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Are you out there, '86?

I was honored to be selected as an Athletic and Scholarship Programs (A&SP) trustee back in 2023, joining fellow '86-ers **Andy Fitzpatrick, Conrad Chun, Greg Glaros, and Lori Reynolds**.

On November 14, 2024, the 80th anniversary of the A&SP was celebrated at a black-tie gala held at The Westin Annapolis. **Greg Glaros** did a great job as the emcee for the evening and **Jim Malloy** was one of the featured speakers, along with CAPT Chris Hill, USN (Tufts '96), Commanding Officer of the USS Eisenhower (CVN-69).

I shanghaied some classmates to take pictures with me since none of y'all want to send me content:



L to R, Jim Malloy, Mike Althouse, Greg Glaros



Mike Althouse and Terry McElroy



Alison Althouse; CAPT Chris "Chowdah" Hill, USN; and Mike Althouse

Send me content, '86!
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Hello Classmates,

Happy New Year! hope this column finds you, your families, and your friends healthy, happy, and enjoying the Dark Ages!

Thank you for allowing me to be your scribe for the past 13 years. 103 times I have put these computer keys to work to share your news with the class.

I hope you enjoy reading about our classmates as much as I enjoy sharing their news. If you have not shared any of your news in the past 13 years, there is no better time than the present. There are about nine hundred of us still kicking and there will be 120 more columns over the next 20 years. If each of us contributes just once during those 20 years, we will have eight contributors in every column.

And now for our first column of 2025! '87 went all-in on travel and fun in 2024.

Greg Contaoi sent photos of the 12th Co cruisers enjoying the '87 class cruise in July with thanks to Howard Baca for coordinating it all.

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L to R, Kirk Benson, Greg Contaoi, Doug Masters, and Joe Lara

Greg and Jay Knight '90 made a very successful fishing trip to British Columbia in August, filling their freezers with Ling Cod and King Salmon.



L to R, Greg Contaoi, and Jay Knight '90 pulling in King Salmon



L to R, Jay Knight '90 and Greg Contaoi pulling in Ling Cod

Jim Swanson also reported a great time had by all and BZ to **Howard Baca** for arranging the '87 class cruise to Alaska and a separate cruise around the Med.

✉ "Caught up with about thirty classmates on the Alaska cruise that **Howard Baca** had set up this last year! We had a nice little get together in Seattle the evening before the cruise and then headed north on the Norwegian cruise ship ENCORE and had a week of amazing viewing and fun together...to include **Mary Kelly's** wedding!! The weather was something that I did not realize was typical for July....



Class of '87 Cruising in Alaska

rained every day...but the day we were in Glacier Bay was nice and sunny; made the trip! Two of my classmates from 36th Company were on board; **John Midea** and **John Mellor**. Also got to see **John (JJ) Jenkins** and his mom... good times!

Then...went on a Med cruise out of Rome with a bunch of friends from Minnesota. **Mike** and **Diane D'Ambra** met up with us and we explored Italy, Greece, and Turkey for a week. **Mike** and I both had our '87 back packs and tried to remember to take shots and expose the masses to '87's awesomeness!! The hard thing was that we were heading back to Rome when Hurricane Helene hit FL and Mike and Diane had a couple hectic days trying to figure out whether their home and cars survived. The house survived, but the vehicles had to be replaced!" ~ **Jim Swanson**



(L to R) Jim Swanson and Mike D'Ambra enjoying a Med Cruise

Patrick Orr, 59, passed away in his sleep on September 22nd, 2024. Born on August 23rd, 1965, Patrick lived a full and vibrant life and touched all those around him, whether family, friends, or work colleagues.

Patrick's early life was spent in Syracuse, NY with his mother Carol, and his siblings, Jim, and Sue. It was here where he developed endearing and lasting relationships with his siblings, cousins, aunts, and uncles.

He moved to Rome, NY in 1976 when his mother married David Wood, and he gained three more sisters, Wendy, Lisa, and Jennifer. Together all six children grew up on Delta Lake where he first developed his love of the water.

He had a great mind and excelled academically attending the U.S. Naval Academy for two years and finishing his bachelor's in engineering at the University of Buffalo.

Upon graduation, Patrick moved to the Pacific Northwest, where he met his future wife, Teresa Mackin, was married in 1993, settled in Portland, OR and where they welcomed their only child Clara Mae in August of 2000.

Clara Mae was the love of his life. Together they raised pets, enjoyed fishing together, and looked forward to their annual trips to the St. Lawrence River. Pat was never far from the water, and he eventually bought a boat, allowing him to realize his dream of living on the water in Portland.

Pat enthusiastically supported his daughter Clara's decision to attend the University of Hawaii where she majored in marine biology. Following graduation, Clara started a career with Hawai'i Marine Mammal Response, which made Patrick enormously proud.

Patrick is survived by his daughter Clara Mae, his mother and father David and Carol Wood, brother and four sisters, James, Susan Kotlove, Wendy Moltion, Lisa Potocki, and Jennifer Montalbano, his brothers and sister-in-law, nieces and nephews, and his former wife, Theresa Mackin.

Please send your news to rpinataro87@gmail.com with "Shipmate" in the subject line.

'88

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Our class President, **Jim Schwab (28th co)** is stepping down and calling for elections in March, which you probably know already if you attended our 35th reunion. We will also be publishing formal bylaws as well as establishing our policies for nominating living '88 alumni for the USNA Distinguished Graduate Award (DGS) and creating a Casualty Assistance Team which will guide the class forward with our memorial efforts related to the deaths of classmates or spouses. More information will be shared through official Class of '88 channels.

Robin Tyner (29th co) opened up her 100-year old sporting lodge to the women of '88 for a mini-retreat last fall where they hiked in Grafton Notch State Park, visited the Mount Washington Hotel where the historic meetings were held that set up the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, establishing the U.S. dollar as the international standard and gold at \$35 (!) an ounce. The group discovered over half a dozen waterfalls and relished some downtime around the fire with old friends. Sounds like a fabulous long



'88 classmates, Suzy Laufenberg Tighe (23rd co), Sandra Hill Jamshidi (13th co), host Robin Tyner (29th co), Brandee Polowy Murphy (12th co), Margaret Brounk (16th co), and Michelle Laurenzano Boretti (16th co) enjoy leaf peeping and hiking up in New England last fall with designated driver and Maine native Frank Carr (18th co.)