

Hello Class of '85,

After having enjoyed a great summer (I hope) and with Fall fast approaching, it is time to talk about Navy Football and our Class of '85 home tailgating season. As always, Charlie Smith and his tailgate team in Annapolis have the USNA '85 tailgater up and running starting with our Home opener against the Delaware Blue Hens on September 3rd. We will have the Class Tent ready and as always, we will use a sign up for people to bring food to share, in addition to our grill operating and beverages served. As we have in the past, we are going to collect money using a donation box, but this year, we wanted to streamline fund raising by starting a GiveSendGo Campaign to help fund the season's expenses. Our Class Fund helps to maintain the tent and equipment, but we will need to fund our other costs for a successful season of tailgating. For those of you who have attended games, you know we have beer, wine and other beverages, our satellite TV with the game and other games being broadcast, our Grill up and running and we also do a catered tailgate each season. Your generous donations have made our '85 Tailgate one of the best at the Stadium, and with your continued support, we plan on always having top notch tailgates and a welcoming experience if you attend all games or just one. If you attend games regularly, I would ask that you give a little more, if you only attend a game or two, give accordingly. This Class has always been generous and supportive in everything we do, I am leading by example and gave \$100 for the one game I am able to attend this year. Even if you don't attend games and just want to support our Class tradition of great tailgating, I appreciate your donations. Here is the link to our GiveSendGo Campaign:

https://givesendgo.com/G3PXP?utm_source=sharelink&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=G3PXP

Here is a quick message from Charlie Smith, our Class of '85 Tailgate Commander:

Navy football kicks off the season with a noon game as the Blue Hens come to N-MCMS. We will have a full day of tailgating with pre-game, halftime and post game food and drinks. Let's have some fun and catch up after 2 years of battling Covid and keeping socially distant.

We will start with breakfast and end with traditional tailgate food. The grill will be hot and the drinks will be cold.

Here's the link to sign up and to let us know how many are coming:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A48ABAB28AAF49-delaware>

Please email me with your suggestions, my email address is: Charles.M.Smith@gmail.com

Thanks and Go Navy!! Charlie

We will also have Tailgate news and sign up links on our USNA 85 Website: <http://1985.usnaclasses.net>

Please bookmark this website and use it to stay updated on all things USNA '85. We are really trying to keep this website user friendly and filled with pertinent information and Class of '85 News. I will be sending out separate emails soon regarding our Class trip to Dublin next August for the Navy Notre Dame game. We are hoping to add more Classmates to this trip and Tenon Tours is really doing a great job of helping people design the trip to Ireland and beyond that best suits them. I will be putting out more info on our Class of '85 40th Reunion and an update to the progress of our Fundraising (It is going VERY well FYI!). Stay tuned for those emails and watch the Class website for all topics class related. If you have any questions or comments, please email at: usnaclassof85@gmail.com. For now, PLEASE consider a donation to our 2022 Class Tailgate Fund on GiveSendGo and sign up for the September 3rd Tailgate if you plan on attending. Thanks as always, stay tuned for more exciting news coming in the next week about our BIG Army/Navy weekend in Philadelphia this December and other class happenings.

Go Navy, Beat Delaware!!

Bob Smith