

Class of 1985,

Having just returned from Philadelphia and what was an amazing weekend with quite a few classmates and family members/friends gathering both Friday and Saturday night, I am enthusiastic to share some ideas for Army/Navy 2024.

Why so early? Well, as we all know, America's game has become quite popular and the time to plan events is a year out, so here we are. As you may, or may not, know, the game will be played on December 9, 2023 at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, MA. Foxboro is not really Boston and not really Providence, but some approximately in the middle of those 2 cities.

In bouncing around some ideas this past weekend over Tailgate beverages and cheese steaks, we came up with the plan to hold a Class of '85 event in Newport, RI, for Army/Navy 2023. The game in Foxboro is 55 miles or 60 minutes of highway driving to the North of Newport.

Anyhow, the plan is to base out of Newport, have a Friday night private event at a local bar (perhaps the Brick Alley, already working on it) and then on Saturday, provide busses for those going to the game and have a venue in Newport for everyone else to tailgate and watch the game. Those bussing up will attend the USNAA indoor tailgate at Gillette Stadium as a group. We will all get back together that evening and continue the celebration for Navy avenging this tough loss and also bringing the CIC back to Annapolis. If we lose, we will win the party, but losing is out of the question. On Sunday, plan a brunch at locally for those wishing to attend or in need of a Mimosa.

I am working on getting access to an actual Survey platform and plan the party using this tool instead of trying to guess at how big or small our numbers might be. I am guessing pretty solid. So, for now, please email me if you have any ideas or comments next year's game and game weekend at: USNAClassof85@gmail.com. This will help me plan one great weekend for next year's game by getting an early start. I will get this survey going in the near future and distribute it via your Company Reps. Regards and BEAT ARMY!,

THANKS!!

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