

Class of '85,

We have reached the point where normal registrations for our 35th Reunion have closed and I am pleased to report that we have made it to 500 attendees for the reunion weekend. This includes over 160 for the Thursday Kickoff party at Fado's Irish Pub on Thursday (appetizer buffet and open bar for beer and wine), 240 for the Cocktail party on Friday, over 480 for the Saturday Tailgate and 80 for the Sunday Farewell Brunch at the Westin Hotel. I set an "optimistic" goal of 400-450 and we have proudly exceeded that number, so thanks to all of you who have signed up, paid and committed to joining this long overdue event. I have been putting all updates on our USNA '85 Website, so bookmark this site and use it as your reference to our Reunion weekend.

<http://1985.usnaclassess.net>

The master schedule, menus, shuttle schedule and other information have been posted. We are offering engraved liquor bottles that you can also find on the website; these are for Whiskey, Bourbon, Vodka and Rum from the 1350 Distillery in Colorado Springs, CO. You can email me with your order:

[USNAClassof1985@gmail.com](mailto:USNAClassof1985@gmail.com)

We only have 24 bottles of each liquor, so get your order in soon if you want one. They will be available for pick up and payment at the Reunion registration desk. There are 10 engraved boxes for these bottles also available for viewing on the website.

Registration:

The Registration Desk will be located in the Westin Hotel Lobby, here is the schedule:

Thursday 1200-1700

Friday 0900-1700

Saturday 0900-1200

(I will have registration items and any extra liquor bottles at the Tailgate on Saturday in case you cannot register at the Westin prior to the Tailgate).

Here is the suggested dress code for events:

Thursday Kickoff: Casual "Navy Fan" attire

Friday Cocktail Party (Dinner): Business Casual (Dress slacks/khakis and a collared dress shirt or golf shirt for men, ladies equivalent)

Saturday Tailgate: Outdoor event, so appropriate tailgate attire for weather conditions

Shuttle schedule Highlights:

On Friday shuttles will be operating from 0900-1600 from our hotels to the Yard and back. Last shuttle 1600 from the Main gate to the hotels. Friday at 1730, Shuttles run from the hotels to NMC Stadium for the Cocktail party and returning starting at 2100. Last Shuttle after the party ends around 2200.

Saturday: Shuttles from hotels to the Yard from 0900-1200. Shuttles to the tailgate start at 1300 from hotels to NMC Stadium and return starting at 1800 until event ends at 2000.

No Shuttles on Thursday and Sunday. You will need your mask for the Shuttles and indoor spaces inside the Yard including the Chapel, Mid Store and Class meeting. The busses will load and unload at Gate 1, you will pass through security to get into the Yard. If you have a DOD Sticker on your car and a valid Military ID, you can drive onto the Yard.

We are having a Cornhole Tournament at the Tailgate party and trying to get a team from each Company that will raise money for the Class Fund and award prizes for the winning teams. There will be prizes for winners of each Battalion as well (Free Grandmas of New England Coffee Cakes). Entry fee is \$50 per team. Please contact our Class Secretary Vic Otero for details and to enter your team. [VOtero@mygrandma.com](mailto:VOtero@mygrandma.com)

You can always check my recent Class Emails from the archive on the Class website in case you missed previous information we passed along. This Saturday is our first Class Tailgate at the Navy vs. Marshall Game, if you are going PLEASE sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a48abab28aaf49-beat4>

If you are attending a home tailgate, please sign up in advance so that our tailgate team has accurate numbers of those attending. All future tailgate sign ups will be on the Class website, so if you are attending, check there for info and to sign up. As always, please help us offset the cost by putting a few dollars in our donation box.

I look forward to seeing many of you in just weeks now. We will miss those who cannot attend and will hold a glass high to you that weekend. Contact me with questions or just check the website, it has lots of pertinent information. Safe travels and Go Navy, BEAT Marshall this Saturday.

Regards,  
Bob Smith '85