



8 March 2026

Greetings Classmates!

It's been awhile since I inflicted a Class Blast on you and now I have so much info to share that I'm going to break it up into two (or maybe three) blasts over the coming week.

The theme for this Class Blast is four **TIME CRITICAL ITEMS**.

1. Mike D'Ambra Memorial Service at USNA – Thursday, 26 March.
Access forms must be submitted by this TUESDAY, 10 March to comply with security
2. Class Zoom Meeting – Sunday, 22 March at 1900 ET
3. 50Y – USNA Women conference and gala – 16-19 April 2026 in Annapolis
4. BOT elections – Central and Eastern region voting closes on Friday, 27 March.

#1. Mike D'Ambra Memorial at USNA: Thursday, 26 March at 1030 (USNA Chapel)

Tim Wolf is riding point on this on behalf of the D'Ambra family.

If you are planning on attending, **PLEASE READ and RESPOND** to the following information and attached form carefully and in full.

Due to the ongoing war in Southwest Asia, the Naval Academy has implemented enhanced visitor security protocols. This affects visitor access to planned events on the Academy grounds (the Yard), including memorial services, including Michael's service on 26 March.

This is new and may complicate attendance. There could also be additional changes regarding access and we will have to roll with any late breaking information. Thank you for your understanding.

NOTE: **Each visitor** who does not possess a Department of Defense (War) credential will need to complete the attached application form for access. Approved memorial service guests will receive a one-day pass to attend the service on the day of the service. No escorting in an uncredentialed guest.

DBIDS Form: [DOWNLOAD HERE](#)

CRITICAL: You must submit / email the completed DBIDS form (above) to the Academy **by Tuesday, 10 March** - early next week.

Submit the form by email to: funeralaccess-group@usna.edu

Email subject line: Funeral Service Access application - D'Ambra 26 March

As noted on the application form instructions, at the bottom of the application page one (1), please print the name of the deceased (Michael D'Ambra) and the date of the memorial / funeral (26 March 2026) in the space provided.

Note that an actual signature in pen is required, not a digital signature. Read the full application.

Individuals who possess a DoD/W credential such as an Active Duty or DoD/W Common Access Card (CAC) or retired military or dependent Id card should be allowed access to the Yard and DO NOT need to complete the form. Additionally, if you have a DBIDS card issued by the Naval Academy that would also be accepted for access. **If your guest / spouse does not have their own credential, you will not be allowed to escort them.** They must fill out the form discussed here to receive their own individual pass.

All visitors who complete and submit the attached form will need to go to the security (Pass & Tag) desk at the Armel-Leftwich Visitor Center at Gate 1 to the Academy on the end of King George Street to receive your one-day access pass to the Yard. **You are encouraged to arrive well before the service as there may be a line at security.**

Schedule:

Wednesday, March 25, 2025

1930 - Informal no-host join-up at McGarvey's

Thursday, March 26, 2026

1030 - Memorial Service for Michael D'Ambra at the USNA Chapel

1130 - Luncheon for attendees at the Naval Academy Club (formerly O'Club)

Tim Wolf will additionally need to submit a list of ALL attendees - each individual - to the Memorial Affairs office this coming week. Email Tim (usna8787@gmail.com) with your full name(s) (as on your government issued ID) and your country of citizenship. Please also let Tim know if you are planning on attending the McGarvey's join-up on Wednesday.

Tim will do his best to respond to individual questions in a timely manner and share relevant information with attendees. [Tim Wolf '87, (m) 612-655-9823, usna8787@gmail.com]

#2. Annual Class Meeting – Sunday, 22 March at 1900 ET (Zoom)

Save the date for: USNA87's Class Zoom Meeting (& Happy Hour)

Time: Mar 22, 2026 19:00 Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 529 229 7392 / Passcode: 873301

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5292297392?pwd=XPbFm1sqfFMKGDZAmCa0K4bxEw72Q0.1&omn=83849575266>

This is our annual Class meeting. Action packed agenda including: the XL Reunion (**September 2-5, 2027**); Class Philanthropy progress; DGA and TAL awards; and much, much more.

#3. 50Y - Women at the Academies - 16-19 April 2026 in Annapolis

[See the attached letter in full as a pdf here.](#)

This April, *USNA Women* is hosting a conference and a gala celebrating 50 Years of Women attending the Naval Academy. We'd love for more of our amazing classmates - women and men - to celebrate with us, 16-19 April 2026 in Annapolis.

To register, visit:

https://signupnow.events/Default_Forum.aspx?OrgId=1066&eid=1158&OrgName=USNAWomen50

Our Class sparked the \$10K Class Sponsorship category and classmates responded in stellar fashion. More than 30 USNA87 donors have already contributed over \$13,500 to provide the "margin of excellence" (to borrow the phrase) needed by USNA Women to confidently plan and host this milestone celebration. Through 16 Feb, fourteen Classes have raised over \$148,800.

To contribute to our '87 Class Sponsorship, visit:

<https://app.aplos.com/aws/give/USNAWomen/50YearClassOf1987Sponsorship>

Some may not yet be aware of USNA Women or of this 50Y milestone celebration. No matter where you are or what season of life you're in, we'd love for you to join us! Here are three powerful reasons to join the celebration:

Be part of the legacy! Legacies are powerful. They span years and generations. Your representation and presence matters - to your classmates, to the classes before & after us, and to the current Brigade.

A profound sense of belonging. The continuum of leadership across generations is energizing in a way that is hard to describe until you're in the room. At the 50 Year celebration, we will joyfully reflect and remember why this community matters.

This milestone only happens once. Fifty years of women at USNA is not just a celebration — it's a moment of recognition, gratitude, and forward momentum. You deserve to witness it firsthand.

If you *are* planning to attend, we have one small but meaningful ask: reach out to your classmates. There are women from your company, your sport, your ECA or your service community who may be unsure about returning — or who simply haven't heard about the event. A personal invitation from someone they trust might be exactly what they need to feel welcome. The weekend is about honoring trailblazers, celebrating the legacy we all share, and showing today's midshipmen — and each other — the meaning of "Stronger Together". We hope to see you in April -- your presence will make the celebration richer, fuller, and more complete.

To get 50Y Swag: <https://myusna.com/topics/9176/page/swag-store>

#4 – USNA Alumni Association Regional Trustee Elections 2026 – Eastern and Central regions

Central and Eastern region regular members are eligible to vote in the 2026 BOT election until **voting closes on Friday, 27 March**. ([see the map](#)) Eligibility is based on your address in the Alumni Association's records.

I am running for the Eastern BOT seat against 3 other candidates (Devin Winklosky '93, Incumbent Jennifer Tyll '01, and Caleb Cronin '11). I would appreciate your vote. If you know any other alumni who live in the Eastern region, I'd appreciate their vote, too! Pass the word.

If you haven't received an email notifying you of the election, no worries. Just sign into usna.com with your password and go to this website to vote: <https://www.usna.com/regional-trustee-elections>

There is **no** paper or mail-in ballot this year – all voting must be accomplished electronically.

That's more than enough for now – I will be sending another Class Blast later in the week on all the other info worth knowing, including soliciting a Co-Chair for our 40th Reunion Planning. The XL Reunion is only 542 days away (**2-5 September 2027**)!

Go Navy!



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