

86/87 CLASS NEWS



'86: The whole gang

We all enjoyed several days of great company, great food, drinks and wine, including a bottle of 1986 Ridge Monte Bello, and telling stories from our time at the Academy and in the Navy/Marine Corps. Jim and Mary are great hosts (not our first time there), and it was a very enjoyable long weekend!



Linh Le, Merrick Van Dongen, Jim Adkins, Steve Ames, Tony Wells, Kip Pagach and Mark McVay



The guys from Fun One



'87 Classmates gather at the O'Club for lunch before the ceremony (See if you can spot Father Pucciarelli).

Finally, from **Sharon Chapman (20)**:



belonging.

USNA Women (a nonprofit organization led by volunteer alumnae formerly known as the Women Shared Interest Group (SIG)) is dedicated to honoring the legacy of women graduates and empowering future generations through connection, leadership, and celebration. Several of the women in our class, including myself, are already involved

✉ 2026 is a big year for our class and the women in our class are doubling down on the celebrations! 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. This milestone will be marked by recognition, reflection, and a powerful sense of homecoming and

but the events are for all alumni. If you'd like more information, please reach out to me at srchapman@comcast.net or go to the USNA Women group on myusna.com. This is more than an event — it's a celebration of courage, legacy, and leadership.



(L to R) Marie Burris (35) and Sharon Chapman (20)

Keep that content coming! Are you out there First Regiment?

Go Navy – *Beat 'em all!*
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'87

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Donor Participation: 58.98%

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Hello Classmates,

Happy Holidays! I hope you are all enjoying the fall weather and Navy Football!



'87: Even more '87 Classmates at the Tailgater (see if you can find Bill the Goat)



'87: The Accomplished Women of '87 at McGarvey's. I spy a DGA winner (Suni) AND a newly minted TAL winner (Adrienne Marks Griffen)

For those of us who were unable to attend the Distinguished Graduate Award Ceremony on 4 September, where the amazing accomplishments of CAPT (Ret) and Astronaut **Suni Williams** were celebrated, **Scott Herbener** has shared some terrific photos of the event for your enjoyment.

Scott shared:

✉ "What a great DGA weekend, celebrating with **Suni** and **Mike Williams**! We had well over 140 Classmates attend the smorgasbord of events from the Class Lunch and DGA ceremony on Thursday, The McGarvey's join up on Friday, and the longest Navy game ever (with lightning delays) on Saturday. Just a small

sampling of photos captured during the weekend:



How about now?



Suni at the podium during the DGA ceremony. The rumored "How's the cow?" recitation really did happen."



Bowling shirts (and Guinness) are popular at McGarvey's on Fridays (Daryl Wagoner didn't get the memo).



How about now?



'87: This is the way to start off a winning Navy football game – an Astronaut at the top of the pyramid!

A great weekend with an outstanding bunch of Classmates to celebrate one of our own (and good practice for the 40th reunion). Speaking of, I think I need to mix up a batch of Vesper martinis about now." ~Scott Herbener

And still more great input, this from **Andy Lennon**:

✉ "A few studly classmates and Suni's sister, Dina, rode 25.87 miles along the Baltimore-Annapolis trail during our mini-reunion weekend. Thanks **Steve Swift** and **Andy Gordon** for coordinating this fun ride (and providing snacks). We all managed to keep up with Cycling Team alum Lou Gregus. Steve Swift has visions for a much, much longer ride to celebrate our 40th. So get ready. I appreciate that none of our spandex wearing shipmates made fun of my bike with its (very handy, really) kickstand." ~Andy Lennon



The '87 Biker Gang

And here is some exciting news from **Suzanne Skelley**!

✉ "Suzanne Skelley here, writing to let you know about an exciting series of events planned for 2026 to commemorate the **50th Anniversary of Women at USNA**. This mile-



stone will be marked by recognition, reflection, and a powerful sense of homecoming and belonging.

The celebratory events are being planned by USNA Women in partnership with the Naval Academy Alumni Association. USNA Women is a nonprofit organization led by volunteer alumnae. Formerly known as the Women Shared Interest Group (SIG), USNA Women is dedicated to honoring the legacy of women graduates and empowering future generations through connection, leadership, and celebration.

How You Can Get Involved:

* **Save the Date:** Join us for the 50-Year Recognition & Celebration Weekend, April 16-19, 2026. Please RSVP now on the USNA Women MyUSNA page to help us with early planning. (Note: This is a preliminary headcount—formal registration with event details and costs will follow closer to the date.)

* **Stay Connected:** Update your profiles on myUSNA.com and USNA.com, join the USNA Women MyUSNA group, and check back often for updates & announcements.

* **Volunteer & Lead:** Help shape this historic celebration! Visit the 50-Year page on our MyUSNA site to explore volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved.

This is more than an event, it is a celebration of courage, legacy, and leadership. We would love for you to be part of it! Scan the QR code



to learn more about USNA Women

Warm regards,
Suzanne Skelley
USNA Women
Class Liaison
Class of 1987"

And so ends our column for this round. Until we meet again,

Go Navy, Beat Army!!

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

'88

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Donor Participation: 22.18%

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Zoom link posted on all platforms

David Albritton (31st co.) writes in:

✉ "We finally celebrated the end of our epic three-and-a-half-year home renovation, and it was the perfect excuse to bring '88 together near Annapolis. What a fantastic housewarming party it was!

It was so much fun to see so many familiar faces from the Class of '88, as well as a great mix of friends from other years. The energy was amazing, and it felt like a mini reunion, especially since we're now at that midpoint between our 35th and 40th anniversaries.

It was truly a night to remember, celebrating our beautiful new home and the enduring friendships that made the 'project from hell' worth it!"

Our class is celebrating two recent retirements: **RADM John "Chet" Lemmon (34th co.)** and **RADM Eric Ruttenberg (10th co.)**, have retired after 37 years of service. Bravo Zulu, classmates! Enjoy some downtime for a good long while. You certainly earned it!

Happy 250th birthday to all our **'88 Marines**. Thank you all for your dedication to our nation and the Corps. **Oorah!**

Please take a moment to update your email on myUSNA; it's the only way we can contact you with upcoming '88 news. Our private '88 group also highlights current events for '88, the authors of '88, our 40th Class Gift news, upcoming updates about the 40th reunion, and a new memorial page.