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Class of 1985, This is the final reminder email for the Class 35th Reunion Registration. Today we are at 425 total attendees (Classmates and Guests) for the Reunion. That breaks down to 160+ for the Thursday Kickoff Party at Fado's, 235 for the Friday night Cocktail/Dinner Event, 75 for the Sunday Brunch and over 400+ for the Saturday Beat Houston Tailgate behind the '53 Scoreboard at NMC Stadium. I appreciate everyone who has sent me their T-shirt sizes. If you registered in the last 2 weeks, we changed the registration process to capture that info, so no need to send it to me again. If you have not provided this, or are not sure, email me at: USNAClassof85@gmail.com. This was for those who registered without being asked for T-shirt size when registering. I will cover a few topics that are important and pertinent:

-Mask Restrictions in Annapolis, the Yard and the Stadium Property: YES, there are restrictions for all 3 and probably typical of where many of you live. Masks are required indoors in the Yard, and Indoor/outdoors at the Stadium. Here is the kicker, our dinner and tailgate are 100% eating and drinking events, IF you are actively eating and/or drinking, you can remove your mask as common sense dictates. USNA and NAAA have made this policy and I have been told that there will not be "Mask Monitors" at any events. It is up to us to hold our events for attendees to seek their own level of safety and compliance. I am NOT advocating putting anyone's health at risk, and if you feel you are not safe, I will gladly issue you a refund and you might want to stay at home. IF, like me, you are going to be actively eating and drinking at the dinner and the tailgate, it's hard to wear a mask and accomplish this. In the Yard at the Mid Store, the Chapel and any other indoor space, you will be required to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status. At the Thursday Kickoff Event at Fado's and at the Westin, I am told, no restrictions. Like everyone has been now for 18 months or so, BE SMART and protect your own health and body. If you want wear your mask between bites and drinks, wear it. If you don't, don't... this is not an airline and there will be no one calling you out or kicking you off the premises. I promised a "normal event" and this is as close to normal as we can get. Thanks for understanding.

-Transportation Schedule will be posted on the Class Website later today. We are a bit abbreviated in that we contracted busses for Friday and Saturday that will get you to and from the Yard and then to and from the Dinner and Tailgate. Carry or wear masks as required on the Shuttles and places inside the Yard.

-Sales of Engraved liquor bottles from the 1350 Distilling Company in Colorado Springs, Co. Once again, see the Class website for pictures and details. There is a limited supply and we are taking orders now, you can email me at: USNAClassof85@gmail.com to get one reserved. I will take payment at the registration desk in the form of cash or a Check made out to: USNA '85. I appreciate classmate Dale Newhart who spearheaded this and is driving with 96 Bottles of Whiskey, Bourbon, Rum and Vodka from Colorado Springs. We'll have them ready to handout or sell at the registration desk at the Westin hotel. Here is a link to The 1350 Distillery: <https://www.1350distilling.com> (Whiskey and Bourbon are \$50/btl, Rum and Vodka are \$40/btl).

-Tailgate Cornhole Tournament: We are having a Class Cornhole tournament at the Saturday Tailgate. Vic Otero is taking sign ups and we are looking for at least 1 (or more teams) per company to compete. There will be cash prizes taken from a per team registration fee. Please email Vic for details or to sign up: VOtero@mygrandma.com.

-Home Football Tailgating: Class of '85 Home Tailgate Signups are up on the Class Website. Go there to sign up for the Marshall Game on 9/4 and the Air Force Game on 9/11.

September 1st is the final day to register, the final counts for all the events have to be submitted by the 2nd. I will consider late registrations on a case by case always, but need to close out our numbers by midnight on the 1st. Go to the Class of '85 Website and bookmark it, here is the link:

<http://1985.usnaclasses.net>

If you want to know which classmates from your company are attending the Reunion, I will be sending updated lists to the Company Reps and they will be able to pass that along if you contact them. You can find your Company Rep contact info on the Class Website. You can find my Archived Class emails also on the USNA '85 website. (See a trend?) We will soon be adding a link to buy USNA '85 Apparel from the class website and will announce it when we do. If you have not updated your current contact info with your Company Reps, PLEASE do so. We are making our own Class contact roster and aiming for 100% participation. I will also use the USNAA Class contact list, so if you can, please update both. We are now 24 days from the start of the Reunion and I know for sure, everyone is more than READY to get to Annapolis and get this party started. I will have more updates and will be adding content and info to the USNA '85 Website as I get it. Please feel free to reach out to me with questions or issues and we will get them resolved or answered. Take care and Go Navy, BEAT MARSHALL!!

See you soon.

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