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Hello Classmates,

Okay, this is old news by now, but what an incredible season our Navy Football team delivered! Capping it off with a decisive **31-13** victory over Army and that impressive victory over Oklahoma in the Armed Forces Bowl. A year for the history books! And how about Blake Horvath? He really stepped up as the MVP, delivering standout performances including that unforgettable 95-yard touch-down run. Coach Niumatalolo will always have a place of honor in our hearts for all he did to develop players into leaders and to deliver a tremendous streak of wins over Army. Niumatalolo also developed talent in the coaching staff and seeing Defensive Coordinator Brian Newberry become Head Coach and deliver this fantastic season just two years in is a tribute to both great leaders. Here's to more victories and continued success, Go Navy!

Let us take a moment to celebrate **Suni Williams** and her incredible career as an astronaut! From her time at the Naval Academy to her recent selection as a **USNA Distinguished Graduate**, Suni has truly made us proud. Her achievements, including multiple spacewalks and her current mission commanding the ISS, are nothing short of inspiring. Recently, Suni hosted a live Zoom call from the International Space Station, connecting with members of the USNA Class of 1987. As you can see, she managed to smuggle some Navy swag up to the ISS before the Army-Navy game! She gave us a little tour of the ISS and wowed us with the amazing exercise equipment she has used to stay gravity-ready for her return. It was an unforgettable experience, giving us all a glimpse into life in space and a chance to ask questions directly to Suni. It is alumni like Suni who remind us of the heights we can reach and the impact we can have on the world. Congratulations, Suni!



Suni Williams named USNA Distinguished Graduate

Mike Weiner, John McKenna, Larry Britt, and Dave Dutch had a great time cheering **Coach Doug Wojcik** and the Michigan State Spartans – Go Green! – to an incredible victory over Illinois moving them up into the top 10 rankings in the national polls.

Michael currently serves as the Chief Medical Officer at Michigan State University. **John McKenna** mentioned more than once that “he played football at Navy” – no one else in the group had any recollection of this event.

Larry Britt is a proud father to a Marine Corps Osprey pilot who recently returned from deployment and is awaiting to start the FRS.

Dave Dutch noted with pride that his youngest son just started his third year at canoe U where he is majoring in Chinese (Another case of the son being far more gifted than the father!).

Doug also beamed with pride as he spoke of his oldest son playing professional basketball in Poland and his youngest son finishing his fourth year at Harvard also on the basketball team.

A great time was had by all and thank you to **Dan Snyder'97** and **Mark Furly** for picking

up the phone far too late after way too many drinks – good sports both of them! THANK YOU, DOUG FOR THE INCREDIBLE SEATS AND BRINGING US ALL TOGETHER IN A PERFECT MOMENT of camaraderie and esprit de corps!



L to r Michael Weiner, Dave Dutch, John McKenna (who's actually fully standing up) and Larry Britt visiting the MSU office of the famous Coach Wojcik (You have definitely seen him on the Big Ten network more than once!)

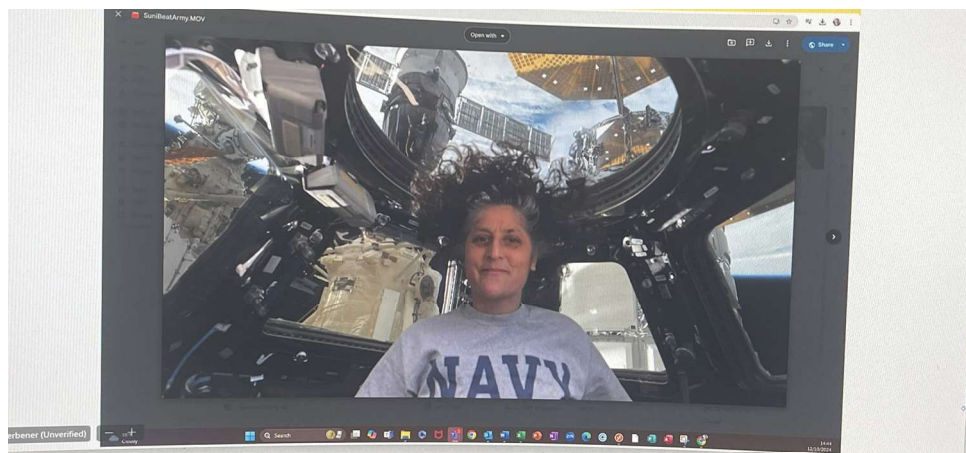
In other news, **Joe Krensavage, Mike Wanebo** and **Dave Sciortino '86** and wives joined Mike and his wife, Sandra, for a great Army-Navy watch party.



