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Not much this month, so how about y'all rectify that and send me some content?

This month's news is from **Dave Hostetler (22)**:

✉ Ludi and I had the pleasure of having dinner with Navy Rugby Hall of Famer, **James Reed**, and his lovely wife, Tammy, who were visiting Daytona. Always great to see friends!



James Reed and Dave Hostetler

By now you've heard the news about our 40th reunion - it will be held 17-20 September 2026. Information will come fast and furious regarding registration for events so please make sure your contact information (especially email address!) is up to date with the alumni association. Also, if you haven't already, please register on [myusna.com](https://myusna.com) as our class page and most reunion information will reside there.

Finally, our whiskey fundraiser has done so well we've commissioned a second barrel. There are now class crest rocks glasses available, so visit [sono1420.square.site/1986usna](https://sono1420.square.site/1986usna) to add to your collection and help add to the reunion fund.

Go Navy - Beat 'em all!

*Audemus Esse Magnos*

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### 2026 Shipmate

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'87: Class of 2018 USNA classmates celebrated the wedding of Martha Byrne ('18) and Tim Bryden in Virginia Beach, VA on 25 October 2025. Shipmates in attendance were (left to right) Patrick McMahon, Caitlin McLaughlin, David Jones, Abby Mesaros, Suzelle (Thomas) Phillips, Maggie Phillips, Lauren Larar, Olivia Kluger, Blake (Smith) Jones, Parker Wade, Natalie (Pool) Morrison, Luke Coughlin, Natalia Barrow, Brad Kadlubowski, and Mackenzie (Orr) Serhan. Not pictured, 2018 classmate Tara Siefert!

# '87

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Ahoy classmates!

Exited to share some news from friends far and wide. Congratulations to **Amy Byrne '87** and family, especially her daughter **Martha Byrne '18** and her marriage to Tim Bryden!



Amy Byrne ('87) with her daughters Brigid Weintraub ('13), Ashley Byrne ('16), and Mary Byrne (University of San Diego '26) before the wedding of Martha Byrne ('18) in Virginia Beach, VA.

In other classmate news; **Feo Orlov** and **Harold Choo** ran a half iron man in Marbella, Spain. My sources didn't tell me where they placed but they did tell me to promote Harold's Strava (Harold Choo @strava).



Classmates **Feo Orlov** and **Harold Choo** ran half iron man in Marbella, Spain (70.3 miles.)

## '88

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Fifty years ago, a groundbreaking moment changed the course of history. On October 7, 1975, President Gerald Ford signed Public Law 94-106, opening enrollment to women at all U.S. service academies. Six women from '88 reconnected in NYC to celebrate with over 100 female graduates for the closing bell ceremony to honor 50 years of women at the U.S. Service Academies. I understand that it was an incredible experience! BZ, '88 WON!



Marking a historic milestone, Robin Tyner (29th co.), Tammy Adams (21st co.), Kristin Lavoie (21st co.), Patty Turney (12th co.), Lisa Arato (21st co.) and Suzy Tighe (23rd co.), proudly represented '88 at the NYSE for the Closing Bell ceremony, celebrating five decades of women serving in the U.S. Service Academies.

Join in as we continue to celebrate 50 Years of Women at USNA. In partnership with the Naval Academy Alumni Association, USNA Women is planning a full year of events in 2026 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Women at USNA.

Stay Connected: Update your profiles on [myUSNA.com](https://myusna.com) and [USNA.com](https://usna.com). Join the USNA Women MyUSNA group, and check back often for updates and announcements. Register for the 50-Year Recognition & Celebration Weekend April 16-19, 2026 now on the USNA Women MyUSNA page.



At the Navy/Air Force '88 tailgater: Pegeen Stougard (3rd co.), Brandee Murphy (12th co.), Elena Trotter (29th co.), Lisa Arato (21st co.), and Suzy Tighe (23rd co.) The Sisterhood of Bancroft Hall!

**George Palmer (2nd co)** writes in:

✉ "While on travel to Denver, I caught up with fellow chem major Keith Miller (5th co.). He is now a tenured chemistry professor and administrator at the University of Denver (a gorgeous private school, reminds me of University of Richmond). Keith is a font of knowledge for kids moving from HS to college and has been in academia for 30ish years now.

Keith also managed to get back to his beloved home area of the Rocky Mountain West. Still remember our time together in Los Alamos and Idaho Falls and the truck he drove. Keith was busy packing up his office/lab to leave for sabbatical in Florence, Italy, but took the time for a great tour and lunch/chat."

**Mike Blumenberg '86** writes in:

✉ "I want to give a big shout out to **Rob Grasse (30th co.)** for helping out a fellow shipmate (me)! I recently returned to Wisconsin to say farewell to my Dad, who had entered hospice care. I packed my Service Dress Blues because I expected Dad wouldn't last long, and we would hold his funeral during this trip. I dug out ribbons and warfare insignia but decided not to bring my cover ... too much of a hassle. I regretted that decision when the funeral director told me that he arranged for an army color guard to honor Dad (who served in the Army security agency during the early days of the Cold War) at his interment. I knew an Army salute was coming, and I would be out of uniform. I turned to the local Wisconsin alumni for help, and Rob graciously brought his O-5 cover to my Dad's home so I could be in a proper uniform. It was a tough week and tough day, but I appreciated Rob's help to complete my uniform. Thanks, Shipmate!"

**Kim Castro, '73** dropped us a note to let '88 know about the inaugural induction of former students into the Hall of Honor at Chartiers-Houston High School in Canonsburg, PA. He writes: "I was there to help celebrate the induction of my late father-in-law, Glenn Arthur USNA '55. Two other USNA grads were also inducted: **Mike George '88 (19th co.)** and **James McConnell '75**.



Inducted in their high school's Hall of Honor for Service to Our Country and Military Valor, Mike George (19th co.) pictured on the right here with James McConnell '75.

Congratulations!

Please take a moment to update your email on [myUSNA.com](https://myusna.com) so you can receive upcoming reunion news. A very happy New Year to all!

— LL88

## '89

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Happy 2026, Classmates! I hope you all had a wonderful, family-filled holiday season! Let's get the new year started with this report by our Class President, **Denise Willert**:

✉ Dear classmates,  
 Here's to a new year!

Please allow me to introduce your newest board members — **Brian Caldwell, Dave Dowling, and Karen Quilty**. They'll be joining me, **Ingar Grev, Mike McGettigan** and **Heidi Fleming** for the next round of volunteer activities as we launch into what will undoubtedly be an exciting 2026. Thanks to everyone who ran in the fall elections, every candidate was amazing!

"89 Working at the Pentagon" kicked off this fall, with classmates in attendance to include **Clint Carroll, Edwin Henderson, Bob Cady, Yvette Davids, Harry Peltó, Doug Thiry, Greg Wagner, Pete Garvin** and **Will Triplett**. Hopefully there will be many more gatherings in the DC area — and other '89-concentrated areas — in the near future. The photo of the