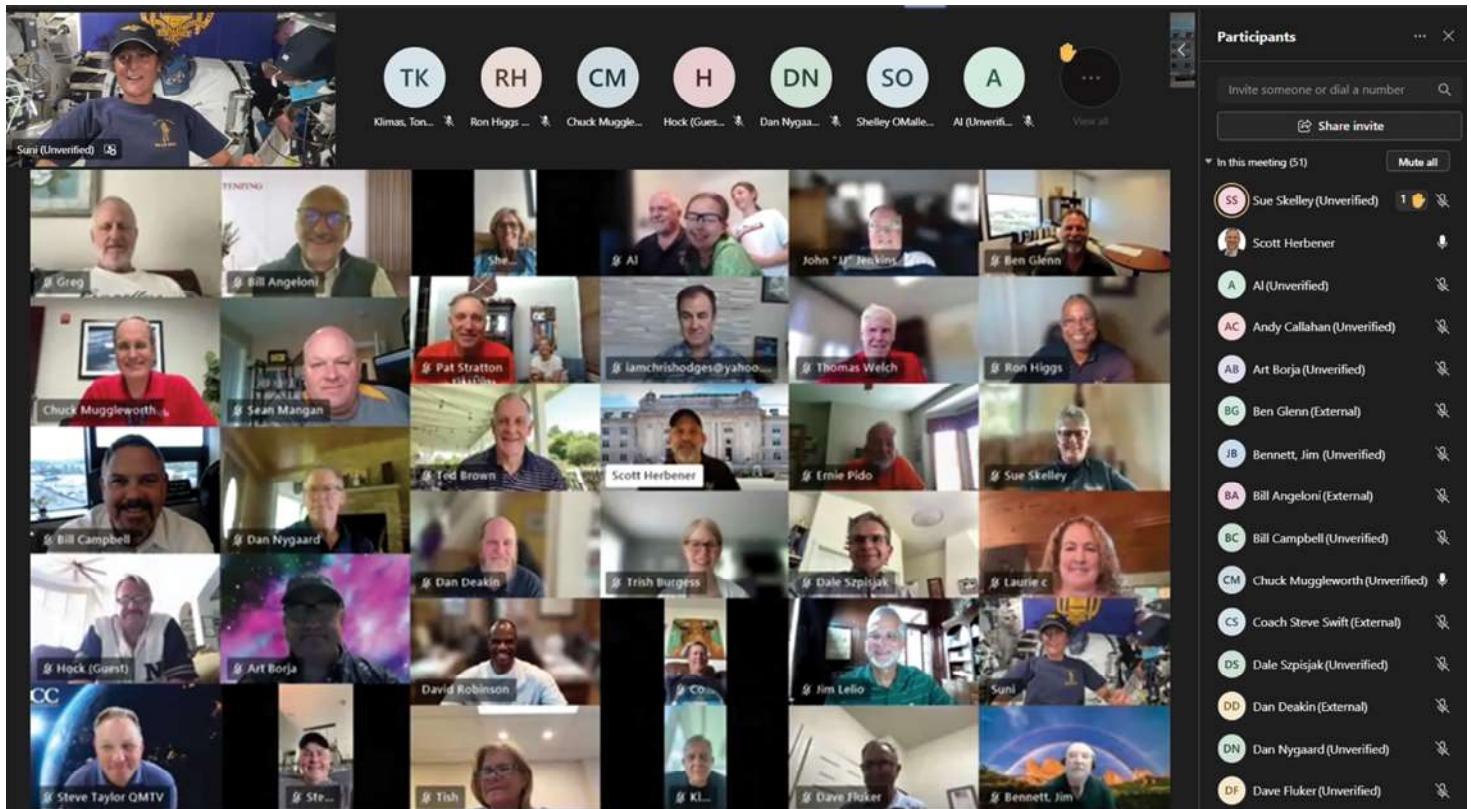
Others are in the metro DC area (Firls drove from Baltimore!). I will figure out a way to organize gatherings in the future, but this was very ad-hoc. We have such great classmates who will get together at a moment's notice.

Lastly, Class of 1987: Astronaut **Suni (Pandya) Williams '87** enjoying a R&R video call with Classmates from the International Space Station. (Photo on next page.)

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'87: (L to R) Bobby Misch, Bill Byrne, HS-11 babbas: Baxter Goodly (Tulane guy and cruise roommate 97-98), Chris Harmer & Bobby Bray ('91), Phil Collins, CJ Cassidy and Bruce Shuttleworth.



'87: Connecting from the International Space Station

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Greetings '88! Something special to look forward to: Our class has arranged with SoNo 1420, founded and owned by fellow grad, **Ted Dumbauld**, class of '88-7, to set aside an entire cask of bourbon just for us for five years of aging. We'll have class crest branded bottles of 88 proof available for our 40th reunion in 2028. We're the very first class to partner with Ted for a reunion!

Congratulations to **Captain Kathleen Kubiske Allen (25th co.)** for her recent retirement after over 30 years of service. Kathy, we're so proud of your commitment to the Navy and our country. Way to represent '88!

From **Jeff Sheedy (9th co.)**:

✉ "Fourteen years ago, I was talking to a fellow overseas American business partner about what we could do to help our native and beloved country that would make a quiet impact on the lives of others."

"We came up with The Memorial Day Flowers Foundation, a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We started with what we had, which was not much, and began handing out 10,000 flowers to visitors at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) in 2011."

"Volunteers have grown every year, and I try to make sure that our '88 classmates get a special bouquet placed on their tombstones along with every other fallen serviceman. Flowers and logistics are donated by Colombian and US firms, as well as from the original Ecuadorian growers."

"We're always thankful to our corporate donors, and we were honored that NASDAQ had my fellow founder ring the opening bell last week [May 24, 2024]."

"In 2013, President Obama and Michelle were very gracious to come over after laying the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns to personally thank us. This year, over 300,000 flowers were placed at Arlington National Cemetery, with an additional 200,000 flowers sent to various cemeteries throughout the country."

"Like most of us, I am reluctant to draw attention to myself. The real heroes are our classmates who gave their lives for our

country, but Laura kindly insisted that I tell our story. I hope in the years to come if you happen to be at ANC or other spots on Memorial Day, remember that the flowers carry the DNA of USNA 1988!"

Jeff, our class is incredibly impressed by your unwavering dedication to honoring our fallen heroes. You've created a truly meaningful organization, and we're all very proud to see its impact on so many families nationwide. Everyone can learn more about Jeff's team's work and how to support them at <https://memorialdayflowers.org>.



Jeff Sheedy's brother, Tom, and his sister-in-law, Maggie, volunteer every year for both the set up and hand out. This is just a small fraction of what Jeff's organization does each Memorial Day at ANC.