L to r Joe Krensavage, Mike Wanebo, and Dave Sciortino '86

Scott Herbener shared the following unfortunate news.

✉ “It is my sad duty to report that our classmate, **Joseph (Joe) Videll**, passed away



'87: Suni Williams live from the ISS Zooming with Karen Adkins, Howard Merritt, Margaret Utterback, Scott Herbener, Curtis Lee, Dave Fluker, Ronnie Harris, Ed Magee and Rob Pinataro

on 14 November in Colorado after a bravely fought battle with cancer.

Joe grew up in Sharon, MA, and graduated from Sharon High School in 1983. He was a plebe in Stalag 17 and graduated from 21st Company with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Joe went on to serve in the Marine Corps as a pilot, flying CH-46s. He deployed during the Persian Gulf and Somalia conflicts. After leaving active service in 1995, Joe pursued mechanical engineering and worked in the medical device industry. He worked for Applied Medical, Edwards Lifesciences, and Medtronic. In 2004, Joe moved his family from California to Colorado. From 2005-2008, he pursued a lifelong dream to build beautiful, energy-efficient homes. He built four amazing, award-winning custom homes before returning to medical services in 2008, working for Medtronic for over 14 years.

In August of 2022, Joe was diagnosed with cholangiocarcinoma (bile duct cancer). Joe spent the last two and a half years fighting like a true Marine with a spirit of fortitude and dedication. He is survived by the love of his life, Linda (Havnen); son Derek and daughter Kara (Miller); two grandchildren, Hadley and Jackson, with a third grandchild on the way.

Joe's words of wisdom as he reflected on his life are, "Never stop taking risks and don't be afraid to fail! Life is too short for regrets; you never know what you are capable of unless you try!"

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to contribute to the advancement of finding cures and helping continue research for cholangiocarcinoma. Please visit <https://curecca.link/josephVidell> if you would like to donate in honor of Joe."

Parting on that sad note, I wish you all well and hope you are seeing the early spring flowers arriving to announce the impending start of baseball season.

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Jim Schwab (28th co) has called for a special election to elect a new class president. We're also voting (or potentially have voted by time of publication) on ratifying new Class Bylaws. If all of this is news to you, please update your email on myUSNA.com; it's critical to keep your email updated there to receive important class and reunion news.

Very happy 30th anniversary wishes to **Patty Lipoma Gill (16th co)**. She and her husband, Mike, took their family to Cabo to celebrate. Congrats, Patty & Mike! Who else has a milestone anniversary coming up? Send in your photo!



Patty Lipoma Gill and husband, Mike, celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary with their family in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.



The Gills celebrating their 30th with sons Matthew and Brendan in Mexico.

Special thanks to **Matt Aaron (14th co)** for sharing his experiences leading the PA Special Olympics with us at our January Wardroom Happy Hour. BZ for your life-changing work, Matt! Let us know how the polar plunge went. Brrrrr! (BTW, links to our Zooms are on all '88social media outlets. Join in!)



Our classmates, Robin Tyner, Ken Spurlock, Kyle Kliever, Chris Bushnell, and Mary Jackson, join other '88ers not pictured at the 37th Annual National Symposium of the Surface Navy Association.

BZ, Bush, taking the helm of this impressive organization and event!

Kennon Artis (8th co) wrote in to let us know that his mother, Shirley, passed in October:

✉ "Many of you knew my mother, particularly those on the 150's Football Team and track teams. She was at virtually every game cheering loudly, above the rest of the crowd it seemed, for each of my four years by the Bay."



'88: Looks like '88ers, family, and friends are having a great time at the 125th Army-Navy Football Game!

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