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Are you out there '86?

Not much content to share this issue, so I'm providing some free marketing:

The class has partnered with SoNo 1420 to sell some whiskey to kick off the 40th reunion celebrations. It is 86 proof and the class gets a cut of the \$86 per bottle cost. You can place your orders here: <https://sono1420.square.site/1986usna>.

Speaking of the reunion, we have tentatively identified mid-to-late September 2026 for the reunion. Because the football schedules do not come out until late February or early March each year, we do not know the specific dates as of yet, but we should have at least one home game on Sept. 12, Sept. 19 or Sept. 26, so it will be one of those three dates. More information to follow. Many thanks to **Greg Glaros** for stepping up as reunion chair.

Finally, **J. Eric Smith** and **Jim McNeal** have another book that came out in June, which involves a retelling/remembering of our Plebe Year experiences, and features interviews with several classmates and other Navy alums.

Here's the link for information about it: <https://jericsmith.com/2025/03/11/the-crucibles-pre-order-campaign-is-now-on/>

Send me content or I'll start posting random USNA memories and nobody really wants that.

*Audemus Esse Magnos*

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Hello Classmates,

**Greg Cotten** has continued having the second-coolest job in '87 (after Suni) working in San Diego as the Submarine Escape and Rescue Technical Authority for Glasgow-based JFD, Ltd.

NIS captured this exclusive photo of Greg in the wild.



Greg Cotten on work release at the liquor store after mastering the art of license plate making

NIS also captured this photo of Greg and his lovely wife, Dani, a Flight Attendant for United Airlines, during a recent jaunt to Tahiti.



Greg and Dani Cotton

Greg invites anyone passing through San Diego to touch base for a day of sailing.

If someone else touches base with another '87 sailor, Joe Krensavage, in San Francisco, you just might be able to arrange a cocktail UNREP off Pismo Beach!

Jeff Colwell (29th Co.) reports that on a recent early Sunday morning he was able to pull 29th Company shipmate, Chris Hodges, away from hawking leather goods for some sweet spring skiing at Keystone, Colorado. Chris and Jeff are both empty nesters in the Denver area with rooms available for 87er's passing through the Centennial state. Jeff says you can pay your quarter in beer.



(L to R) Jeff Colwell and Chris Hodges getting hydrated before a day of skiing



(L to R) Jeff Colwell and Chris Hodges skiing in Colorado

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**Diane Wiggins (23rd co)** writes in:

✉ Big week for the Wiggins Twins!

My daughter, Caroline R. Wiggins-Llamas, graduated from the Gordon W. Davis College